



**TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
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The 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit, consisting of DeKalb and Kendall Counties announces that a new Associate Judge has been selected to fill the vacancy created by the appointment of Judge Joseph Pedersen to Circuit Judge due to the retirement of the Judge Ronald Matekaitis

The new Associate Judge is Sarah Gallagher Chami of Sycamore. She is currently in private practice as an attorney in DeKalb County. She was previously an Assistant State's Attorney in DeKalb County. She has been an attorney for 18 years.

Gallagher Chami is a graduate of the Chicago-Kent College of Law and DePaul University. She, her husband, and their children reside in Sycamore.

A formal investiture ceremony will be held on February 7th at the DeKalb County Courthouse. Gallagher Chami will begin her judicial career at the DeKalb County Courthouse on that day.

Chief Judge Bradley Waller stated, "We are excited to have Sarah join the ranks of the judiciary of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit. She's a hard worker with an excellent reputation. She will be a great addition to the judiciary."

Associate judges are selected by the Circuit Judges of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit to serve for a four year term. Gallagher Chami was selected from a group of 22 well-qualified individuals who applied for the vacancy created by the appointment of Judge Pedersen to Circuit Judge.