23rd Judicial Circuit Selects Next Chief Judge

The Circuit Judges of the 23rd Judicial Circuit, consisting of DeKalb and Kendall Counties, have unanimously selected Judge Bradley J. Waller to serve as its next chief judge beginning December 6, 2021. “Judge Waller is an excellent selection,” said current Chief Judge Robert Pilmer. “He has the experience and skills to be successful as chief judge, and he has the strong support of all of his colleagues.” Judge Waller stated, “I am extremely thankful to each of my fellow circuit judges for their support. I look forward to working with all of the judges in our circuit over the next three years.”

Judge Waller was first appointed to the bench as an Associate Judge in January, 2013, and subsequently appointed as a Circuit Judge in July, 2014, by the Illinois Supreme Court. He was elected to that position in 2016. Prior to becoming a judge, he practiced law in DeKalb County. Judge Waller is a graduate of Northern Illinois University and the NIU College of Law. He and his wife reside in DeKalb.

The chief judge of a judicial circuit is a position created under the Illinois Constitution. The chief judge has general administrative authority over the court, including the assignment of cases. In the 23rd Circuit, the chief judge serves for a single three-year term, and the office alternates between the two counties.