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**Justice Kilbride Invites Clerk Dorothy Brown to
Join Electronic Access Policy Advisory Group**

(CHICAGO) — The Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, recently joined the newly formed **Electronic Access Policy Advisory Group** of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts (AOIC) at the invitation of Chief Justice Thomas L. Kilbride.

The purpose of the Electronic Access Policy Advisory Group is to undertake a thorough review and analysis of the *Electronic Access Policy for Circuit Court Records of the Illinois Courts* in light of the Supreme Court's interest in the continued expansion of e-business in the courts.

“As the Illinois judicial branch moves forward in this regard, enhancement to the *Electronic Access Policy for Circuit Court Records* will be critical to assuring the proper balance between the Court's commitment to transparency and individual rights to privacy and safety,” stated Michael J. Tardy, Director, AOIC.

Clerk Brown is a trailblazer in bringing e-business innovations to the Office of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Major projects and services developed under her leadership include: Electronic Filing (E-Filing), an Online Traffic Ticket Payment System, Mortgage Surplus Search, SmartForms (Online Order of Protection service), Smart Kiosks (automated court information terminals), and IDMS (Imaging Document Management System). All of these “Green Court”/E-Court initiatives improve accuracy, save time for court users, cut costs for the court system, and conserve energy.

“Technology is moving and improving processes very rapidly, and I am eager to help find ways for the AOIC to keep pace with the revolutionary changes e-business is bringing to the courts,” said Clerk Brown. “This advisory group is working to find the right balance between expanding electronic access to court information and protecting the privacy and safety of our citizens. I am very excited to participate in this effort to bring the *Electronic Access Policy for Circuit Court Records* up to date.”

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