

## **2007-08 IJA Committee Co-Chairs and Officer Liaisons**

### **Associate Judge**

The Associate Judges Committee shall identify and compile the concerns of Associate Judges. The Committee shall study the issues and attempt to identify resolutions for action by the Association.

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### **Benefits and Pension**

The Benefits and Pension Committee shall, through the Executive Committee, keep the membership advised of the benefits and detriments of all state employee benefit and pension programs available to the judiciary. They shall keep informed of and monitor all legislative, executive or judicial branch action regarding the same; and work on plans of action in conjunction with the Government Affairs Committee in this regard, gather and provide information to individual members concerning benefits and pensions and, when asked to do so by the Executive Committee, speak or act, within ethical bounds, on behalf of the Association in dealing with any of the branches of local, state or federal government.

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### **Budget and Finance**

The Budget and Finance Committee shall develop an annual budget for presentation to the Board of Directors at the mid-year meeting. The Committee shall develop and maintain a long-term financial plan for the Association for review at least once each year by the Board of Directors.

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### **Compensation**

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### **Convention**

The Convention Committee shall plan and execute the Annual Convention, Meeting of the Membership and Meeting of the Board of Directors. With the advice and consent of the Executive Committee these duties shall include, but are not limited to, obtaining facilities, planning meals, contracting with speakers, arranging programs and all the logistics and trappings that go with a successful and productive annual event. Unless the Executive Committee directs otherwise, the yearly event shall be in conjunction with the ISBA midyear meeting.

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### **Court Facilities and Security**

The Court Facilities and Security Committee will perform a study of the physical and security make up of a court facility when requested to do so by a Chief or Presiding Judge. The Committee shall then issue a report to the requesting judge which analyzes the facility by indicating its conformity with accepted minimum standards. With the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, the Committee may make recommendations for changes or additions to such minimum standards.

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### **Criticism Response**

The Criticism Response Team shall develop, maintain and, as necessary, modify a policy outlining the parameters and procedure for responding to unjust public criticism of the judiciary, and upon approval by the Executive Committee, execute a plan in conformity therewith. The recommendation to respond should be a function of, but not limited to, the quality of the criticism, its quantity, its truth and the backdrop against which it is played. The Team should consider all resources of the IJA, including retired judges, in planning a response.

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### **Electronic Media/Website**

The Electronic Media Committee shall study, review and make recommendations to the Association and individual members of the Association regarding computers, electronic research, electronic information transfer, access to and use of the internet. The Committee shall continue to develop and maintain a site on the World Wide Web.

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### **The Gavel**

*The Gavel* is the official publication of the Illinois Judges Association. *The Gavel* should be published at least semi-annually. The Editors shall, with the assistance of the Editorial Board, solicit stories and items of interest from the committees and members.

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### **Government Affairs**

The Government Affairs Committee shall continually monitor the actions and proposed actions of the legislative and executive branch regarding matters of import to the judiciary and keep the Executive Committee apprized of the same. When requested to do so by the Executive Committee, the Government Affairs Committee shall also take affirmative action, within ethical limitations, to provide input to those branches of government.

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### **Judicial Discipline**

The Judicial Discipline Committee shall review all issues impacting or potentially impacting the discipline of Illinois judges from any source including but not limited to, those which arise from the available actions of the Judicial Inquiry Board, opinions of the Court's Commission or changes to interpretations of the Code of Judicial Conduct and, when appropriate, advise the membership of those pertinent matters. The Committee may also, when requested to do so and, within ethical bounds, give individual judges information regarding their specific disciplinary problems. When dealing with non-public matters, the Committee shall make all reasonable efforts to maintain a subject judge's anonymity.

All initial requests for the Association to take an active role in some matter of judicial discipline shall be first thoroughly reviewed by the Committee and then referred, with written recommendation, to the Executive Committee for action. All proposals to file actions *Amicus Curiae* shall follow the policy adopted by the Board of Directors.

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### **Judicial Selection and Retention**

The Judicial Selection and Retention Committee shall monitor election and retention results and data and shall investigate problems of general judicial concern regarding the same. They shall also monitor legislative and executive branch actions or proposed actions regarding judicial elections and retentions, and work on plans of action in conjunction with the Government Affairs Committee in this regard. When requested to do so by the Executive Committee, they shall take appropriate action, within ethical limitations, to publicly or privately address judicial election or retention issues.

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### **Membership**

The Membership Committee shall develop and with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, implement programs and activities to maintain and increase the membership of the Association. The Committee shall also be responsible for maintaining an accurate list of the membership with the assistance of the Executive Director.

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### **Past Presidents Council**

The Presidents Council shall consist of the Past Presidents of the Illinois Judges Association. The Chair of the Presidents Council shall be the President of the Association. The duties of the Presidents Council shall include:

- Advising the President and the Executive Committee, as needed and as requested, including but not limited to, advising upon proposed activities and initiatives;

- Being available to participate in projects and efforts of the Association, as defined by the President or a majority of the Executive Committee members;

Meeting, not less than once annually, on the date of and at the location of the Mid-Year Meeting of the Board of Directors, as well as at the other times and places, via the same notice process as that for Directors of the Association, as called by the President or a majority of the Executive Committee members.

