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Senators Durbin and Duckworth Announce Screening Committee, Application Process for U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois

U.S. Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth announced that they will begin accepting applications from those interested in serving as U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois.

The Senators will be assisted by a screening committee whose task is to review and vet candidates and advise the Senators regarding the candidates' qualifications and fitness for the position.

The Senators' Screening Committee for the Northern District of Illinois will be chaired by the Honorable David Coar (ret.), former U.S. District Court Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Application Process:

Applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, and completed copy of [this questionnaire](#) to applications@durbin.senate.gov by 5 p.m. CT on Monday, May 3. Applicants are requested to incorporate their cover letter, resume, completed questionnaire, and any attachments to the questionnaire into a single PDF document if possible. Please note that in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the affidavit accompanying the questionnaire is not required to be notarized.

The application questionnaire is nearly identical to that used by the Senate Judiciary Committee and will help provide insight into candidates' backgrounds and qualifications. The screening committee will review candidates and advise the Senators, who will make recommendations on potential nominees to the President. Once the President submits a nomination to the U.S. Senate, the nominee will be reviewed by the Senate Judiciary Committee, which Senator Durbin chairs, and will receive a vote in the Committee. If a nomination is approved by the Judiciary Committee, the nomination will be sent to the full Senate for consideration.

Biographies of each member of the Screening Committee for the Northern District of Illinois can be found below:

The Honorable David H. Coar (ret.) (committee chair). Judge Coar served as a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois for sixteen years, from 1994-2010. He had previously served the Northern District for eight years as a United States Bankruptcy Judge and for three years as a United States Bankruptcy Trustee. Judge Coar taught for over a decade at DePaul University College of Law as an Associate Professor of Law and additionally served as Associate Dean. He has also worked in private practice and as an arbitrator. Judge Coar received his B.A. from Syracuse University, his J.D. from Loyola University Law School, and his L.L.M. from Harvard Law School. He is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps Reserves.

Betty Y. Jang. Ms. Jang is a former executive of a publicly-traded healthcare company. Previously, she has provided legal counsel at several Fortune 250 corporations, taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Illinois College of Law, and was an assistant public defender with the Office of the Cook County Public Defender. Ms. Jang has served as a scholarship evaluator for the APIA Scholars program, is an alumnus of the United State of Women's Galvanize Chicago Program, and has held numerous Board positions in local, state, and national bar associations. She received her B.A. from the University of Illinois and her J.D. from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Monica L. Llorente. Ms. Llorente teaches at Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law and the Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences. She has served as an advocate for children's rights in several national campaigns and has represented children in need in various judicial and administrative proceedings. She is currently the Education Co-Chair of the ABA Children's Rights Litigation Committee. Ms. Llorente has also served as a board member of the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois. Before working at Northwestern, she practiced law at Baker & McKenzie in Chicago. She received her A.B. from Duke University and her J.D. from the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law.

Kim R. Widup. Mr. Widup served as the United States Marshal for the Northern District of Illinois until his retirement in December 2009 after 32 years of federal law enforcement service and three years in the U.S. Army. He was appointed to the U.S. Marshal position by President George W. Bush in 2002 and was confirmed by the Senate. He testified before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee on courthouse security and served as the Chairman of the U.S. Marshals Service Shooting Review Board. He is currently an instructor for the Graduate School USA, Washington, DC, in their national security and suitability programs. Additionally, he serves as a Board Member for the Cook County Sheriff's Merit Board and operates a consulting business. He received his Associates of Applied Science degree from the College of DuPage.

Major General Michael Zerbonia. General Zerbonia was appointed as the Assistant Adjutant General – Army, Illinois National Guard in October 2015. He is also the commander of the Illinois Army National Guard. He has more than 30 years of military service and has served in

critical roles at all levels of command and staff. General Zerbonia served with the Illinois State Police from 1987 to 2015, joining as a cadet and rising to the rank of Colonel of the Division of Operations. He received his B.S. from Northeast Missouri State and his M.A. from the U.S. Army War College.

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