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Mission & Overview

The Legislature created the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor in 1977. The Agency was given the mission to work closely with State's Attorneys in 101 counties to prepare, file, and argue cases in the appellate courts to keep convicted criminals behind bars. The Agency's responsibility has since been expanded to include serving as Special Prosecutor, providing assistance to State's Attorneys in labor cases under the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act, in drug cases, and in tax objection cases. The Agency also provides continuing legal education services which includes specialized sessions in trial advocacy and in cases involving children who are crime victims and witnesses.

The Agency's specific powers and duties are detailed in the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Act (725 ILCS 210 et. seq).

Objective

The primary objective of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor is to deliver quality professional services to all participating counties in full compliance with its legislative mandate. This includes:

- I. To represent the People of the State of Illinois on appeal in all cases which emanate from a county containing less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, when requested to do so and at the direction of the State's Attorney;
- II. To prepare, file, and argue such appellate briefs in the Illinois Appellate Court with the advice and consent of the State's Attorney and, when requested and authorized to do so by the Attorney General, in the Supreme Court;
- III. To assist State's Attorneys in the discharge of their duties under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the

Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Act, the Cannabis Control Act, the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act, and the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act;

- IV. To provide trial assistance to State's Attorneys and to serve as Special Prosecutor when duly appointed by a court having jurisdiction with a court order stating the statutory provisions;
- V. To assist State's Attorneys in the trial and appeal of tax objection cases;
- VI. To conduct training programs for State's Attorneys and law enforcement personnel including programs to reduce trauma for child witnesses in criminal proceedings; and
- VII. To provide a legal intern program.

County Participation

The State's Attorneys retain exclusive control of appeals originating in their respective counties as well as the authority to control all documents in each individual case. The Agency files no documents in the reviewing courts until they are approved by the State's Attorneys otherwise responsible for prosecuting the appeal.

The participation of the State's Attorney in the program is completely voluntary. Counties that agree to participate are required to collectively finance one-third of the total appropriation approved by the General Assembly and the Governor with the exception of personal services expenses of the collective bargaining unit. The remaining two-thirds of the Agency's budget is appropriated from General Revenue Funds. Each county's portion is determined annually by the Agency and is based on population.

Board of Governors

The Agency is governed by a Board of Governors consisting of ten State's Attorneys. The Cook County State's Attorney is a permanent member by statute; eight State's Attorneys are elected annually; and the tenth member is appointed each year by the other nine members.

Director's Office

The Director is responsible for the overall supervision and coordination of the Agency and for providing all administrative services. This includes administrative and managerial functions, legal policy and other extraordinary legal concerns, budgetary and legislative matters, and Agency publications.

District Offices

Four District Offices have been established. They are located in Elgin (Second District), Ottawa (Third District), Springfield (Fourth District), and Mt. Vernon (Fifth District). Each Office is managed by a Deputy Director who supervises a staff of attorneys and clerical personnel.

Duties and History

In addition to the primary duties of preparing, filing, and arguing appellate briefs, the Agency provides numerous other services to State's Attorneys and law enforcement personnel. The Agency's initial appellate responsibility focused on criminal cases.

However, effective August 9, 1981, the Agency's authorization was expanded to represent the People of the State of Illinois on appeal in juvenile cases, paternity cases, and cases arising under the Mental Health Development and Disabilities Code when requested to do so by the respective State's Attorney. Also effective

on the same date, the Agency was given authority upon request to assist State's Attorneys in the trial and appeal of tax objection cases.

In addition, on August 18, 1982, the Agency was authorized to assist State's Attorneys on cases and appeals arising under the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Act. Also, effective August 3, 1984, the Agency's authorization was again expanded to provide for assisting State's Attorneys in the discharge of their duties under the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act. Effective July 1, 1986, the Agency was legislatively mandated to conduct training programs for prosecutors and other law enforcement personnel to reduce trauma for child witnesses in criminal proceedings.

Effective January 1, 1988, the authority of the Agency was again expanded to permit the Agency to represent the People of the State of Illinois on appeal in all types of cases that emanate from a county containing less than 3,000,000 inhabitants when requested to do so, and at the direction of the State's Attorney otherwise responsible for prosecuting the appeal. On this same date, the Agency was also authorized to assist State's Attorneys in the full discharge of their duties under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act and the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Act. To carry out this responsibility, the Agency created the Local Drug Prosecution Support Unit on May 1, 1988. This Unit receives funding from federal grants, and the Agency provides the required matching funds.

On September 28, 1989, the Agency entered into a collective bargaining agreement with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union. By this agreement, the Agency recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining representative for Staff Attorneys and Legal Secretaries. On January 1, 1990, the authority of the Agency was expanded through the creation of general revenue appropriations for collective bargaining personal services and

through the approval to permit the rollover of county funds.

Effective September 10, 1990, Public Act 86-1382 created the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act and amended the Cannabis Control Act and the Controlled Substances Act. These amendments authorized the Agency to receive a 12.5% share in the monies and sale proceeds of property forfeited and seized under the provisions of these Acts in counties under 3,000,000 inhabitants. They also authorized the Agency to use these funds in the investigation, prosecution, and appeal of cases arising under laws governing cannabis and controlled substances.

On July 16, 2002, the Agency was authorized to assist State's Attorneys in the discharge of their duties under the Cannabis Control Act and the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act. On this same date, the Agency was also authorized to provide trial assistance to State's Attorneys and to serve as Special Prosecutor when duly appointed by a court having jurisdiction with a court order stating the statutory provisions.

Effective May 28, 2010, the Agency was officially designated a judicial agency of state government.

On this same date, the term of the Agency's elected Board of Governors was extended from one to two years.

On September 11, 2012, the Agency was further authorized to provide services to State's Attorneys under the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act.

