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JEROME GALANG NAMED DIRECTOR OF ILLINOIS JUDICIAL COLLEGE

The Illinois Supreme Court and the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts (AOIC) are pleased to announce the selection of Jerome Galang as the new Director of the Illinois Judicial College (College).

Galang brings more than a decade of distinguished state and federal experience in judicial education, curriculum development, and court administration. As Director, Galang will lead the College's ongoing efforts to provide high-quality, accessible, and impactful professional education to judges and justice partners throughout Illinois. His first day will be August 10.

"We are thrilled to welcome Jerome back to the AOIC and to the Illinois Judicial College," AOIC Director Marcia Meis said. "His proven leadership, deep understanding of adult education, and unwavering commitment to the College's mission make him exceptionally well-suited to guide the next decade of innovation and service."

Galang previously served eight years in the Judicial Education Division and Judicial College Division of the AOIC, rising to the positions of Assistant Director and Deputy Director. In these roles, he guided strategic planning, oversaw the development and delivery of statewide judicial education programs, supported the College Board of Trustees, and collaborated with committees and workgroups responsible for advancing the College's mission.

"I am grateful and honored by the Illinois Supreme Court and Director Meis' confidence in me to serve the Judicial Branch in this capacity," Galang said. "As the College celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, I am excited to work closely with the College Board of Trustees, Standing Committees and Workgroups, AOIC staff, and our Judicial Branch partners in continuing a tradition of delivering transformative, multidisciplinary education. As the College looks towards the next 10 years and beyond, I look forward to seeking opportunities for innovation in programming and operations to enhance our work and advance the College's charge of empowering the judiciary and justice partners with the professional competencies to effectively administer justice."

Most recently, Galang served as Assistant Division Director at the Federal Judicial Center, overseeing education specialists responsible for developing and implementing competency-based learning for the federal probation and pretrial services system. His leadership included strategic planning, program oversight, and the integration of evidence-based practices and

implementation-science principles to support lasting behavior change and organizational improvement across the federal courts.

Galang earned his *Juris Doctor, cum laude*, from the University of Michigan Law School and his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, with Honors, from the University of Chicago.

The Illinois Judicial College, established in 2016, serves as the primary vehicle for the planning, development, and provision of all educational programs and training on behalf of the Supreme Court.

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