



AT-A-GLANCE

ILLINOIS JUDICIAL BRANCH STRATEGIC AGENDA

2026 OPERATIONAL PLAN



2026-2028 STRATEGIC AGENDA GOALS

Goal 1: Safeguarding Fairness, Removing Barriers, and Empowering the Self-Represented

Goal 2: Resolving Disputes Fairly, Delivering Timely Justice, and Managing Courts Effectively

Goal 3: Achieving Excellence Through Fairness, Professionalism, and Accountability

Goal 4: Strengthen Public Trust by Making the Work of the Courts Visible and Understandable

Goal 5: Sustaining Courts Through Fair Funding and Smart Stewardship



2026 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

1. Access to Legal Services in Legal Deserts
2. Strengthening Juvenile Detention Practices
3. Evaluation and Expansion of Court-Annexed Alternative Dispute Resolution
4. Best Practices for Emerging Adults in the Justice System
5. Supporting Effective Judicial Branch Engagement with Other Branches of Government
6. Remote Access to Court Services
7. Engaging the Public Through Civics Education
8. Access to and Meaningful Participation in Family Law Cases
9. Supporting the Court User Experience
10. Strengthening Communities Through Restorative Justice Practices

MISSION

To serve the people of Illinois and safeguard the rule of law by delivering justice that is fair, impartial, and accessible to all; upholding the state and federal Constitutions; and earning public trust by treating every person with dignity and respect.

CORE VALUES

Fairness – independent, impartial, and free of bias in actions, decisions, and treatment of all.

Accountability – transparent and responsible for our conduct, performance, and use of public resources.

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

Respect – serve all with dignity, courtesy, compassion, and understanding.

VISION

A judicial branch that sustains our democracy by exemplifying excellence, equity, impartiality, and accountability.