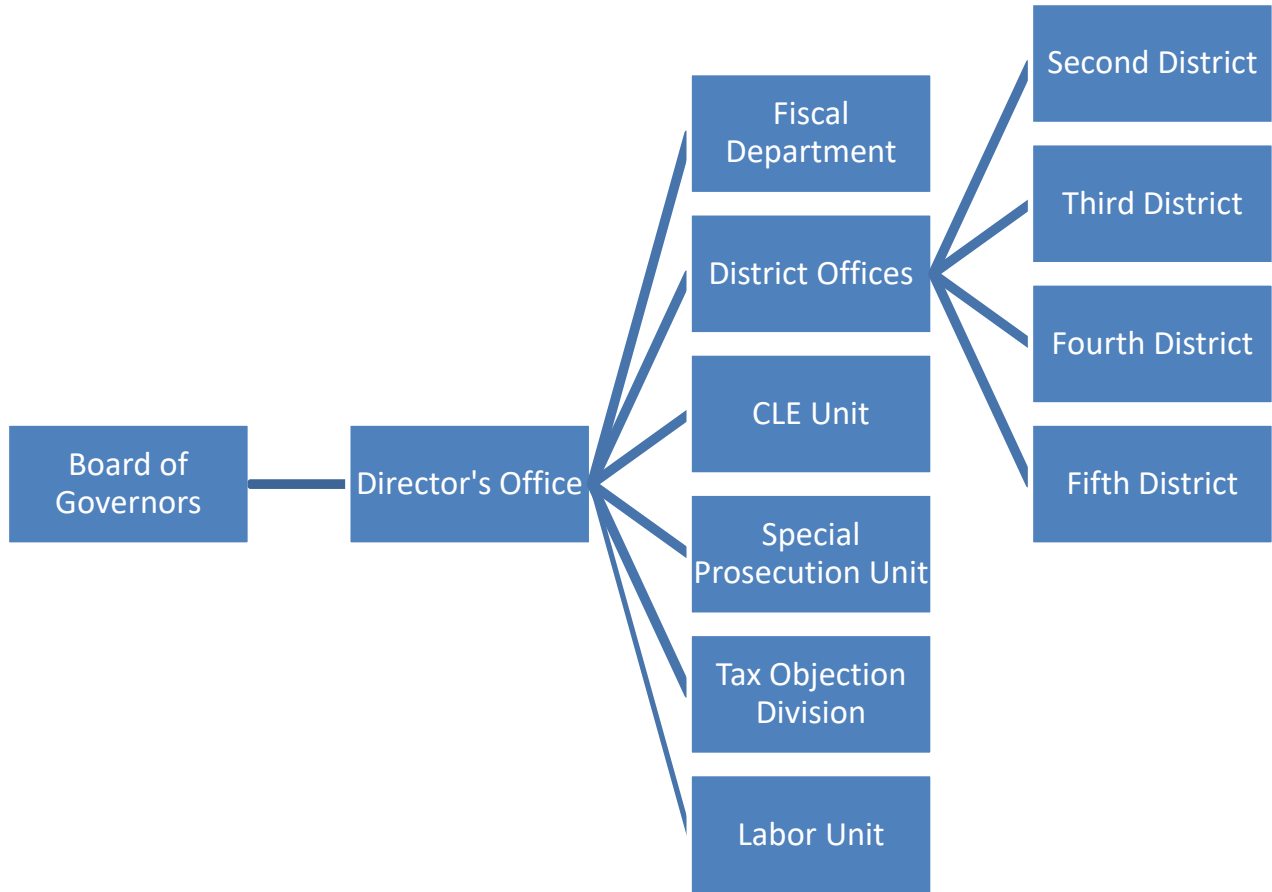
On May 23, 2014, Public Act 98-938 was passed and mandated that the Agency create a Best Practices Committee to evaluate specific issues related to the investigation and prosecution of serious criminal offenses, and to make recommendations to improve and enhance public safety.

On July 27, 2015, Public Act 99-143 was passed and mandated that the Agency include persons with disabilities in its training programs focusing on reduction of trauma in testifying in criminal proceedings.

On July 30, 2015, Public Act 99-208 was passed. This Public Act allows the State's Attorney of Cook County to appoint a designee for Board Meetings; allows the Agency to contract for or employ part-time investigators; mandates that these investigators contact and cooperate with local law enforcement agencies unless the contact and cooperation would compromise an investigation in which the local law enforcement agencies have a personal involvement; authorizes the Director to issue a badge to each investigator, contracted or employed; and allows the Director to issue identification shields to employees not exercising the powers of a peace officer if the Director determines that such identification is necessary for the employee to carry out his or her duties.

Agency Structure

The below chart summarizes the overall structure of the Agency. The State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor is governed by a Board of Governors consisting of ten State's Attorneys. The Director's Office promulgates and implements the rules and regulations governing the administrative and legal functions of the Agency.



Board of Governors

The Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor has a membership of ten State's Attorneys who govern the Agency's functions. Eight State's Attorneys are elected to serve on the Board. The Cook County State's Attorney serves by statute, and one State's Attorney is appointed Member-At-Large by the other nine members. The Board members elect officers to preside during the two-year term.

The Board Officers during FY20 were:

Justin E. Hood, Hamilton County, Chairman (Elected June 2018)
Ben Goetten, Jersey County, Vice-Chairman (Elected June 2018)
Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County, Secretary (Served from April 2019 to August 2019)
Gray H. Noll, Morgan County, Secretary (Elected December 2019)

The State's Attorneys who served as members of the FY20 Board of Governors were:

First District:

Kimberly M. Foxx, Cook County (Serves by statute, Effective December 2016)

Second District:

Joseph H. McMahon, Kane County (Has served on Board since February 2013)
Michael G. Nerheim, Lake County (Elected to Board December 2018)

Third District:

Andrew J. Doyle, Warren County (Elected to Board June 2019)
Stewart J. Umholtz, Tazewell County (Elected to Board March 2017)

Fourth District:

Ben Goetten, Jersey County (Has served on Board since May 2013)
Gray H. Noll, Morgan County (Elected to Board December 2018)
Julia R. Rietz, Champaign County (Appointed Board Member-at-Large September 2018 and September 2019)

Fifth District:

Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County (Served on Board from February 2015 to August 2019)
Justin E. Hood, Hamilton County (Has served on Board since December 2009)
Brandon J. Zanotti, Williamson County (Served as Board Member-at-Large from December 2017 to September 2018; Elected to Board September 2019)

Biographies

[Andrew J. Doyle](#)

Andrew J. Doyle, a lifelong Warren County resident, attended University of Illinois and received a Bachelor's Degree in History in 2003.

After graduating, Mr. Doyle bought and managed a local pizza restaurant until he graduated Cum Laude from Northern Illinois University College of Law in 2012. During law school, he also owned and operated a real estate office.

