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KENNETH L. POPEJOY
Chief Judge

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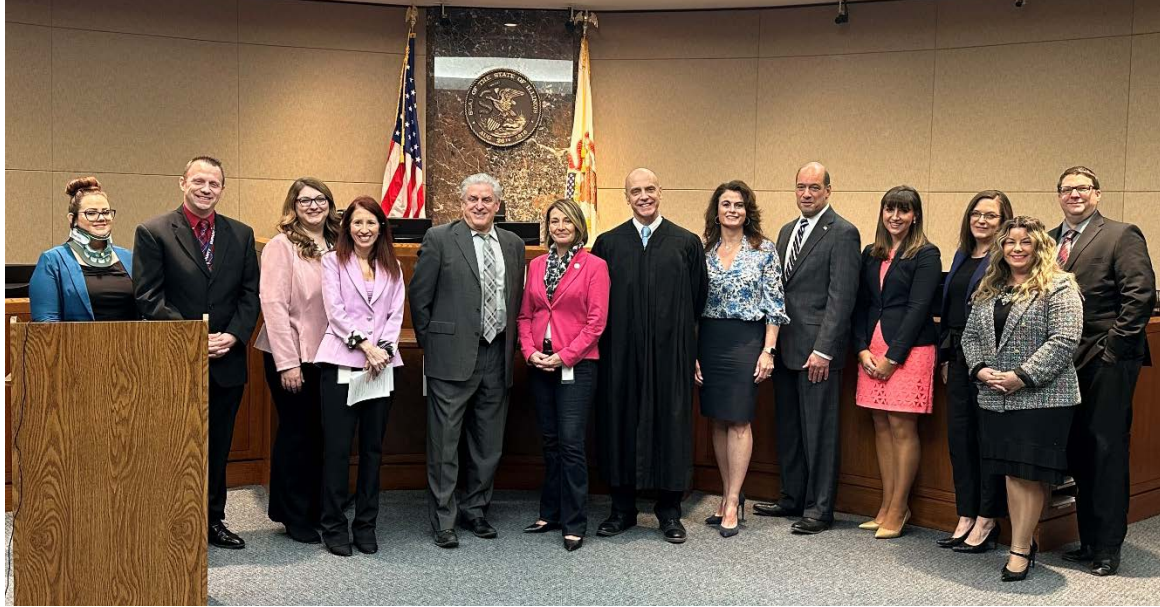
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DUPAGE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COURT GRADUATES FIFTEEN PARTICIPANTS

Chief Judge Kenneth L. Popejoy announced that the DuPage County Mental Illness Court Alternative Program (MICAP) conducted a graduation ceremony honoring fifteen participants. Judge Paul Marchese presided over the ceremony which was held live and simulcast via Zoom. Chief Judge Popejoy attended the ceremony along with Judge Ann Celine Walsh, Presiding Judge of Specialty and Juvenile Courts, DuPage County Board Chair Deb Conroy, DuPage County State's Attorney, Bob Berlin, and Clerk of the Circuit Court, Candice Adams. The audience included family, friends, prosecutors, defense attorneys and police officers, including the arresting officers of many of the participants. Chief Judge Popejoy commented "I commend the collaborative effort of everyone involved in the MICAP Program. Working together, we can improve participant's lives and reduce recidivism."

The DuPage County Mental Illness Court Alternative Program (MICAP) is designed to enhance the quality of life for participants by engaging in mental health and other treatment and community-based support systems. These support systems use a problem-solving court model to facilitate new skills leading to a reduction in recidivism and the stigma associated with mental illness.

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Chief Judge Kenneth Popejoy, DuPage County Board Chair Deb Conroy, Judge Paul Marchese, Judge Ann Celine Walsh, and DuPage County State's Attorney Bob Berlin pictured with MICAP court staff.

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