

# The Jeffery D. Colman Access to Justice Award

The Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Access to Justice is pleased to announce the 2024 recipient of the Jeffery D. Colman Access to Justice Award. This award is given to a lawyer, paralegal, or court employee who has made a significant or meaningful contribution to improving access to our court system for litigants who are self-represented, limited English proficient, disabled, or otherwise vulnerable.



**2024 AWARDEE**

## **Tiffany Schicker**

serves as the Circuit Clerk of Marion County, bringing a wealth of experience from her diverse legal roles, including paralegal and deputy clerk. This background provides her with a unique perspective on how litigants navigate the court system. In her tenure as Circuit Clerk, Clerk Schicker has led several impactful initiatives, notably securing Access to Justice Improvement grant funds to enhance the courthouse experience. Her efforts have resulted in the installation of public Wi-Fi, the establishment of a comprehensive self-help center equipped with updated technology and signage, and a forthcoming launch of a text message notification program for court users.

In addition, Clerk Schicker is an active member of the Court Navigator Network, where she facilitated a successful site visit for stakeholders from across the state, highlighting her commitment to collaboration and innovation. Her compassionate approach and proactive engagement in various committees, including the ATJ Commission's Remote Appearance Committee, Forms Committee, and Civil Procedure Forms Subcommittee, underscore her unwavering dedication to ensuring that self-represented litigants have the resources and support they need to navigate the legal system effectively.

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