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Clerk Brown Continues to Develop Partnership with Japanese Supreme Court

The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, will welcome Japanese Judge Tadayuki Okazaki to observe a criminal case in the Circuit Court on Monday, February 23, 2004.

Judge Okazaki is currently studying the United States' criminal law and judicial system at the University of Illinois at Champaign under the Overseas Training and Research Program for Japanese judges and court. In Japan, he serves as a judge of the Fukuoka District Court hearing criminal trials.

"I am honored to have Judge Okazaki observe the criminal cases in the Cook County judicial system," said Clerk Brown. "While he is eager to learn about our system, my staff and I are just as excited to learn about his experiences in the Japanese Court."

This visit is made possible through a partnership, established in September 2003, between the Clerk's Office and the Supreme Court of Japan.

Judge Okazaki hopes to use what he learns from Cook County Circuit Court cases to enhance the judicial system when he returns to the Japanese Court.

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