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The Honorable Dorothy A. Brown (Center) poses with (from right) Deputy Clerk Karin Legohn; Clerk of Court Dale N. Atkins; Judge Tiffany Gautier Chase; and Judge Rosemary Ledet at the Daley Center on June 27, 2011

### **New Orleans Judges and Clerks visit the Clerk's Office for a comprehensive 3-Day Tour**

**Honorable Dorothy Brown**, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, invited two New Orleans judges and two clerks to tour the Clerk's Office. Judge Tiffany Gautier Chase, Judge Rosemary Ledet, Deputy Clerk Karin Legohn and Clerk of Court Dale N. Atkins arrived to Chicago with intention to rebuild their Louisiana court system while replicating the Cook County Court system.

The New Orleans dignitaries were greatly interested in the Imaging and Document Management System (IDMS), the largest technology initiative to date in the Clerk's Office. On Tuesday, June 28, 2011, Clerk Brown will show them the high speed scanners used for the IDMS project in various divisions. IDMS functions as a central repository of imaged (scanned) court documents. Once scanned, a document can be retrieved using the Clerk's Office's electronic docket, and with a click of a button, an image of the court document can be viewed.

“I am pleased to host the Chief Judge and dignitaries from New Orleans. I am proud that the Imaging & Document Management System in the Clerk’s Office is a model sought after as an example for other court system.” IDMS has greatly enhanced the efficiency of the Clerk’s Office’s day-to-day operations, and is a substantial benefit to Clerk’s Office customers who are able to view the scanned court documents via public access terminals.

“IDMS also reduces paper use, printing and storage costs and ultimately saves taxpayers’ dollars,” said Clerk Brown. “This technology brings us closer to our goal of being a paperless ‘Green’ court system.”

After the mass devastation of New Orleans from Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and the loss of civil files, the New Orleans court system looked into new ways to store files, and then became aware of the IDMS project launched by Clerk Brown in Cook County.

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