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## **CHIEF JUSTICE MCMORROW TO OPEN 49<sup>TH</sup> ILLINOIS JUDICIAL CONFERENCE**

CHICAGO — Chief Justice Mary Ann G. McMorrow of the Supreme Court of Illinois will welcome more than 80 judges from throughout the state on Thursday to the 49<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Illinois Judicial Conference.

Chief Justice McMorrow will address the group at a noon luncheon on October 24 at a Chicago hotel.

The annual judicial conference is mandated by the Illinois Constitution and is charged with reviewing the work of the courts “and to suggest improvements in the administration of justice.” The conference begins Thursday afternoon with meetings of various study committees ranging from criminal law to judicial education.

The members of the conference include the seven Supreme Court justices, representatives from all the appellate districts as well as Circuit Court and associate judges from each judicial district.

The eight committees and their members will meet in plenary session Friday morning to present and discuss their committee reports.

The Judicial Conference committees are staffed and supported by the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts under the directorship of Cynthia Y. Cobbs.