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33 S. Arlington Heights Road,  
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at (847) 640-8645 or e-mail  
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## A fair hearing

*Not everyone leaves Judge John Scotillo's courtroom happy, but everyone leaves having been heard*

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John J. Scotillo knows how to listen. More than anything, that's what the people who appear before him in Rolling Meadows Courtroom 110 want.

"They want a chance to tell their story," said Scotillo, an associate judge in Cook County's Third Municipal District.

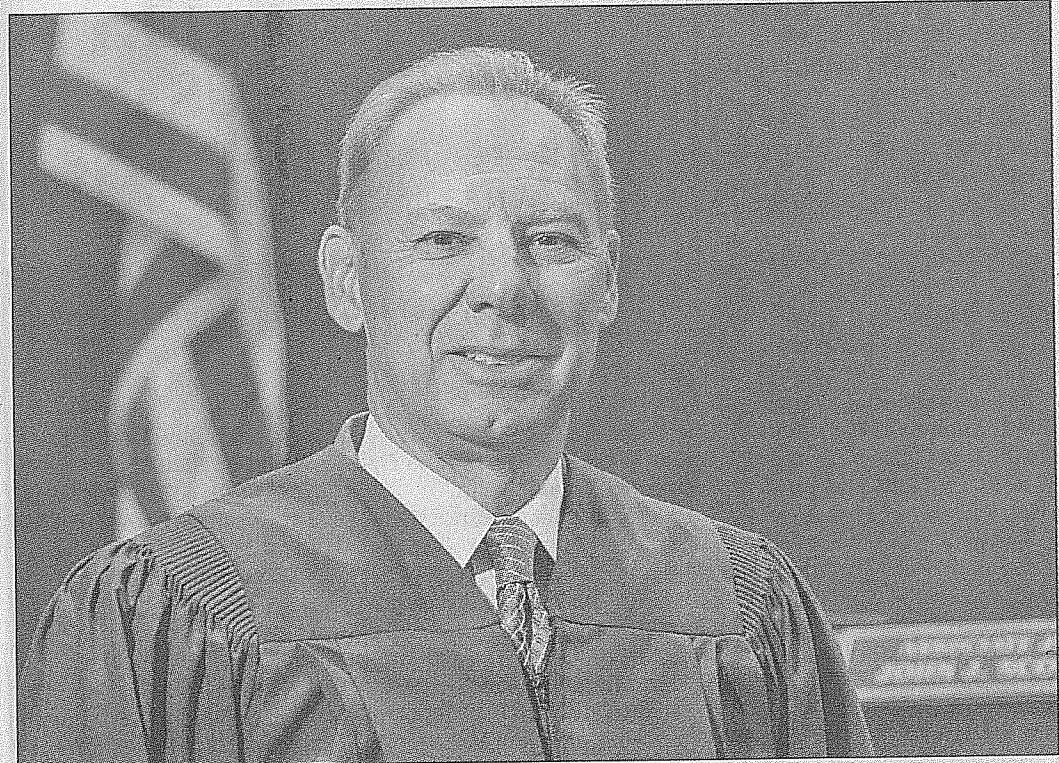
Whether the crime is capital murder or a minor traffic infraction, whether it involves \$100 or \$100,000, defendants and victims want to be heard.

Scotillo listens. Because every case is important to someone. His colleagues at the 650-member Northwest Suburban Bar Association recently named Scotillo its public servant of the year for 2009 at its judges night event.

"When you honor me, you honor all the judges in the Third District," said Scotillo as he accepted the award.

Talking with a reporter later, Scotillo suggested in his typical droll, self-effacing manner, that the group chose him because it had run out of names.

Hardly, said Don Cosley, a member of the NWSBA's executive committee. Scotillo's demeanor and compassion, his dedication to his profession as well as his dedication to the community, make him especially deserving of the recognition, Cosley said.



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Associate Judge John J. Scotillo was named public servant of the year by the Northwest Suburban Bar Association.

Scotillo was next assigned to a misdemeanor court located in a North Side police station.

"There was always so much going on," said Scotillo. His judicial docket included shop-

effect on people," he said. "The law was changing, you had to keep up."

Twelve years ago, Scotillo transferred to Rolling Meadows. The move cut his commute from