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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT IMPLEMENTS WEB SITE

Chief Justice Moses W. Harrison II of the Supreme Court of Illinois announced Monday implementation of a web site on the Illinois judiciary which includes the latest docket information and opinions of the Illinois appellate courts and the Supreme Court.

The site can be reached at www.state.il.us/court.

The site was designed by the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts under the directorship of Joseph A. Schillaci and is based on concepts and plans developed by the Automation and Technology Committee of the Illinois Judicial Conference and approved by the Supreme Court.

It presents general information about the entire court system in Illinois and includes Supreme Court and Appellate Court opinions from 1996 to the present.

The site also includes a complete listing of Supreme Court Rules and portions of the Supreme Court Annual Report, Administrative Summary and Statistical Reports. Press and media announcements also will be available.

Supreme Court docket information includes a listing of cases which the Court has taken under advisement and are pending decision; a list of pending petitions for rehearing; and a list of the petitions for leave to appeal pending before the Court. It also contains the Court's schedule of oral arguments.

The web site will also contain the oral argument calendars for each of the six Appellate Court districts.

"We believe this will be a valuable educational and informational resource for lawyers, judges and the media but, most importantly, for all the citizens of the State of Illinois," said Chief Justice Harrison. "Information on state courts at every level is now available for anyone with a computer to access."

Mr. Schillaci, director of the Administrative Office which will maintain the site, said every effort will be made to keep it current and continually look for ways to improve it.

“We intend to post new docket information as soon as it is available from the Clerk and new court opinions the morning they are filed,” he said. “Members of the Automation and Technology Committee, the staff of the Administrative Office and members of the Court have worked diligently to plan and prepare the site. We will continue to look for ways to build on its features.”

The site is hosted by the Department of Central Management Services.