

# State of Illinois Supreme Court

At a Term of the Supreme Court, begun and held in Springfield, on Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.

Present: Rita B. Garman, Chief Justice  
Justice Charles E. Freeman  
Justice Thomas L. Kilbride  
Justice Anne M. Burke  
Justice Robert R. Thomas  
Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier  
Justice Mary Jane Theis

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M.R. 785(12)

In re: Judicial Conference of Illinois  
Committee on Strategic Planning

## Order

Effective January 1, 2016, the following members of the Judicial Conference are reappointed to the Committee on Strategic Planning for terms expiring December 31, 2016, or until an appointee is no longer a member of the Judicial Conference, whichever occurs earlier:

Hon. Mark H. Clarke  
Circuit Judge  
First Judicial Circuit  
Alexander County Courthouse  
2000 Washington Ave.  
Cairo, IL 62914

Hon. Neil H. Cohen  
Associate Judge  
Circuit Court of Cook County  
2308 Richard J. Daley Center  
Chicago, IL 60602

Hon. Mary Ellen Coghlan  
Circuit Judge  
Circuit Court of Cook County  
1803 Richard J. Daley Center  
Chicago, IL 60602

Hon. Shelvin Louise Marie Hall  
Appellate Judge  
First District Appellate Court  
160 N. LaSalle St., N1909  
Chicago, IL 60601

Hon. Diane M. Lagoski  
Chief Judge  
Eighth Judicial Circuit  
Brown County Courthouse  
200 West Court  
Mt. Sterling, IL 62353

Hon. Christopher C. Starck  
Circuit Judge  
Nineteenth Judicial Circuit  
Lake County Courthouse  
18 N. County Street  
Waukegan, IL 60085

Hon. Linnea E. Thompson  
Circuit Judge  
Fourteenth Judicial Circuit  
Rock Island County Courthouse  
210 15<sup>th</sup> Street, #408  
Rock Island, IL 61201

Effective January 1, 2016, the following persons are reappointed Advisors of the Committee on Strategic Planning for terms expiring December 31, 2016:

Carla L. Bender  
Clerk of the Appellate Court  
Fourth Appellate District  
201 W. Monroe St.  
P.O. Box 19206  
Springfield, IL 62794

Hon. F. Keith Brown  
Retired Judge  
1382 Creekside Court  
Elgin, IL 60123

J. Timothy Eaton  
Attorney at Law  
Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP  
111 E. Wacker Dr., Ste 2800  
Chicago, IL 60601

Hon. M. Carol Pope  
Appellate Judge  
Fourth District Appellate Court  
105 E. Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675

Hon. S. Gene Schwarm  
Presiding Judge  
Fifth District Appellate Court  
4114 N. Water Tower Pl., Ste A  
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

John E. Thies  
Attorney at Law  
Webber & Thies PC  
202 Lincoln Square  
Urbana, IL 61801

Effective January 1, 2016, the Honorable M. Carol Pope is reappointed chairperson of the Committee on Strategic Planning for a term expiring December 31, 2016.

Order entered by the Court.



In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2015.

*Carolyn Taft Grosboll*  
Clerk,  
Supreme Court of the State of Illinois

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## Illinois Judicial Conference Committee on Strategic Planning

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### **CONFERENCE YEAR 2016**

#### *Statement of Purpose:*

The Committee on Strategic Planning shall provide consultation, guidance and recommendations regarding long-range planning for the Illinois courts.

#### *General Charge:*

The Committee will assist the Supreme Court in advancing its goal of an impartial, accessible and efficient justice system by identifying emerging trends and issues affecting the delivery of justice and developing specific objectives, and actions to address each trend and issue. As such, the Committee would also function as an advisory "think tank" to research and offer tactical responses to such matters as future trends, economics, and public policies that will impact the future of courts.

#### *Conference Year 2016 Projects/Priorities:*

- Coordinate with the Administrative Office in soliciting more detailed and localized analyses of the court user survey results.
- Create strategic plans based on the results of the court-user survey, including modernizing the courts, making the courts more efficient and improving public access to the courts.
- Create other statewide court satisfaction surveys for judges, court staff and other court personnel.
- Continue the process of developing strategic plans aimed at creating a more unified court system including investigating the efficiency of the current clerk of court structure and investigating the possibility of a single realistic, reliable, and comprehensive source of funding for the courts.
- Expand the open dialogue between this Committee and other Supreme Court Committees, Commissions and Boards and Judicial Conference Committees to better develop strategic plans and avoid duplicative strategic planning.
- Undertake any such other projects or initiatives that are consistent with the Committee charge.