

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL



Cynthia Y. Cobbs
Director

I am pleased to offer the 2008 Annual Report of the Illinois Courts. The Report includes the 2008 projects of the Illinois Judicial Branch, including the Annual Meeting of the Illinois Judicial Conference; the work and activities of the Supreme Court's various Committees; and the initiatives pursued by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts.

In an era of heightened public expectations for transparency in government, the Annual Report includes an overview of 2008 state and local funding sources for the Illinois judicial branch as well as court-by-court caseload statistics. This Annual Report provides an informative and useful snapshot of Illinois' court system. We strive to make the judicial branch of government accountable and visible to the citizens of Illinois. Providing information on the work of every level of our court system is an important component of that goal.

The Administrative Office gratefully acknowledges the clerks of the supreme, appellate, and circuit courts for their invaluable assistance in the compilation of the statistical data and information contained herein. I wish to express gratitude to my staff and to all who contributed to the development of the Annual Report. As you will see by the quality and content contained in this Report, the Illinois Judiciary remains steadfast in its commitment to justice and service to the citizens of Illinois.

In closing, I invite you to visit the Court's website at www.state.il.us/court for further information about the Illinois courts and the Administrative Office. The website is an ever expanding resource for Illinois and for our court constituents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Y. Cobbs". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Cynthia Y. Cobbs, Director

Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts

