

STATE OF ILLINOIS
SUPREME COURT

At a Term of the Supreme Court, begun and held in Springfield, on Monday, the 8th day of January, 2024.

Present: Mary Jane Theis, Chief Justice
Justice P. Scott Neville, Jr. Justice David K. Overstreet
Justice Lisa Holder White Justice Joy V. Cunningham
Justice Elizabeth M. Rochford Justice Mary K. O'Brien

M.R.032055

In re: Supreme Court Pretrial Release Appeals Task Force

Order

Whereas Public Act 101-652 and Public Act 102-1104 concerning pretrial release in criminal cases became effective on September 18, 2023;

And whereas the number of appeals from pretrial release decisions by the circuit courts have dramatically increased in the five districts of the Illinois Appellate Court;

And whereas the need for a comprehensive plan to address this matter with urgency is evident;

And whereas this Court exercises general administrative and supervisory authority over the courts of Illinois pursuant to Article VI, section 16 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 (Ill. Const. 1970, art. VI, sec. 16);

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Supreme Court Pretrial Release Appeals Task Force is created.
2. The Task Force shall conduct a thorough review of pretrial release appeals and their impact on the caseloads in each of the five districts of the Illinois Appellate Court. The Task Force shall consult with any interested stakeholders, including, but not limited to the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of the State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor, the Office of the State Appellate Defender, the offices of the five Appellate Court clerks; and the Illinois Appellate Lawyers Association.
3. The Task Force shall hold its first meeting within fourteen (14) days of the filing of this order.
4. The Task Force shall issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the Supreme Court within forty-five (45) days of the filing of this order.

5. Effective immediately, and until further order of the Court, the following individuals are appointed members of the Supreme Court Pretrial Release Appeals Task Force:

Hon. Mark M. Boie
Appellate Court Justice
Fifth Judicial District
14 & Main Street
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

Hon. Margaret J. Mullen
Appellate Court Justice
Second Judicial District
55 Symphony Way
Elgin, IL 60120

Hon. Eugene Doherty
Appellate Court Justice
Fourth Judicial District
201 W. Monroe Street
Springfield, IL 62704

Hon. Lance R. Petersen
Appellate Court Justice
Third Judicial District
1004 Columbus Street
Ottawa, IL 61350

Hon. David W. Ellis
Appellate Court Justice
First Judicial District
160 N. LaSalle Street
Chicago, IL 60601

6. Hon. Eugene Doherty shall serve as chairperson of the Supreme Court Pretrial Release Appeals Task Force until further order of the Court.

Order entered by the Court.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court, this 16th day of January, 2024.

Cynthia A. Grant

Clerk,
Supreme Court of the State of Illinois

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CLERK