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**own hall with Mark Walker:** State Rep. Mark Walker holds a town hall meeting to mark the end of the legislative session, special guest, Arlington Heights Village President Arlene Mulder; 7-8:30 p.m. today, June 9 at Arlington Heights Village Hall, 33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. Register at (847) 640-8645 or e-mail repmarkwalker@gmail.com.



**Mark Walker**

**ive our Buffalo Grove seniors:** The Buffalo Grove Park District and the Buffalo Grove Fire Department will present a fire and safety training program for seniors; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. today, June 9, at Culver's in Buffalo Grove, 450 N. McHenry Road, Buffalo Grove. Refreshments served.

**Mount Prospect storytime:** Stories and songs for ages 6 and under, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. today June 9 and 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 12, at the Mount Prospect Public Library, 10 S. Emerson St.

## 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.

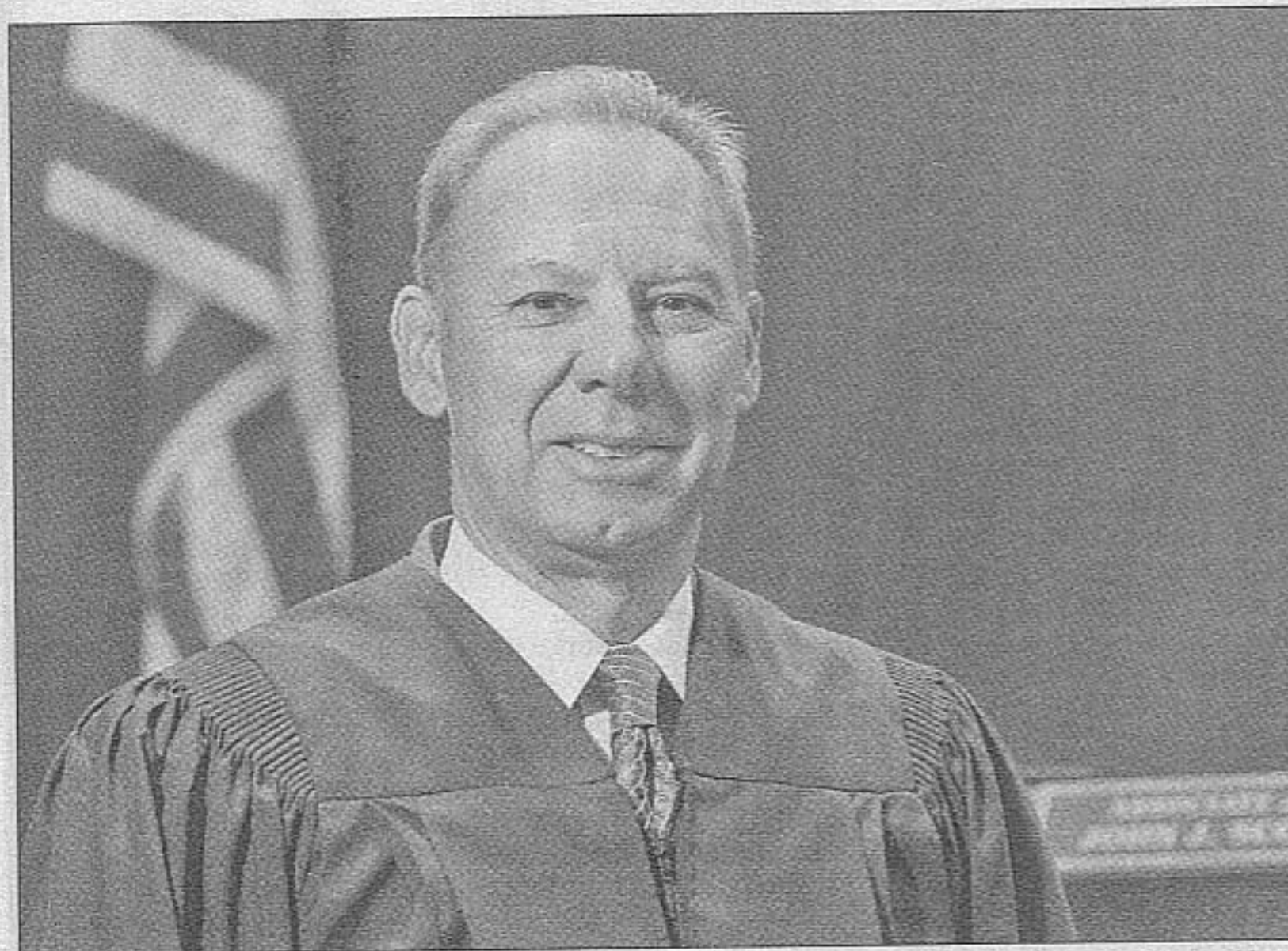
Scotillo listens.

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

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