Following graduation from law school, Mr. Doyle was hired as an Assistant State's Attorney for Warren County. Andrew was appointed State's Attorney of Warren County in 2016 and was elected to the position later that year.

Mr. Doyle was elected to the Board in June 2019.

[Kimberly M. Foxx](#)

Kimberly M. Foxx is the first African American woman to lead the Cook County State's Attorney's Office – the second largest prosecutor's office in the country. She was elected to the top prosecutor post, after claiming victory in a historic election, during a critical time for the criminal justice system in Chicago. Her message of reform, restoring trust, and working with the community to increase public safety, resonated with the diverse citizens across the county who want to see a more balanced criminal justice system.

Ms. Foxx took office on December 1, 2016 with a vision for transforming the Cook County State's Attorney's Office into a fairer, more forward-thinking agency focused on rebuilding the public trust, promoting transparency, and being proactive in making all communities safe. She is committed to making the office more responsive to the people of Cook County.

Her passion for public service is deeply personal. She spent her early childhood growing up in the Cabrini Green public housing complex, raised by her teenage mother and grandmother. Her life experiences gave her insight on the impact of crime, violence and poverty on our communities. That consciousness inspired Ms. Foxx to pursue a career in public service as she sought to improve life in communities like the one in which she was raised.

Prior to being elected State's Attorney, Ms. Foxx served as Chief of Staff for Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle. As President Preckwinkle's senior advisor and lead strategist, she oversaw a \$4 billion annual budget and worked on issues ranging from county finances to public safety and juvenile detention. She was the lead architect of the county's criminal justice reform agenda to address racial disparities in the criminal and juvenile justice systems. Her efforts contributed to a significant drop in the Cook County jail population while promoting public safety.

A veteran prosecutor, Ms. Foxx served as an Assistant State's Attorney in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office for 12 years, rising through the ranks to supervise dozens of ASAs in felony juvenile courtrooms. She has also served as a guardian ad litem in the Cook County Public Guardian's Office, where she worked as a senior attorney advocating for children navigating the child welfare system, many of whom had been abused, neglected or had special needs.

An accomplished leader, prosecutor and advocate, Ms. Foxx is active with a number of community organizations. She currently serves as a board member for the Adler University, and Free Spirit Media, where she also served as Board President. Previously, Ms. Foxx has served as board chair of Planned Parenthood of Illinois and president of the National Black Prosecutors Association- Chicago Chapter. She

is a member of Leadership Greater Chicago and the Chicago Council of Lawyers.

Born and raised on Chicago's Near North Side, Ms. Foxx is a graduate of Southern Illinois University, where she earned a B.A. in Political Science and a J.D. from the SIU School of Law.

Ms. Foxx serves on the Board of Governors by statute.

Ben Goetten

Mr. Goetten received his undergraduate degree from Loyola University in Chicago where he majored in criminal justice. He was legally trained at The John Marshall Law School in Chicago. While in law school, he was accepted to work as an intern in the newly established Appellate Prosecutor's Internship Program.

Prior to becoming State's Attorney in Jersey County, he worked in private practice, concentrating in personal injury, family law and workers compensation. He was appointed as Jersey County State's Attorney in July of 2007 and successfully ran for election in 2008, and re-election in 2012 and 2016.

Mr. Goetten has served on the Board since May 2013 and was elected Vice-Chairman in June 2018. In July 2020, he was elected as Chairman.

Tyler R. Edmonds

Mr. Edmonds, a fifth-generation Union County native, served as Union County State's Attorney since from 2008 to 2019.

Mr. Edmonds is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a graduate of Vanderbilt University Law School where he served as editor-in-chief of the Vanderbilt Journal of Entertainment and Technology Law.

Prior to being elected State's Attorney, Mr. Edmonds was in private practice with the Chicago-based law firm, Mayer Brown LLP, and focused on state and local government law, municipal finance, and civil litigation.

As Union County State's Attorney, Mr. Edmonds worked to expand services to crime victims, promote local government transparency and focus law-enforcement efforts on domestic violence, child abuse and methamphetamine addiction.

Mr. Edmonds was an advocate for early-childhood education and juvenile justice reform. His office played a key role in bringing the Redeploy Illinois program to the First Judicial Circuit and Tyler serves as state co-chair of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Illinois.

Mr. Edmonds was also a member of the executive committee of the Illinois State's Attorney's Association.

Mr. Edmonds has served on the Board as Member-at-Large from February 2015 until September 2017 when he was elected as a Fifth District Board Member. He was elected as Secretary in April 2019 and resigned in August 2019.

He resides in Anna.

Justin E. Hood

Justin E. Hood was raised in McLeansboro, Illinois. Justin received his bachelor degree with honors in 2000 from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. He graduated from Southern Illinois University Law School in 2004.

Mr. Hood worked as an Assistant State's attorney for Jackson County, St. Clair County, and Franklin County.

Mr. Hood won his primary election in February of 2008 and was sworn in as Hamilton County

State's Attorney in August 2008. He was reelected State's Attorney in 2012 and 2016.

Apart from his duties as Hamilton County State's Attorney, Mr. Hood serves as First Vice President of the Illinois State's Attorneys Association and assists several Southern Illinois Counties as a special prosecutor on conflict cases.

Mr. Hood is active on the State's Attorney Legislative Committee. He is also a member of the National District Attorney Association.

Mr. Hood is a volunteer coach and board member in the Hamilton County Athletic Association. He is a member of the Hamilton County Rotary, Masonic Polk Lodge, and local Farm Bureau chapter.

Mr. Hood is also active in the local school system giving presentations on a variety of topics that range from traffic issues, drug and alcohol abuse, to sexual and domestic violence issues.

Mr. Hood has served on the Board since December 2009. He was elected Vice-Chairman in June 2012 and served until June 2018 when he was elected Chairman.

Mr. Hood is married to Marcy and lives in McLeansboro with their three children.

[Joseph H. McMahon](#)

Mr. McMahon has been the Kane County State's Attorney since 2010 and successfully ran for re-election in 2012 and 2016.

As State's Attorney, he oversees an office of 130 employees, including 60 attorneys. In 2012, Mr. McMahon was named the Illinois Director of the National District Attorney's Association.

