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**Clerk Dorothy Brown Hosts Expungement
Informational Session for U.S. Armed Forces**

CHICAGO (August 10, 2005) – The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, recently hosted a meeting to inform United States Marine and Air Force recruiters of the expungement process and how potential recruits should prepare and file petitions that qualify for expungement.

“This meeting was designed to help military recruiters better understand how to assist prospective recruits with clearing applicable cases from their criminal records—cases that can stop them from being able to join the U.S. Armed Forces,” said Clerk Brown.

Clerk Brown’s presentation described the expungement process, what types of cases qualify for expungement and the importance of expunging applicable arrest and court records.

At the end of the session, the Armed Forces recruiters received expungement handouts.

“The clearing of arrest records is beneficial because it not only gives individuals a second chance at being productive citizens, but also allows them to join the Armed Forces,” said Clerk Brown.

Clerk Brown plans to expand these meetings to include more U.S. Marine and Air Force recruiting offices throughout the Chicago area.

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