Stuckert to be new circuit chief judge of the 23rd Judicial Circuit

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SYCAMORE – Judge Robbin Stuckert will be the new chief judge of the 23rd Judicial Circuit.

She will take her seat Monday, succeeding Judge Timothy J. McCann. Stuckert is currently a resident circuit judge in DeKalb County. She has been a circuit judge since 2003 and has been the presiding judge over DeKalb County since 2012, when the 23rd Judicial Circuit was formed.

The 23rd Judicial Circuit has two main courthouses – one in Sycamore and one in Yorkville, with branch courts in Sandwich and the city of DeKalb.

Stuckert was perfect for the role, said Judge Ron Matekaitis, of the 23rd Judicial Circuit.

“She is an outstanding judge in her own right,” he said. “She is recognized by her peers by teaching at educational conferences and is involved on a statewide basis in organizing educational conferences for judges.”

In her new role, Stuckert will oversee both Kendall and DeKalb counties. It is written into the bylaws that Kendall and DeKalb counties alternate appointments to the three-year term, Matekaitis said.

“No only will Robbin be the first for DeKalb County,” he said, “but the first female chief judge for the 23rd Judicial Court.”

Stuckert couldn’t be reached for comment Friday.

Stuckert has introduced improvements to the justice system in DeKalb County and should be successful in the role, McCann said in a news release.

“Judge Stuckert will be an excellent leader for our circuit,” he said. “Judge Stuckert has introduced innovative and cost-effective programs in DeKalb County, including a well-known and respected drug court which is a model for the entire country.”

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