Mr. McMahon began his legal career in 1992 as an Assistant State's Attorney in Kane County

prosecuting criminal cases, including traffic, misdemeanor, felonies, sexual assault, gang-related crimes, crimes against children and the elderly and first-degree murder and death-penalty cases. From 1998 to 2000, Mr. McMahon served as Chief of the Criminal Division of the Kane County State's Attorney's Office and supervised a staff of 28 lawyers and all criminal prosecutions in Kane County. Mr. McMahon also worked as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Illinois prosecuting white collar crime, public corruption and healthcare fraud.

Before he returned to the office in 2010, Mr. McMahon was in the private practice of law, representing small and mid-sized organizations and their principals as their outside general counsel.

Mr. McMahon is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association, having previously served as chairman of its Corporate Law Department Section Council, chairman of the Sentencing & Corrections Committee and currently is a member of its Judicial Evaluation Outside of Cook County Committee.

Mr. McMahon earned his Bachelor's degree in 1988 from the University of Iowa and his Juris Doctor from The John Marshall Law School in 1992. In 2006, he earned his Master's in Business Administration from the University of Notre Dame.

Mr. McMahon has served on the Board since February 2013.

Mr. McMahon was instrumental in creating the Agency's first Best Practices Committee which evaluates specific issues related to the investigation and prosecution of serious criminal offenses, and makes recommendations to improve and enhance public safety. He was elected as Chairman of the Best Practices Committee in December 2013.

Michael G. Nerheim

Lake County State's Attorney Michael Nerheim is a dedicated public servant, family man and active member of the community. He is recognized for vigorously prosecuting violators of the law and respecting the rights of victims and the accused while ensuring justice for all.

As State's Attorney, he oversees an office of 140 attorneys, investigators, victim coordinators, paralegals, and support staff, plus two certified comfort dogs and a corps of volunteers.

Upon assuming office in December 2012, State's Attorney Nerheim worked to make the office more efficient, effective, and transparent. He is focused on preventing wrongful convictions, working with law enforcement to address the huge surge in gangs and gang violence in our community, and restoring the public's trust in the office. He developed a countywide opioid prevention strategy and co-founded the Lake County Opioid Initiative.

State's Attorney Nerheim began his legal career in 1999 as an Assistant State's Attorney. He has extensive experience working in all criminal divisions of the Lake County State's Attorney's Office, handling every type of case including traffic, misdemeanor, domestic violence, criminal sexual assault, drug trafficking, gang-related crimes, crimes against children and the elderly, official misconduct, and murder.

State's Attorney Nerheim is an experienced prosecutor and former defense attorney with more than 20 years of experience and perspective on both sides of the law. His in-depth experience includes not only criminal law, but also areas of complex civil litigation and municipal law. As a private practitioner, he was appointed by the courts to investigate post-conviction issues and has represented indigent defendants.

State's Attorney Nerheim created a first-of-its-kind Case Review Panel consisting of volunteer

legal professionals, some from outside of Lake County, who bring a wide range of experience. As an independent review board, the panel's duty is to focus on the issue of wrongful convictions. When the panel receives claims that evidence exists to support actual innocence, they review and investigate the veracity of the claimed evidence. An in-house Conviction Integrity Unit, made up of senior-level staff, supplements the Independent Case Review Panel. Additionally, he created a Citizens Advisory Board comprised of a diverse group of community leaders who engage the public on key issues related to crime, public safety, and restoring trust in the criminal justice system.

State's Attorney Nerheim hosts and participates in numerous educational and public safety forums across Lake County. He also is frequently called upon to lecture nationally on a variety of criminal justice issues, including gangs, conviction integrity, and the opioid epidemic. He is on the faculty at Columbia College of Missouri where he teaches "The Laws of Evidence," "Ethics in Law Enforcement," and "Victims in the Criminal Justice System."

State's Attorney Nerheim has demonstrated strong leadership and business experience and is extensively involved in the Lake County community. He is Chairman and Co-Founder of the Lake County Opioid Initiative, and chairs the Lake County Domestic Violence Council, the Lake County Sexual Assault Council, and the Lake County Juvenile Justice Council. He was appointed as Co-Chairman of the Suburban Anti-Heroin Task Force and co-chairs the Executive Committee for Fight Crime: Invest in Kids Illinois. In December 2018, he was elected by his colleagues in the Second Judicial District to serve on the Board of Governors of the Illinois Office of State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and was elected by members statewide to serve on the Executive Committee of the Illinois State's Attorney's Association. He is on the board of directors of Nicasa, Lake County Bar Foundation, United Way of Lake

County, Northeast Illinois Council Boy Scouts of America, Arden Shore Child and Family Services, and Former Inmates Striving Together (F.I.S.T.). He serves on the College of Lake County Criminal Justice advisory board and the advisory boards for Lake County Crime Stoppers and Staben House.

State's Attorney Nerheim is a former member of the National Commission on Forensic Science Sub-Committee on Human Factors in Washington DC. He is a member of the Illinois Juvenile Justice Reform Commission, the Illinois Sexual Assault Evidence Tracking and Reporting Commission, the Lake County After School Coalition, and the Lake County Underage Drinking and Drug Prevention Task Force. State's Attorney Nerheim is The Judge Advocate, Lake County Council of the Navy League of the United States and serves as Teen Court Judge in Warren Township. He is a member of the Lake County Bar Association and the Illinois State Bar Association.

State's Attorney Nerheim was awarded the 2017 and 2014 *State's Attorney of the Year* by the Illinois State Crime Commission. In 2016 he was the recipient of the Whitney M. Young Jr. Service Award by the Boy Scouts of America, 2016 Judge Robert S. Smith Jr. Humanitarian Award by Red Mass Committee, and the 2016 Law Enforcement Innovation Award by Lake County Municipal League. Furthermore, he was named the 2015 *Justinian of the Year* by the Coalition to Reduce Recidivism and received the 2015 Executive Director's Award by the Lake County Juvenile Officer's Association. In 2014, he was awarded, the 2014 *Frederic Milton Thrasher Award* from the National Gang Crime Research Center for outstanding leadership in prosecution, and the 2014 *Moxie Award* from the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ICASA) for supporting sexual assault victims and justice through the criminal justice system. State's Attorney Nerheim was recognized with the 2014 *Community Leadership Award* from the Overdose Awareness Day Planning Committee and the 2013 *Home for the Holidays*

Award from Waukegan Township for his dedicated service and commitment to the Eddie Washington Center and Staben House. Lastly, he was awarded the 2013 *Person of the Year Award* by the United Hellenic Voters of America.

