

June 27, 2002

MEDIA ADVISORY-- FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**SPECIAL SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON CHILD CUSTODY ISSUES HOLDS
PUBLIC HEARING IN CHICAGO**

WHO: Supreme Court of Illinois – Special Supreme Court Committee on Child Custody Issues

WHAT: Public hearing is being held by the Subcommittee on Termination of Parental Rights of the Special Supreme Court Committee. The goal is to identify ways to improve the process of terminating parental rights and to ensure timely, appropriate outcomes for children.

Among those scheduled to testify at the public hearing include Cook County State's Attorney Richard Devine, Deborah White of the office of Cook County public defender, Clark Peters from the Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago, Cheryl Cesario, general counsel for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and Tazewell County Public Defender John Bernardi.

WHEN: Friday, June 28, 2002 – 10 a.m.

WHERE: State of Illinois Building -- 160 N. LaSalle Street -- Room C-500