

# AT-A-GLANCE

## Illinois Judicial Branch – Operational Plan (2023)

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### Mission:

To protect the rights and liberties of all by providing equal access to justice, resolving disputes, and upholding the rule of law pursuant to the powers and duties entrusted to us by the Illinois Constitution.

### Core Values: *F. A. I. R.*

**Fairness** – impartial in our actions, decisions, and treatment of all.

**Accountability** – responsible and answerable for our conduct and performance, and transparent in the use of public resources.

**Integrity** – honest, trustworthy, and committed to the highest ethical and professional standards.

**Respect** – treat all with dignity, courtesy, and understanding.

### Vision:

To be trusted and open to all by being fair, innovative, diverse, and responsive to changing needs.

## STRATEGIC GOALS AND 2023 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

### ACCESSIBLE JUSTICE/EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW

#### Strategic Initiatives:

1. Study of Statewide Criminal Indigent Defense (NEW)

*(Criminal Indigent Defense Task Force)*

2. Remote Court Proceedings Decorum Training Video/Materials (for court participants) (NEW)

*(PR / Public Education & Engagement Task Force)*

**NEW:** Remote Proceedings and the Pretrial Fairness Act

*(Remote Proceedings Task Force)*

### FAIR, TIMELY, & EFFICIENT COURTS

#### Strategic Initiatives:

3. Official Record of Court Proceedings (Rule 46) (NEW)

*(Official Court Record Task Force)*

4. Data Standardization Project (NEW)

*(Data Standardization Task Force)*

5. Modernization of Service of Process (CONTINUATION)

*(Modernization of Service of Process Task Force)*

### PROFESSIONALISM/ ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGHOUT THE BRANCH

#### Strategic Initiatives:

6. Guidance for Complying with Time Standards (NEW)

*(Weighted Caseload Study Task Force)*

### UNDERSTANDING OF/CONFIDENCE IN THE BRANCH

#### Strategic Initiatives:

7. Public Relations Crisis Mgt/ Rapid Response System (NEW)

*(PR / Public Education & Engagement Task Force)*

8. Local Website Tools/Resources (NEW)

*(Local (Circuit/ Clerk) Website Task Force)*

9. Implement Public Relations Plan (CONTINUATION)

*(PR / Public Education & Engagement Task Force)*

### FUNDING/USE OF JUDICIAL BRANCH

#### Strategic Initiatives:

10. Workload and Weighted Caseload Study (CONTINUATION)

*(Weighted Caseload Study Task Force)*

11. Communication with Legislative & Executive Branch Leaders about Judicial Branch Resources & Funding (NEW)

*(Court Funding Task Force)*