

# State of Illinois Supreme Court

At a Term of the Supreme Court, begun and held in Springfield, on Monday, the 9th day of November, 2015.

Present: Rita B. Garman, Chief Justice  
Justice Charles E. Freeman                      Justice Robert R. Thomas  
Justice Thomas L. Kilbride                      Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier  
Justice Anne M. Burke                              Justice Mary Jane Theis

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M.R. 785(7)

In re: Judicial Conference of Illinois  
Criminal Justice Committee

## Order

Effective January 1, 2016, the following members of the Judicial Conference are appointed to the Criminal Justice Committee for terms expiring December 31, 2016, or until an appointee is no longer a member of the Judicial Conference, whichever occurs earlier:

Hon. Lee Ann S. Hill  
Associate Judge  
Eleventh Judicial Circuit  
McLean Co Law & Justice Center  
104 W. Front Street  
Bloomington, IL 61701

Hon. Kevin S. Parker  
Associate Judge  
Fourth Judicial Circuit  
Jasper County Courthouse  
100 W. Jourdan  
Newton, IL 62448

Hon. Donald C. Hudson  
Presiding Judge  
Second District Appellate Court  
1500 Lincoln Highway, Suite 220  
St. Charles, IL 60174

Effective January 1, 2016, the following members of the Judicial Conference are reappointed to the Criminal Justice Committee for terms expiring December 31, 2016, or until an appointee is no longer a member of the Judicial Conference, whichever occurs earlier:

Hon. Thomas R. Appleton  
Appellate Judge  
Fourth District Appellate Court  
401 E. Capitol Ave., Ste. 401  
Springfield, IL 62701

Hon. Mary M. Brosnahan  
Circuit Judge  
Circuit Court of Cook County  
2600 S. California Ave., Rm 504  
Chicago, IL 60608

Hon. Neil H. Cohen  
Associate Judge  
Circuit Court of Cook County  
2308 Richard J. Daley Center  
Chicago, IL 60602

Hon. Jessica Colon Sayre  
Associate Judge  
Twelfth Judicial Circuit  
Will County Courthouse  
14 W. Jefferson Street  
Joliet, IL 60432

Hon. Daniel P. Guerin  
Circuit Judge  
Eighteenth Judicial Circuit  
DuPage County Courthouse  
505 N. County Farm Rd  
Wheaton, IL 60187

Hon. William H. Hooks  
Circuit Judge  
Circuit Court of Cook County  
2600 S. California Ave., Rm 301  
Chicago, IL 60608

Hon. Ronald M. Jacobson  
Chief Judge  
Fifteenth Judicial Circuit  
Lee County Courts Bldg  
309 S. Galena, Ste 410  
Dixon, IL 61021

Hon. Michael J. Kick  
Chief Judge  
Twenty-First Judicial Circuit  
Kankakee County Courthouse  
450 E. Court Street  
Kankakee, IL 60901

Hon. Stephen Kouri  
Chief Judge  
Tenth Judicial Circuit  
Peoria County Courthouse  
324 Main Street #215  
Peoria, IL 61602-1363

Hon. Robert D. Kuzas  
Circuit Judge  
Circuit Court of Cook County  
50 W. Washington St., Rm 400  
Chicago, IL 60602

Hon. Marjorie Laws  
Circuit Judge  
Circuit Court of Cook County  
16501 S. Kedzie Pkwy, Ste 204Q  
Markham, IL 60428

Effective January 1, 2016, the Honorable William H. Hooks is reappointed chairperson for a term expiring December 31, 2016.

Order entered by the Court.



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SUPREME COURT  
CLERK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto subscribed my name  
and affixed the Seal of said Court  
this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2015.

*Carolyn Toff Grosboll*

Clerk,  
Supreme Court of the State of Illinois



## Illinois Judicial Conference Criminal Justice Committee

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### **CONFERENCE YEAR 2016**

#### *Statement of Purpose:*

To advise the Judicial Conference in matters affecting criminal justice.

#### *General Charge:*

The Committee shall review and make recommendations on matters affecting criminal justice. The Committee will review, analyze and examine new issues arising out of legislation and case law that impact criminal law and procedures and any aspect of criminal justice.

#### *Conference Year 2016 Prioritized Projects:*

- Examine juror questions and instructions regarding the definition of reasonable doubt.
- Explore ways of assisting in the implementation, utilization, and evaluation of evidence based practices in sentencing by the Illinois judiciary, including coordinating with the IJC Committee on Education and the AOIC to develop regional training.
- Study, examine and report on Supreme Court Rules as they relate to criminal procedure and court processes.
- Discuss implementing sentencing flexibility similar to the federal sentencing methodology.
- Draft a best practices guide for criminal trial court judges in coordination with the IJC Committee on Education.
- Explore the viability of establishing a pilot program whereby appellate judges would preside over a criminal court call under the supervision of the regularly assigned trial court judge.
- Explore the feasibility of establishing a Cook County pilot project where criminal court judges assigned to criminal calls are encouraged to visit county jails and/or IDOC facilities as part of their criminal assignment orientation process.
- Undertake any such other projects or initiatives that are consistent with the Committee charge.