State's Attorney Nerheim has served on the Board since December 2018.

State's Attorney Nerheim is a lifelong resident of Lake County. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and Psychology from Winona State University in Winona, Minnesota and earned his Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, from The John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois.

Gray H. Noll

Gray H. Noll is the State's Attorney of Morgan County. He has served in that capacity since January 1st, 2016. Prior to moving to Morgan County, he served the people of Sangamon County as an Assistant State's Attorney.

Altogether, Mr. Noll has over 17 years of prosecutorial experience. He has served in many different roles as a prosecutor. He has previously held positions including Chief of the Traffic and Misdemeanor Division, Chief of the Domestic Violence Division, and Chief of the Violent Crimes and Drug Division. He has been Lead Counsel on numerous jury trials ranging from petty traffic tickets to First Degree Murder charges.

Prior to becoming an Assistant State's Attorney in Sangamon County, Mr. Noll attended Southern Illinois University School of Law. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Illinois College. Between Illinois College and SIU, Mr. Noll was employed as a high school history teacher in the city of Chicago.

Mr. Noll has served on the Board since December 2018 and was elected as Secretary in December 2019.

Mr. Noll currently resides in Jacksonville with his wife Lauren and their two sons.

Julia R. Rietz

Julia R. Rietz was elected Champaign County State's Attorney in November, 2004. Ms. Rietz is currently serving her 4th term in office, having been reelected most recently in 2016.

Ms. Rietz grew up in the Chicago suburbs. She received her undergraduate degree in business management and international relations from Boston University in 1990, and her law degree from the University Of Illinois College Of Law in 1993. Ms. Rietz began her legal career in the Champaign County State's Attorney's Office in 1993 as an Assistant State's Attorney. In 1999, she went into private practice as a partner with the Urbana law firm of Beckett & Webber, P.C., concentrating in family law, until she was elected State's Attorney.

As State's Attorney, Ms. Rietz serves as the chief prosecutor for Champaign County and legal counsel for Champaign County government. In addition to her duties as State's Attorney, she is an adjunct professor at the University of Illinois College of Law teaching Trial Advocacy, and serves as chair of the county's Children's Advocacy Center Governing Board.

Ms. Rietz served as the At-Large Board Member since September 2018.

Ms. Rietz lives in rural Urbana with her horses and dogs and her husband, Al Johnston, a retired Urbana Police Officer. Between them they have 3 children, Evan, who lives in California, Alice, a middle school language arts teacher in St. Louis, and Rachel, an undergrad at Mizzou.

Stewart J. Umholtz

Mr. Umholtz has served as State's Attorney of Tazewell County since September 12, 1995. He continues to enjoy the day-to-day opportunities of being a minister of justice.

He was born and raised in Tazewell County, the son of a steelworker and nurse, and continues to make his home there.

He served as an Assistant State's Attorney from 1985-95, with experience in Civil, Juvenile, Traffic, Misdemeanor and Felony cases. He has argued cases in both the state and federal trial courts, appellate courts and the Illinois Supreme Court.

Mr. Umholtz has the distinction of being the only Illinois State's Attorney to successfully prosecute a sitting Justice of the Illinois Supreme Court. When informed of this distinction, the Chicago Tribune reported: Umholtz said "Lucky me".

Mr. Umholtz was named the Outstanding Alum of the Northern Illinois University College of Law in 1996. For many years he volunteered as a coach for the Pekin High School swim team. Currently, he enjoys his time away from the courthouse bicycling, hiking, kayaking, dining and traveling.

Mr. Umholtz was elected to the Board in March 2017.

Brandon J. Zanotti

Brandon J. Zanotti is the Williamson County State's Attorney. He filled two years of a vacancy in 2014, and won election in 2016.

Mr. Zanotti is a lifelong Southern Illinois resident. After graduating high school class valedictorian from Johnston City, he graduated summa cum laude from SIU Carbondale with a degree in Finance.

Mr. Zanotti earned his Juris Doctor degree from Washington University in St. Louis School of Law. During law school, he served in the U.S. Senate in Washington, D.C., as a congressional legal clerk to Senator Dick Durbin.

Mr. Zanotti is licensed to practice law in Illinois and Missouri. Before becoming State's Attorney, he was an Arbitrator with the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission. Prior to that, he was in private practice with the Carbondale law firm of Feirich / Mager / Green / Ryan.

Mr. Zanotti is an Adjunct Professor of Law at the SIU School of Law. He is a member of many local and statewide organizations, and is on the executive boards of his local Child Advocacy Center and Juvenile Justice Council. He is a board member of the State's Attorneys Association.

Mr. Zanotti served as the At-Large Member from December 2017 through September 2018, and was elected to the Board in September 2019.

Mr. Zanotti resides in rural Johnston City with his wife, Katie, and daughters, Eleanor and Claire.

Program Participation

All counties having less than three million inhabitants are eligible to participate in the Agency’s Program. Participation is voluntary. The following counties participated in the State’s Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor’s program in FY20:

Second District (12)

Boone
Carroll
DeKalb
Jo Daviess
Kane
Kendall
Lake
Lee
McHenry
Ogle
Stephenson
Winnebago

Third District (21)

Bureau
Fulton
Grundy
Hancock
Henderson
Henry
Iroquois
Kankakee
Knox
LaSalle
Marshall
McDonough
Mercer
Peoria
Putnam
Rock Island
Stark
Tazewell
Warren
Whiteside
Will

Fourth District (30)

Adams
Brown
Calhoun
Cass
Champaign
Clark
Coles
Cumberland
DeWitt
Douglas
Edgar
Ford
Greene
Jersey
Livingston
Logan
Macon
Macoupin
Mason
McLean
Menard
Morgan
Moultrie
Piatt
Pike
Sangamon
Schuyler
Scott
Vermilion
Woodford

Fifth District (37)

Alexander
Bond
Christian
Clay
Clinton
Crawford
Edwards
Effingham
Fayette
Franklin
Gallatin
Hamilton
Hardin
Jackson
Jasper
Jefferson
Johnson
Lawrence
Madison
Marion
Massac
Monroe
Montgomery
Perry
Pope
Pulaski
Randolph
Richland
Saline
Shelby
St. Clair
Union
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The Director's Office is responsible for all Agency administrative and managerial functions, legal policy and other extraordinary legal concerns, budgetary and legislative matters, and Agency publications. The following personnel served on the staff of the Director's Office during FY20:

