

# Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Budget Highlights and Goals

## COURT ADMINISTRATION

### **FY2008 Highlights**

- Continued close monitoring of juror use to reduce costs.
- Meet increasing needs for Legal Services and court interpretation with minimal fiscal impact.
- Continue to establish new programs and procedures, e.g., Mental Health Court, Family Violence Council, Commission on Professionalism
- Established Self-Help Center in Law Library and available on-line from any computer. Training is available in the Law Library during normal hours of operation.
- Hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Appellate District Conference in May.
- Occupied four new courtrooms and chambers and installed new Electronic Recording System software and hardware. (New system expanded to all courtrooms in July 2008)
- Assisted in refurbishing public hallways on the third floor with sound proofing wall treatments and replaced carpeting with tile.

### **FY2009 Goals**

- Reduce costs while facing an increase in the number of jury trial courts by working closely with the judiciary to identify future trial activity.
- Meet increasing needs for Legal Services and court interpretation with minimal fiscal impact.
- Coordinate with Bar Association, and Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and Supreme Court in developing and maintaining new programs, i.e., Mental Health Court, Family Violence Council and Commission on Professionalism.
- Development and implementation of a new automated Case Management System.
- Development and implementation of an automated Integrated Justice System for all of the court related departments.
- Explore the feasibility of instituting specialty courts.