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## **LEVITT: THE VOTER'S CHOICE**

*Mark Levitt Wins Democratic Nomination for Lake County Circuit Court Judge*

**DEERFIELD, IL** – February 3, 2010 – Deerfield resident Mark Levitt emerged the winner in a four-way race for the Democratic nomination for Circuit Court Judge in the 19th Judicial Circuit, 4th Subcircuit. “I’m honored to have earned the support of voters among a strong field of qualified candidates,” says Levitt. The other candidates were Dwayne Douglas of Highland Park, a former Lake County Assistant Public Defender now in private practice; Christopher Kennedy of Libertyville, a partner with Kennedy, Pierson and Strachan LLP, a law firm with offices in Lake Forest and Chicago; and Jeremy Schwartz of Highland Park, an Assisitant Cook County State’s Attorney.

Levitt is a newcomer to partisan politics, but is a well-respected veteran of the legal profession. He has worked in the Office of the Cook County Public Defender for more than 19 years, most recently serving on the Homicide Task Force, a select group of attorneys who try capital cases. In addition, Levitt is a member of the Illinois Supreme Court’s Capital Litigation Trial Bar Screening Committee, which vets other attorneys to practice in capital cases. Levitt also has served in the Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Abuse and Neglect Units, as well as the Felony Trial Division. Levitt also contributes to the legal profession as Faculty Supervisor for the University of Wisconsin Criminal Justice Certificate Program. He also conducts training for the Office of the State Appellate Defender and has been a member of the Chicago Bar Association Judicial Evaluation Committee.

Based on a thorough review of that experience, the Lake County Bar Association gave Levitt its highest rating to be a judge, “Highly Recommended.” The Judicial Selection and Retention Committee of the LCBA examined his extensive application, and conducted interviews with Levitt, as well as colleagues, opposing counsel and judges before whom he’s appeared. Levitt also received the highest rating (“Recommended”) in an Illinois State Bar Association poll of members.

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Levitt is a member of the Deerfield Public Schools District 109 School Board, the Deerfield Rotary and is a league president for the Deerfield Youth Baseball Association.

Levitt will face Republican Wallace Dunn in the November general election. Dunn, a Lake County Associate Judge, will remain a Lake County judge win or lose in November, at least until July 2011 when he will be up for reappointment. Judge Dunn has been reappointed six times since his original appointment in 1986.

Visit [www.LevittForJudge.com](http://www.LevittForJudge.com) for more information about Mark Levitt and his campaign.

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