Supreme Court of Illinois

November 24, 2026

ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES CREATION OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The Illinois Supreme Court has announced the creation of the Supreme Court Committee on Artificial Intelligence (Committee on AI). This new standing committee is charged with studying how artificial intelligence can be used safely and effectively within the judicial system.

The Committee on AI's responsibilities will include evaluating risks related to data privacy, confidentiality, cybersecurity, and compliance with court records. It will develop safeguards and ethical standards for AI use in the courts to protect sensitive information and maintain public confidence in the judicial system.

The Committee on AI will also examine the ways in which AI can streamline court processes and administration while preserving accuracy, fairness, and judicial independence. In addition, Committee members will recommend training, oversight, and governance measures while monitoring emerging AI technologies and assessing their potential opportunities and challenges for the judiciary.

The Committee on AI will submit regular reports and recommendations to the Supreme Court. The Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts (AOIC) will provide administrative support to the Committee on AI.

The Committee on AI will consist of 18 members appointed by the Supreme Court. Members can be reappointed for 3-year terms.

The Hon. Jeffrey A. Goffinet (Ret.) will serve as Chairperson of the Committee on AI. Judge Goffinet previously served as a co-chair for the Illinois Supreme Court's AI Task Force. The Hon. Sara D. Smith, a Third Judicial Circuit Judge in Madison County, will serve as vice-chairperson.

Members of the Committee with terms expiring December 31, 2027, will be Joel B. Bruckman, partner at Smith Gambrell & Russell, LLP; Cook County Circuit Judge Megan E. Goldish; Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Associate Judge George T. Pappas; Oliver Roberts, adjunct professor of law at Washington University in St. Louis School of Law and co-director of the WashU Law AI Collaborative, First District Appellate Court Justice Rena Van Tine; and Judge Smith.

Members of the Committee with terms expiring December 31, 2028, will be Eleventh Circuit Judge Sarah R. Duffy; the Hon. Matthew Prochaska, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Kendall County; Ashish S. Prasad, a lecturer at the University of Chicago Law School and vice president and general counsel of HaystackID; Dev Thain, Program Manager & Head of Academic

Partnerships at Spellbook; First District Appellate Court Justice Thaddeus L. Wilson; and Judge Goffinet.

Members of the Committee with terms expiring December 31, 2029, will be Fifth District Appellate Court Justice Judy L. Cates; Twelfth Judicial Circuit Judge John Connor; Jennifer A. Mao-Jones, president of the University of Pennsylvania JD/MBA Alumni Association; Samuel Oh, chief executive officer at Concorda; Cook County Circuit Judge Nichole C. Patton; and Mark Palmer, chief counsel of the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism.

(FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: James Brunner, Public Information Officer of the Illinois Supreme Court at 217.208.3354 or jbrunner@illinoiscourts.gov.)