

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL



Cynthia Y. Cobbs
Director

I am pleased to present the **2007 Annual Report of the Illinois Courts**. The Report highlights the various projects undertaken by the Illinois Judicial Branch during this past year, including a summary of the 2007 Illinois Judicial Conference Annual Meeting and the activities pursued by the Supreme Court's various committees. The Report also contains an overview of the state and local funding for the Illinois Judicial Branch and statistical information regarding court caseloads. The Report concludes with a brief description of the six divisions of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts. In addition, the Report offers a display of photographs which depict the rich

and diverse architecture of Illinois' courthouses. Each of these facilities represents more than a functional structure. They are also the symbol and embodiment of justice under law.

The Administrative Office gratefully acknowledges the clerks of the supreme, appellate and circuit courts for their assistance and support in supplying the statistical data set forth herein. I also wish to express my gratitude to all who contributed to the Report's preparation. As reflected in the Report, the Illinois judiciary and court personnel remain committed to providing the highest level of quality and access to justice to the citizens of Illinois, a goal which the Administrative Office is both privileged and pleased to facilitate.

For further information on the Illinois Courts and the Administrative Office, I invite you to visit the Supreme Court's website at www.state.il.us/court/.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Y. Cobbs". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a faint, large watermark of the Illinois State Seal.

Cynthia Y. Cobbs, Director
Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts

