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**CLERK DOROTHY BROWN ANNOUNCES: 15 COURT CASES
FILED SO FAR IN RESPONSE TO BURR OAK TRAGEDY**

**RECEIVERSHIP HEARING OF BURR OAK
CONDUCTED TODAY**

(Chicago) July 15, 2009 — Today, the Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, announced that a total of 15 cases have already been filed with the Clerk's Office concerning the desecration of decedents at Burr Oak Cemetery in Alsip.

"I extend my deepest sympathy to the families affected by this devastation of their sacred memories," said Brown. "This is not the eternal resting place that any of these families expected for their deceased loved one. It is an absolute tragedy." Clerk Brown expects that more lawsuits against Burr Oak will be filed in coming weeks.

The fifteen cases include five filed in the Chancery Division, one being a class action, and ten filed in the Law Division of the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

Criminal cases have been filed against the four defendants associated with Burr Oak. The defendants Carolyn Towns, Keith Nicks, Terrence Nicks and Maurice Dailey have been charged with dismembering a human body. No hearing dates have been set.

A receivership hearing was held today before Judge Stuart Palmer in the Law Division of the Circuit Court. Tomorrow morning the judge is expected to sign an order to turn over the administration of Burr Oak Cemetery.

"I hope this marks the beginning of the end of suffering for the families that have been victimized by the Burr Oak scandal," Clerk Brown stated in response to the receivership hearing determination.

For case filing information, call the Clerk's Office at (312) 603-5033.

Families seeking general information on the status of their loved ones buried at Burr Oak should call the following telephone numbers: 800-942-1950 or 708-865-6070. They may also email burroakinvestigation@gmail.com