



Supreme Court of Illinois

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ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT SELECTS RENITA YOUNG AS NEW CHIEF COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Chief Justice P. Scott Neville, Jr. and the Illinois Supreme Court announced today the selection of Renita Young as Chief Communications Officer, effective October 26, 2026. In this role she will head the Office of Communications and Public Information and serve as chief spokesperson for the Court and Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts (AOIC).

“Ms. Young brings significant experience and subject matter expertise to the Supreme Court’s Office of Communications and Public Information,” Chief Justice Neville said. “Her qualifications make her well suited to act as spokesperson for the Supreme Court and support its important work.”

Ms. Young has an extensive background of nearly 20 years in anchoring, reporting and producing news for multiple media outlets. Her career includes award-winning reporting at Bloomberg as well as work with Reuters, Schwab Network, WBBM Newsradio/Audacy in Chicago and The Times-Picayune in Baton Rouge. In her most recent role, she served as Account Director at Bear Icebox Communications in Chicago, where she provided strategic communications counsel, guided media relations efforts, and helped organizations and executives strengthen their public messaging. She has also served as an Adjunct Professor at Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism.

“I am deeply honored to join the Illinois Supreme Court in this capacity and grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Illinois,” Young said. “Throughout my career, I have believed in the power of communication to inform, connect and build trust. I look forward to bringing that commitment to the judiciary, to help strengthen public understanding of the judicial branch and its essential role in the administration of justice.”

Ms. Young is a graduate of DePaul University and earned her Master of Science (MS) in Broadcast Journalism from Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism. She is a Past President of the Chicago Chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists, served as founding co-chair of their Entrepreneurship Network and as a board member of the Chicago Headline Club.

The Office of Communications and Public Information manages internal and external communications, including media relations and public information, for the Illinois Supreme Court and the AOIC.

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