Director: Patrick J. Delfino	Associate Director/CLE Administrator: Matthew P. Jones
Chief Deputy Director: David J. Robinson	Administrative Assistant: Megan Kelly
Human Resources Coordinator: Chad Hilligoss	Victim / Witness Coordinator: Lisa Levi
Chief Fiscal Officer: Gloria Mundy	Chief Technology Officer: Matthew Richter
Assistant Fiscal Officers: Sarah Klein Jessica Mitchell	Receptionist: Jan Beiermann
Special Prosecution Unit: Jonathan Barnard (Contractual) Thomas Brown (Contractual) Charles Colburn William Elward (Contractual) Ralph Fowler Matthew Goetten Kate Kurtz Lorinda Lamken	Kristen Miller Jennifer Mudge Dave Neal Edwin Parkinson (Contractual) David Rands Brooke Shupe Brian J. Towne Charles Zalar (Contractual)

Patrick J. Delfino

Mr. Delfino is a native of Chicago and a graduate of the University of Notre Dame Law School. He is an experienced trial and appellate attorney. Before coming to the Appellate Prosecutor's Office as Assistant Director, he served as a drug attorney and court specialist with the Illinois Law Enforcement Commission and as the Director of Planning and Special Projects of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. Mr. Delfino was appointed Director of the Appellate Prosecutor's Office in December 2008.

Mr. Delfino has taught criminal justice courses at colleges and law schools and is the Executive Director of the Illinois State's Attorneys Association. He serves on the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority by statute and also serves on the Illinois Sex Offender Management Board, the Children's Justice Task Force of the Department of Children and Family Services, and on the Illinois Terrorism Task

Force. He is a Past-President of the Illinois Academy of Criminology, and a member of the Chicago Bar Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, and the National District Attorneys Association. He resides in Springfield with his daughter.

Second District Office

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The Second Judicial District is comprised of 13 counties, 12 of which participated in the Appellate Prosecutor's program during FY20. Participating counties were as follows:

Boone	Kane	McHenry
Carroll	Kendall	Ogle
DeKalb	Lake	Stephenson
Jo Daviess	Lee	Winnebago



The following personnel served on the Second District staff during FY20:

Deputy Directors:

Edward R. Psenicka

Staff Attorneys:

John Barrett	Steven A. Rodgers
Mary Beth Burns	Ivan O. Taylor, Jr.
Diane Campbell	Adam Trejo
David Friedland	
Barry Jacobs	
Victoria Jozef	
Joan Kripke	
Katrina Kuhn	
Stephanie Hoit Lee	
Richard London	

Legal Secretaries:

Sharon Lavick (Administrative)
Sandra Lorigan
Meghan O'Hern

FY20 2nd District Appellate Statistics

Main Briefs	Reply Briefs	Sup. Briefs	Petitions for Rehearing	Summary Disp.	Conf. of Error	Motions to Dismiss / Other	Oral Argument	PLA	Advice Calls / Other Requests
279	11	3	4	4	4	7	61	4	711

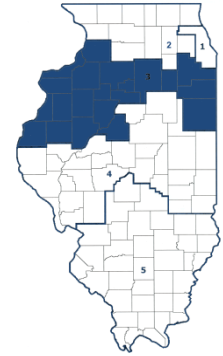
Third District Office

628 Columbus Street-Suite 300
Ottawa, IL 61350

815-434-7010
Fax: 815-434-7339

The Third Judicial District is comprised of 21 counties, all of which participated in the Appellate Prosecutor's program during FY20. Participating counties were as follows:

Bureau	Iroquois	Mercer	Warren
Fulton	Kankakee	Peoria	Whiteside
Grundy	Knox	Putnam	Will
Hancock	LaSalle	Rock Island	
Henderson	Marshall	Stark	
Henry	McDonough	Tazewell	



The following personnel served on the Third District staff during FY20:

Deputy Directors:

Thomas D. Arado

Staff Attorneys:

Nicholas Atwood
Mark Austill
Jamie Bellah
Gary Gnidovec
Kelly Krapf
Richard Leonard

Justin Nicolosi
Stephanie Raymond

Legal Secretaries:

Denise Barr (Administrative)
Mary Elizabeth Fox
Heather Sobkowich (PT)

FY20 3rd District Appellate Statistics

Main Briefs	Reply Briefs	Sup. Briefs	Petitions for Rehearing	Summary Disp.	Conf. of Error	Motions to Dismiss / Other	Oral Argument	PLA	Advice Calls / Other Requests
223	3	1	4	6	7	50	37	19	83

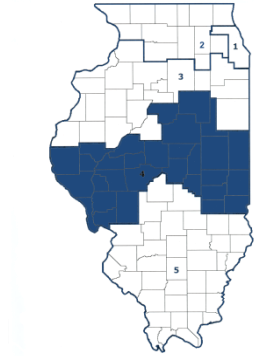
Fourth District Office

725 South Second Street
Springfield, IL 62704

217-782-8076
Fax: 217-782-6305

The Fourth Judicial District is comprised of 30 counties, all of which participated in the Appellate Prosecutor's program during FY20. Participating counties were as follows:

Adams	DeWitt	Macon	Pike
Brown	Douglas	Macoupin	Sangamon
Calhoun	Edgar	Mason	Schuyler
Cass	Ford	McLean	Scott
Champaign	Greene	Menard	Vermilion
Clark	Jersey	Morgan	Woodford
Coles	Livingston	Moultrie	
Cumberland	Logan	Piatt	



The following personnel served on the Fourth District staff during FY20:

Deputy Director:
David J. Robinson

Staff Attorneys:

Allison Brooks	Linda McClain
Rosario Escalera	Luke McNeill
Tim Londrigan	Lara Quivey
James Majors	Benjamin Sardinas
David Mannchen	Kathy Shepard
Leslie Martin	James Ryan Williams

Law Clerk:
Brittany Whitfield

Legal Secretaries:
Shirley Bagby (Administrative)
Shannon Higgins

FY20 4th District Appellate Statistics

Main Briefs	Reply Briefs	Sup. Briefs	Petitions for Rehearing	Summary Disp.	Conf. of Error	Motions to Dismiss / Other	Oral Argument	PLA	Advice Calls / Other Requests
415	9	10	4	0	11	60	49	4	116

