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**Mark Levitt, Deerfield Resident And Respected Attorney,
Seeks Democratic Nomination For New Judicial Seat**
Lake County Bar Association Rates Mark Levitt "Highly Recommended."

DEERFIELD, IL – October 29, 2009 – Mark Levitt today announced that he is seeking the Democratic nomination for Circuit Court Judge in the 4th Subcircuit of the 19th Judicial Circuit of Illinois. His name will appear on the Democratic ballot for the February 2, 2010, primary election.

Levitt, a member of the Illinois State, Chicago and Lake County Bar Associations, has been an Assistant Cook County Public Defender for 19 years and is currently on the Homicide Task Force. Most recently, he was the lead defense counsel for James Degorski, who was sentenced to life in prison for the slayings of seven people at a Palatine Brown's Chicken & Pasta restaurant.

"I am running for judge for the same reason I chose my career as a public defender: to protect the rights of every citizen and ensure that our legal system provides access, justice and fairness to all," explains Levitt, who also is a leader and teacher in his field. He has supervised and trained attorneys, investigators, paralegals, law students and law interns. He has been involved in advancing courtroom procedures; in Cook County, he spearheaded an initiative to update and automate the use of electronic data and graphics in trial presentations. That extensive experience in and out of the courtroom led the Lake County Bar Association to rate Levitt "Highly Recommended" to be a judge *upon first review*.

Levitt and his wife Cathie have been Deerfield residents for 15 years, and have four children. He is a member of the Deerfield Public Schools District 109 School Board, and is active in the Deerfield Youth Baseball Association.

LEVITT GREETES VOTERS

Levitt will greet voters and members of the press at the Deerfield train station (Deerfield Rd. and Chestnut St.) at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 3. He will answer questions about his experience in the courtroom and his candidacy for Circuit Court Judge. **Please visit www.LevittForJudge.com for more information about Mark Levitt and his campaign.**

About the 4th Subcircuit: On July 30, 2009, Illinois Governor Pat Quinn approved a bill that created the 4th Subcircuit of the 19th Judicial Circuit. The legislation was designed to create a more efficient, effective judiciary, easing caseloads of overcrowded courtrooms. Circuit Judges, who serve six-year terms, are licensed attorneys and officials of the State of Illinois, and are responsible for appointing 24 Associate Judges. Lake County's 4th Judicial Subcircuit includes Bannockburn, Deerfield, Green Oaks, Highland Park, Highwood, Lake Bluff, Lake Forest, part of Libertyville, Lincolnshire, Mettawa and Riverwoods.

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