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### **Retired Judges**

The Retired Judges Committee shall monitor governmental actions or proposed actions as such may impact the concerns of retired members of the judiciary, work on plans of action in conjunction with the Government Affairs Committee in this regard, and keep the Executive Committee apprized of the same. The Committee should also develop programs which, in its opinion, would be of benefit to members of the Association who are retired. With the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, the Retired Judges Committee may take private or public action on issues of concern to the retired members of the Association. The Retired Judges Committee should also maintain a directory of retired judges who are willing, in appropriate circumstances, to assist the Criticism Response Team by making public statements in situations where a sitting judge may be ethically prohibited from doing so.

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### **Travel and Benefits**

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### **Courtroom in the Classroom**

The Courtroom in the Classroom committee serves to facilitate judicial outreach to school-aged children. This year (2007-'08) Courtroom in the Classroom will present a program entitled *7 Reasons to Leave the Party*, a national award-winning program developed by Judge Mark Drummond and presented throughout the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

Courtroom in the Classroom's goal is to get judges and lawyers into the schools to educate young persons about the third co-equal branch of government, the judicial branch. In addition to providing students with valuable information about the legal system in the United States and specifically in Illinois, the message delivered in *7 Reasons to Leave the Party* will inform young persons of the benefits of making good decisions and the consequences of failing to do so.

This committee will seek to premiere the *7 Reasons to Leave the Party* in many of the larger venues throughout the state, train additional judges to make this presentation and encourage judges to develop similar and tested, positive presentations on a variety of topics.

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### **Senior Judge/Senior Status Study Group**

The Senior Judge / Senior Status Study Group will explore ways that state and federal courts around the country continue to use the knowledge and experience of judges after they retire and considerations for similar assignments in Illinois. Judges Michael B. Hyman and Don Bernardi have been appointed to co-chair this study group.

The creation of a study group to consider what options exist is over-due. If there are advantages to a senior judge or senior status system in Illinois, the IJA could be the impetus to its creation. This study group has not been given a specific charge or direction to propose legislation, but rather, will have broad autonomy to examine and investigate all options and alternatives.

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## Illinois Judicial Speakers Bureau

### Welcome from the Chief Justice

Dear Citizen,

Thank you for your interest in the Illinois Judicial Speakers Bureau. As a community leader, family member or fellow citizen, you may have questions about how the judicial system works in Illinois.

The Illinois Judicial Speakers Bureau was designed to educate citizens about the critical roles played by judges and the courts in everyday life. Through the Bureau, judges and other court personnel are available to speak to your group or organization on a variety of topics.

Cook County is the seat of the largest unified court system in the world. The Cook County Circuit Court encompasses many specialized courts, such as the probate courts, family or juvenile courts, traffic courts, criminal courts, drug courts and many others. Although contrary to public perception, conducting trials is an important function of the judiciary, it is not the sole function. The judicial system affects society in many very meaningful ways.

Please take a few moments and look over this brochure; it addresses many questions you may have about what the Speakers Bureau has to offer. If you have additional questions, or would like to request a speaker, contact the Supreme Court's press office at (312) 793-0870.

I am committed to educating citizens about our judiciary, and its role in your community. The Speakers Bureau is a wonderful resource, and I encourage you to take advantage of it. Our court system belongs to you, the citizens of Illinois. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Robert Thomas  
Chief Justice  
Supreme Court of Illinois

### General Information

The Illinois Judicial Speakers Bureau was established by the Illinois Supreme Court and the Illinois Judges Association to increase awareness of our judicial system and its role in the community. By enabling community groups to hear directly from judges and other court officials, it is hoped that citizens can better appreciate the judicial system and its function in a democracy.

The Speakers Bureau, which is composed of justices, judges and courtroom personnel statewide, will help arrange for a speaker. You should know that our speakers are bound by

the Code of Judicial Conduct and are unable to address certain matters, such as pending litigation.

**All presentations are voluntary by the judges with no cost to the community.**

The Illinois Judicial Speakers Bureau looks forward to working with your organization.

### How It Works

A representative of the requesting group may fill out the form and fax or mail it to the press office of the Illinois Supreme Court, in care of Dawn Frison. You will then be given the name and number of the speaker who will help you in completing the arrangements.

The Speakers Bureau also honors requests for its "Judges in the Classroom" program designed to provide school children with the opportunity to hear firsthand from a judge how the judicial system works. Judges can make the presentation in the classroom, or visits to the courthouse can be arranged.

### Suggested Topics

Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Appeals  
Bail Review  
Domestic Violence  
Judges as Problem Solvers  
Jury Duty  
Juvenile Court  
Sentencing  
Role of Judge in the Judicial Process  
Role of Judge in the Community  
Small Claims Court  
Traffic Court

This is by no means an exhaustive list of topics. Judges can speak on any topic relating to the administration of justice. Judges, however, are bound by the Code of Judicial Conduct and are unable to speak on certain matters, such as pending litigation. Please contact the Supreme Court's press office at (312) 793-0870 if needed, for clarification

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