

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL



Cynthia Y. Cobbs
Director

It is my pleasure to transmit the **2006 Annual Report of the Illinois Courts**, which highlights the various projects and activities undertaken by the Illinois Judicial Branch during this past year. The Report contains a summary of the 2006 Illinois Judicial Conference Annual Meeting and of the activities pursued by the Supreme Court's committees. The Report also contains an overview of the state and local funding for the Illinois Judicial Branch and statistical information regarding court caseloads. Displayed throughout the Report are photographs which illustrate the rich and diverse architecture of Illinois' courthouses at the supreme, appellate and circuit

levels. Each of these courthouses is more than a symbol. They are the embodiment of our great experiment in democracy. As a final matter, the Report provides a brief description of the six divisions of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts.

The Administrative Office gratefully acknowledges the clerks of the supreme, appellate and circuit courts for their assistance and support in supplying the statistical data set forth herein. I also wish to express my gratitude to all who contributed to the Report's preparation. As reflected in the Report, the Illinois judiciary and court personnel remain committed to providing the highest level of quality and access to justice to the citizens of Illinois, a goal which the Administrative Office is both privileged and pleased to facilitate.

For further information on the Illinois Courts and the Administrative Office, I invite you to visit www.state.il.us/court.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Y. Cobbs". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a faint, large watermark of the Illinois State Seal.

Cynthia Y. Cobbs, Director
Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts