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FALA CHICAGO CONGRATULATES JASMINE V. HERNANDEZ ON HER APPOINTMENT
AS ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

(Chicago, IL) – On September 9, the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts announced the
newest associate judges for the Circuit Court of Cook County following the casting of ballots that
were distributed to the 249 sitting circuit court judges. The Filipino American Lawyers
Association of Chicago (FALA Chicago) celebrates the selection of Jasmine Villaflor Hernandez
among these successful judicial candidates, making her the first Filipino American to be
appointed to the state bench in 16 years.

“We congratulate Jasmine on this well-deserved accomplishment, which is the latest milestone
in a distinguished career dedicated to public service,” said Mark Calaguas, president of FALA
Chicago. “Our organization has supported Jasmine’s candidacy from day one, as we know
firsthand her qualities of fair-minded, diligent, and resourceful leadership. I have no doubt that
Jasmine will make a lasting impression on the judiciary and help make our justice system more
representative of the people it serves,” added Calaguas.

Hernandez is a Staff Attorney in the Office of Chief Counsel – Midwest District of the U.S.
Department of Veterans Affairs. She previously served as an Assistant State’s Attorney in the
Juvenile Justice Bureau of the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office and as an Administrative
Supervisor & Compliance Officer at the Circuit Court of Cook County. Hernandez was a
founding board member and past president of FALA Chicago, as well as a past president of the
Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Chicago Area (AABA Chicago) and a regional
governor of the National Filipino American Lawyers Association (NFALA). She earned a B.A.
from Boston University, a J.D. from the University of Illinois College of Law, and a Masters in
Labor and Industrial Relations from the University of Illinois School of Labor and Employee
Relations.

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network of attorneys, judges, law students, and supporters that facilitates career development,
learning opportunities, and fellowship within the Chicagoland legal community.