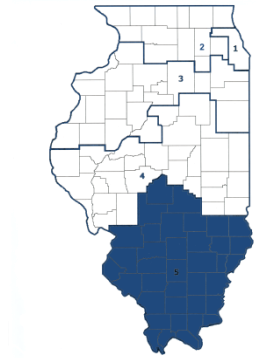
Fifth District Office

730 East Illinois Highway 15-Suite 2
Mt. Vernon, IL 62864

618-244-2107
Fax: 618-244-2713

The Fifth Judicial District is comprised of 37 counties, all of which participated in the Appellate Prosecutor's program during FY20. Participating counties were as follows:

Alexander	Gallatin	Massac	St. Clair
Bond	Hamilton	Monroe	Union
Christian	Hardin	Montgomery	Wabash
Clay	Jackson	Perry	Washington
Clinton	Jasper	Pope	Wayne
Crawford	Jefferson	Pulaski	White
Edwards	Johnson	Randolph	Williamson
Effingham	Lawrence	Richland	
Fayette	Madison	Saline	
Franklin	Marion	Shelby	



The following personnel served on the Fifth District Staff during FY20:

Deputy Director:

Patrick D. Daly

Staff Attorneys:

Jessica Book
Jennifer Camden
Michael Lennix
Max Miller
Valerie Ozment

Sharon Shanahan
Kelly Stacey

Legal Secretaries:

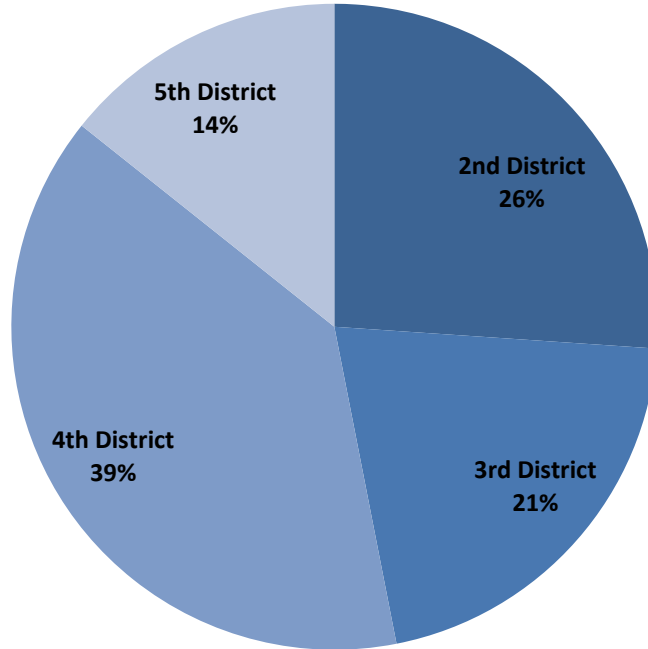
Joanie Cooper (Administrative)
Janet Schumm

FY20 5th District Appellate Statistics

Main Briefs	Reply Briefs	Sup. Briefs	Petitions for Rehearing	Summary Disp.	Conf. of Error	Motions to Dismiss / Other	Oral Argument	PLA	Advice Calls / Other Requests
153	4	3	0	0	0	34	49	1	367

Appellate Program Statistical Analysis

FY20 Main Briefs Filed



	2 nd District	3 rd District	4 th District	5 th District	Total
Main Briefs	279	223	415	153	1,070
Reply Briefs	11	3	9	4	27
Supplemental Briefs	3	1	10	3	17
Petitions for Rehearing	4	4	4	0	12
Summary Dispositions	4	6	0	0	10
Confessions of Error	4	7	11	0	22
Motions to Dismiss / Other	7	50	60	34	151
Oral Arguments	61	37	49	49	196
Petitions for Leave to Appeal	4	19	4	1	28
Advice Calls / Other Requests	711	83	116	367	1,277

Labor Unit

The Labor Unit was created in FY85 to provide services to counties under the new Illinois Public Labor Relations Act by enabling legislation effective August 3, 1984.

State's Attorneys may request representation for their elected officials and county boards in all forms of labor relations, including conducting pre-election information campaigns, collective bargaining negotiations, grievances, unfair labor practice charges, mediation, arbitration, and other cases before the Illinois Labor Relations Board and the Illinois Circuit and Appellate Courts as required.

The following contractual personnel served the Labor Unit during FY20:

David Hibben
Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP
Stratton & Reichert Law Partnership

FY20 Labor Unit Participation

- 1. Iroquois**
- 2. Sangamon**

Continuing Legal Education Unit

In FY20, the Continuing Legal Education Unit of the Agency continued the program by providing our full schedule of core CLE programs, plus the continuation of the Violent Crimes Conference with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, until the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic forced a cessation of programming for the year.

The CLE Unit began programming with a collaboration with the Attorney General's office focused on prosecuting sexual assault cases. We conducted three regional programs, providing 2 and 3 day content. We continued with our normal schedule of core programs with a fall curriculum of Courtroom Visual and Basic Trial Advocacy but canceled the Advanced Trial Advocacy program because of low registration numbers. We were able to conduct a Spring Advanced Trial Ad program before we had to cancel the remainder of our trainings for the fiscal year, namely, the Prosecutor Survivor School, Basic Skills Trial Ad, Ethics for All and Hot Tips for Prosecutors.

The CLE Unit continued with the recently developed quarterly series of programs hosted in collaboration with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, bringing in a mix of national, regional and local expertise to cover a wide range of legal issues relevant to prosecutors. Two such programs were conducted before Covid-19 mitigations forced programs online.

The CLE Unit maintained the lodging scholarship program to encourage participation from as many counties as possible, with continuingly positive results. Several primarily downstate counties send one representative, who benefits from the lodging scholarship, and then returns to share the training materials with others within their offices. Now that Cook County has shifted to a primarily online format, it is unlikely that a live quarterly conference will be continued, however, the library of online program developed will allow for training

options that can be incrementally enhanced over time.

The result was a reduction in the number of programs offered, the number of prosecutors trained, and the number of overall attorney hours of training provided.

The following personnel served on the Continuing Legal Education Unit staff during FY20:

Associate Director/CLE Director:
Matthew P. Jones

The CLE Unit continues to provide the only prosecutor oriented, state-wide continuing legal education in Illinois and we look forward, thanks to budget stability, to meet the ever-increasing demands of prosecutors and the public to serve justice in an ethical and well-trained manner.

