## Uniform Rules of Practice Circuit Court of Illinois Nineteenth Judicial Circuit

Amendment to Rule 1.02, **CHIEF JUDGE** of Part 1.00, **ORGANIZATION**, of the Uniform Rules of Practice, Circuit Court of Illinois, Nineteenth Judicial Circuit.

## 1.02 (Amended) CHIEF JUDGE

(a) The Chief Judge shall be a Circuit Judge elected by a majority of the Circuit Judges within the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. Commencing on December 1, 2007, the term of the Chief Judge shall be three years. The election shall occur on or before June 30 of the year that the Chief will begin his term. The Chief Judge shall serve at the pleasure of the Circuit Judges.

The Chief Judge shall be the Chief Judicial Officer of the Circuit and shall be the liaison in all judicial administrative matters. He shall exercise administrative supervision over all courts within the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. The Chief Judge may enter administrative orders over his signature, except as otherwise provided by Supreme Court or Circuit Rule. The Chief Judge has at his disposal the Administrative Office of the Courts for the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit. This resource shall serve the Chief Judge in carrying out his administrative duties in order for the judicial circuit to best serve the citizenry of Lake County.

- (b) The Chief Judge shall designate one or more of the Circuit Judges to serve as Acting Chief Judge in his absence or when the Chief Judge is unable to serve. The Acting Chief Judge shall have the same powers and duties as the Chief Judge.
- (c) Whenever a vacancy in the office of Chief Judge occurs, any two Circuit Judges may call a meeting of the Circuit Judges for the purpose of electing a Chief Judge to fill the unexpired term of office.

Amended by the Circuit Judges of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2006 and effective immediately.