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New 16th Judicial Circuit Associate Judge Appointed in Kane County

The Sixteenth Judicial Circuit (Kane County) is proud to announce the appointment of its newest Associate Judge, Lark Cowart. Cowart received the most votes cast by the Circuit Judges of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, qualifying her to fill the position left by the retirement of Judge Charles E. Petersen. Cowart noted that, “I am humbled to be chosen for this position and I am looking forward to continuing to serve my community in this new role.”

Cowart received her Bachelor of Arts from Kenyon College, her law degree from Loyola University Chicago, and her master’s degree in Dispute Resolution from Pepperdine University, Straus Institute. As an attorney, Cowart spent the majority of her career as an Assistant State’s Attorney in Kane County where she focused on cases involving child abuse and neglect and juvenile delinquency. Outside of the legal profession, Cowart is an adjunct professor at Aurora University in the Criminal Justice and Social Work departments. She is active in her community as a swim coach, basketball coach, Cub Scout leader, and she serves on various boards. Cowart lives locally with her husband and their two children.

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