FY20 CLE Training Seminars

DATE	PROGRAM	CLE TRAINING HOURS	PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY HOURS	ATTENDEES
July 10-11, 2019	Effective Prosecutions of Sexual Assault	14.75	0.0	37
July 24-25, 2019	Effective Prosecutions of Sexual Assault	14.75	0.0	57
September 7-19, 2019	Effective Prosecutions of Sexual Assault	20.25	0.0	60
September 23-27, 2019	2019 Fall Basic Trial Advocacy	27.25	18.25	32
December 3-5, 2019	2019 Fall Courtroom Visuals	16.5	0.0	31
March 9-13, 2020	2019 Spring Advanced Trial Advocacy	29	17.75	26
TOTAL	6 PROGRAMS	122.5	36	243

FY20 Violent Crime Conference Series

DATE	PROGRAM	CLE TRAINING HOURS	PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY HOURS	ATTENDEES / NON-COOK COUNTY
October 11, 2019	Violent Crimes Conference – Cutting Edge Edition	6.0	1.5	65/20
January 17, 2020	Violent Crimes Conference	6.0	0.0	90/19
TOTAL	2 PROGRAMS	12.0	1.5	155/39

Special Prosecution Unit

The Special Prosecution Unit of the Agency consists of experienced trial attorneys who assist in prosecuting criminal cases when requested to do so by and at the direction of the State's Attorney and when duly appointed by a court having jurisdiction. The following attorneys served on the Special Prosecution Unit Staff during FY20:

Jonathan Barnard (Contractual)
 Thomas Brown (Contractual)
 Charles Colburn
 William Elward (Contractual)
 Ralph Fowler
 Matthew Goetten
 Kate Kurtz
 Lorinda Lamken
 Kristen Miller
 Jennifer Mudge
 Dave Neal
 Edwin Parkinson (Contractual)
 David Rands
 Brooke Shupe
 Brian J. Towne
 Charles R. Zalar (Contractual)

If a conflict of interest arises in a State's Attorney's office, and the State's Attorney wants an independent, detached review and prosecution by an outside person, or if special assistance is needed due to the complexity of a case, the Agency makes the services of the Special Prosecution Unit available.

The Unit has been particularly active in downstate Illinois where personnel and financial resources are more limited than in the more populous counties. Trial assistance has been provided in numerous murder cases and cases dealing with official misconduct of public officials as well as numerous other criminal and civil matters when the State's Attorney was unable to prosecute. Frequently, when the Unit is asked to assist, the cases involve complex

issues, and trial experience is an absolute necessity.

The Special Prosecution Unit has become a valuable resource to the State's Attorneys of Illinois. The combination of a Unit of experienced trial prosecutors with legal and technical expertise and the Agency's Appellate Staff Attorneys provide the State's Attorneys with needed expert assistance. During FY20, the Unit provided assistance to State's Attorneys on 1,023 cases in the following 93 counties:

Adams	Hancock	Monroe
Alexander	Hardin	Montgomery
Boone	Henderson	Morgan
Brown	Henry	Moultrie
Bureau	Iroquois	Peoria
Calhoun	Jackson	Perry
Carroll	Jefferson	Piatt
Cass	Jersey	Pike
Champaign	Johnson	Pulaski
Christian	Kane	Richland
Clark	Kankakee	Rock Island
Clay	Kendall	Saline
Clinton	Knox	Sangamon
Coles	Lake	Scott
Cook	LaSalle	Schuyler
Crawford	Lawrence	Shelby
Cumberland	Lee	Stark
DeKalb	Livingston	St. Clair
DeWitt	Logan	Stephenson
Douglas	Macon	Union
Edgar	Macoupin	Vermilion
Edwards	Madison	Wabash
Effingham	Marion	Warren
Fayette	Marshall	Washington
Ford	Mason	Wayne
Franklin	Massac	White
Fulton	McDonough	Whiteside
Gallatin	McHenry	Will
Greene	McLean	Williamson
Grundy	Menard	Winnebago
Hamilton	Mercer	Woodford

Tax Objection Division

The Tax Objection Division of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor is invaluable for State's Attorneys confronted with specialized and complex cases before the courts, the Property Tax Appeal Board, or the Department of Revenue. Particularly in the smaller counties, State's Attorneys lack the specialized experience to handle these cases even if they could find the time from their ongoing criminal and civil responsibilities.

During FY20, tax objection services were provided to 30 counties on 68 matters.

FY20 Tax Objection Division Statistics

COUNTY	MATTERS		COUNTY	MATTERS
1. Adams	1		16. LaSalle	1
2. Bureau	9		17. Lee	1
3. Calhoun	4		18. Livingston	1
4. Carroll	1		19. Macon	5
5. Champaign	5		20. Mason	2
6. Christian	1		21. Massac	1
7. Crawford	1		22. McDonough	1
8. Edgar	1		23. Montgomery	1
9. Edwards	1		24. Moultrie	2
10. Fayette	1		25. Ogle	3
11. Ford	3		26. Perry	1
12. Fulton	1		27. Pike	3
13. Gallatin	1		28. Putnam	4
14. Greene	1		29. Rock Island	8
15. Jo Daviess	1		30. Whiteside	2
			TOTAL MATTERS:	68

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The Agency is committed to maintaining a work environment that is free from discrimination and harassment. In keeping with this commitment, the Agency will not tolerate harassment of Agency employees, contractors, vendors, consultants by anyone, including any supervisor, co-worker, elected official, vendor, client, intern, applicant, or apprentice of the Agency, or any third party that does business with the Agency. The Agency prohibits any such conduct in the workplace, and this policy prohibits harassment or other workplace discrimination based on an individual's protected status, even if it does not rise to the level of a legal violation. The harassment prohibited by this policy is conduct, whether verbal, physical or visual, that denigrates or shows hostility or aversion toward an individual based on that person's actual or perceived race, sex, sexual orientation, creed, religion, color, marital status, age, ancestry, national origin, mental or physical handicap, sexual orientation, pregnancy, military status, genetic information, order of protection status, or any other status protected by law.

The Agency will not tolerate harassing conduct that has the purpose or effect of interfering unreasonably with an individual's work performance, affecting an individual's tangible job benefits or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment.