



**THE CHICAGO CHAPTER  
OF THE  
FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION  
PRESENTS  
2017-2018 STATE OF THE COURT ADDRESS  
BY  
CHIEF JUDGE RUBÉN CASTILLO  
JULY 11, 2018**

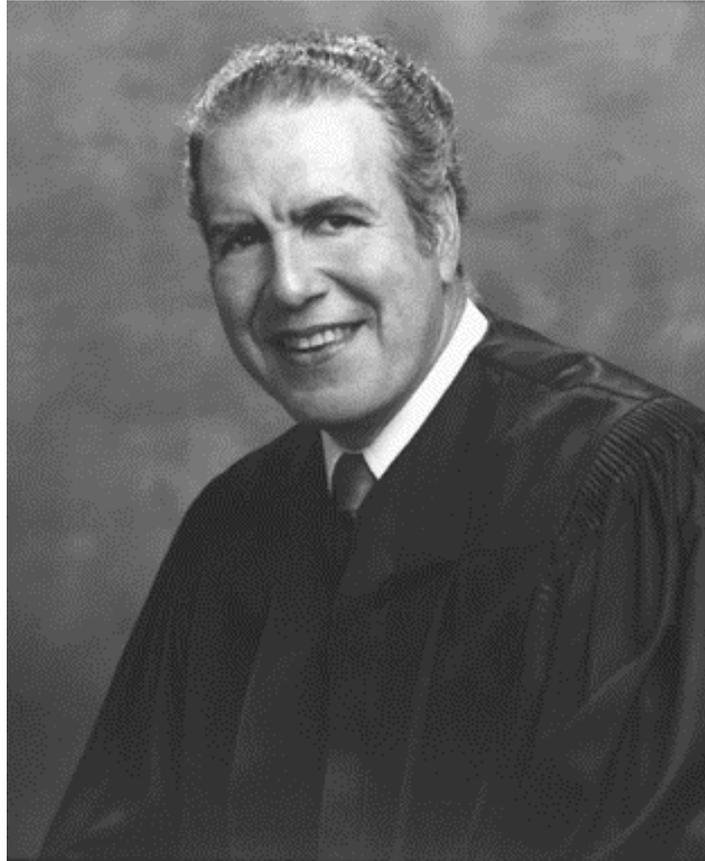
# STATE OF THE COURT

## AS OF JULY 11, 2018

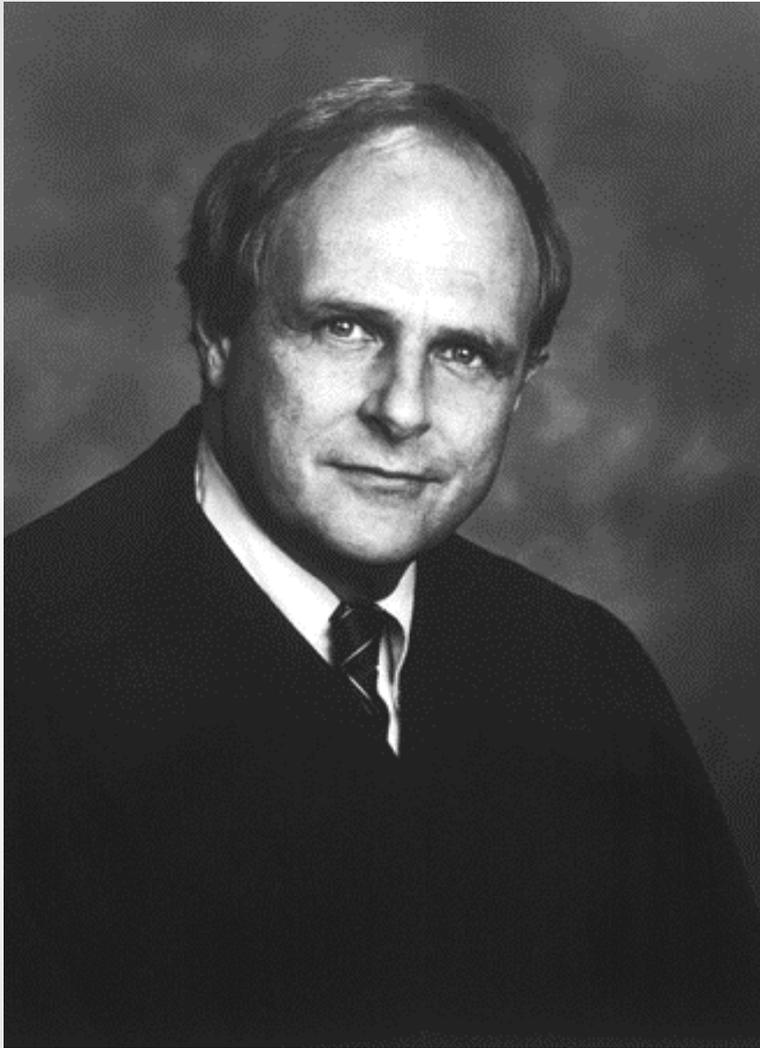
- Four Judicial Vacancies
  - Hardworking Court doing more with less judicial officers
- Compassionate
  - Sentencing Reductions
  - Reentry Court – Two Post-Conviction Courts
  - New Veterans Treatment Court graduated its first class in December
  - New Pretrial SOAR Court Program graduated its first class in May
- Engaged
  - Community Outreach
  - Interactive
  - New Court History Museum
- Cost Cutting – Budget remains about the same so far
  - Continued emphasis on cost cutting supervision rather than prison
- Secure
  - Continued emphasis on court security
  - State Street Property Issues

# DECEMBER 5, 2017 CEREMONY HONORING JUDGE MILTON I. SHADUR

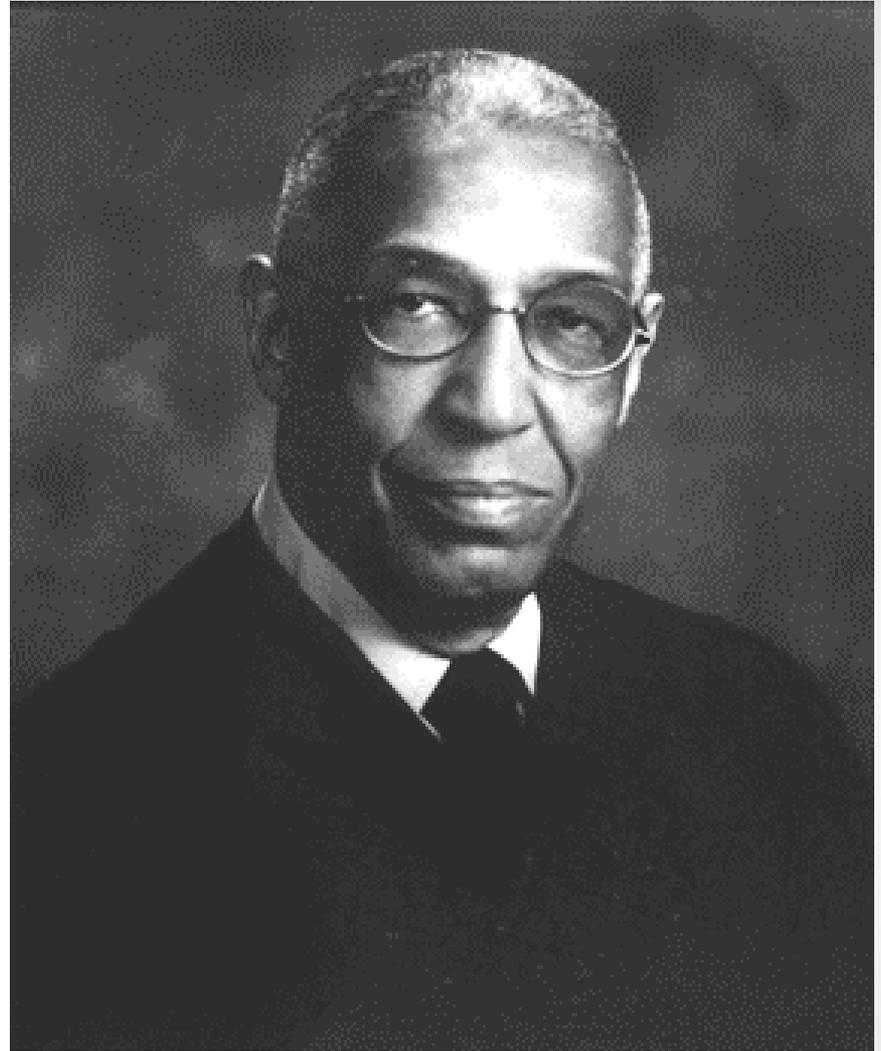




The Honorable Milton I. Shadur  
June 25, 1924 – January 15, 2018



Hon. Paul Edmund Plunkett  
July 9, 1935 – March 19, 2018



Hon. George Neves Leighton  
October 22, 1912 – June 6, 2018

# KEY COURT PERSONNEL CHANGES

- District Judges – Four Vacancies
  - Losses
    - James B. Zagel – Assumed Senior Status October 21, 2016
    - John W. Darrah<sup>†</sup> – Assumed Senior Status March 1, 2017; Died, March 23, 2017
    - Samuel Der-Yeghiayan – Retired February 17, 2018
    - Amy St. Eve – Elevated to U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit May 23, 2018
    - Frederick J. Kapala to assume Senior Status May 10, 2019
  - 3 nominees awaiting confirmation by U.S. Senate
    - U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary M. Rowland
    - Martha M. Pacold
    - Steven C. Seeger
- Senior Judges – Invaluable Assistance to Our Court

# KEY COURT PERSONNEL CHANGES

- Magistrate Judges – Hardworking and Talented

- 2018 Reappointment of Incumbent U.S. Magistrate Judges  
Jeffrey T. Gilbert  
Sheila M. Finnegan  
Young B. Kim



- 2017 Magistrate Judge Merit Review Panel: Chairperson, Patricia Brown Holmes and Members: Ricardo Estrada,\* President and CEO of Metropolitan Family Services; Joseph M. Gagliardo of Laner Muchin, Ltd.; Marisel A. Hernandez of Jacobs Burns Orlove & Hernandez; Ianna Kachoris, Sr. Program Officer at the MacArthur Foundation; Spiridoula (Litza) Mavrothalasitis of the City of Chicago – Department of Law; Samuel S. Park of Winston & Strawn; Stephen H. Pugh of Pugh Jones Johnson; Sergio F. Rodriguez of the Federal Defender Program; Zaldwaynaka (Z) Scott of Foley & Lardner LLP; Natalie J. Spears of Dentons US LLP; and Nigel F. Telman of Proskauer.

# KEY COURT PERSONNEL CHANGES

- Magistrate Judge Michael T. Mason to retire January 2019
- Applications for two U.S. Magistrate Judges currently under review of Merit Panel
- 2019 Magistrate Judge Merit Selection Panel

Patricia Brown Holmes (Chair)  
Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila LLP

Ricardo Estrada\*, President and CEO  
Metropolitan Family Services

Joseph M. Gagliardo  
Laner Muchin, Ltd.

Marisel A. Hernandez  
Jacobs, Burns, Orlove & Hernandez

Hon. Arlander Keys, Ret.

Spiridoula (Litza) Mavrothalasitis  
City of Chicago - Department of Law  
Employment Litigation Division

Samuel S. Park  
Winston & Strawn

Esther Franco-Payne\*, Executive Director  
Cabrini Green Legal Aid

Stephen H. Pugh  
Pugh Jones Johnson

Sergio F. Rodriguez  
Federal Defender Program

Zaldwaynaka (Z) Scott  
Foley & Lardner LLP

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Dentons US LLP

Nigel F. Telman  
Proskauer

\*non-attorneys

- Potential Rockford Position

# CASE FILINGS

Filings		
Type of Case	2017 Cases Filed	Pct. Change 2016-2017
<b>CIVIL (TOTAL)</b>	9934*	- 17.78 %
Pro Se Civil	1173	+ 8.4 %
Prisoner Petitions	1755	- 5 %
Intellectual Property (Patent, Copyright, Trademark)	603	- 14.5 %
Qui Tam	32	+ 146 %
<b>CRIMINAL</b>	708	+ 4.1 %

- **MDL CASES**

- Panel Held Public Hearing at our Courthouse on May 31, 2018
- 12 Pending MDL Cases
- 7,594 filings pending
  - 6,825 of those filings belong to Judge Kennelly's MDL case

\*due to fall in MDL cases from 14 to 12

# CIVIL CASE FILINGS

## Judicial Caseload Profile: Illinois Northern

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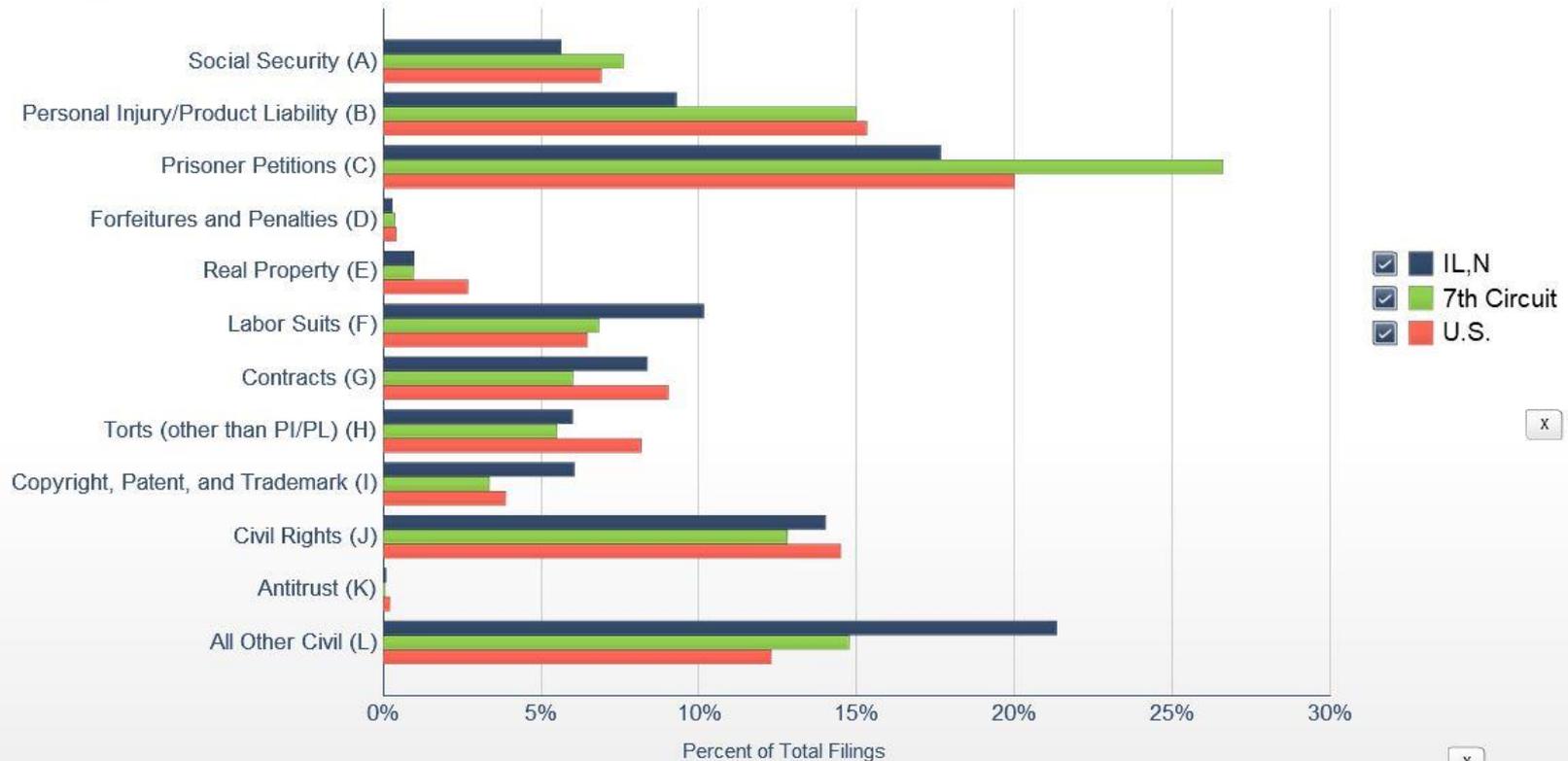
Illinois Northern

Caseload Data

Case Filing Breakdown

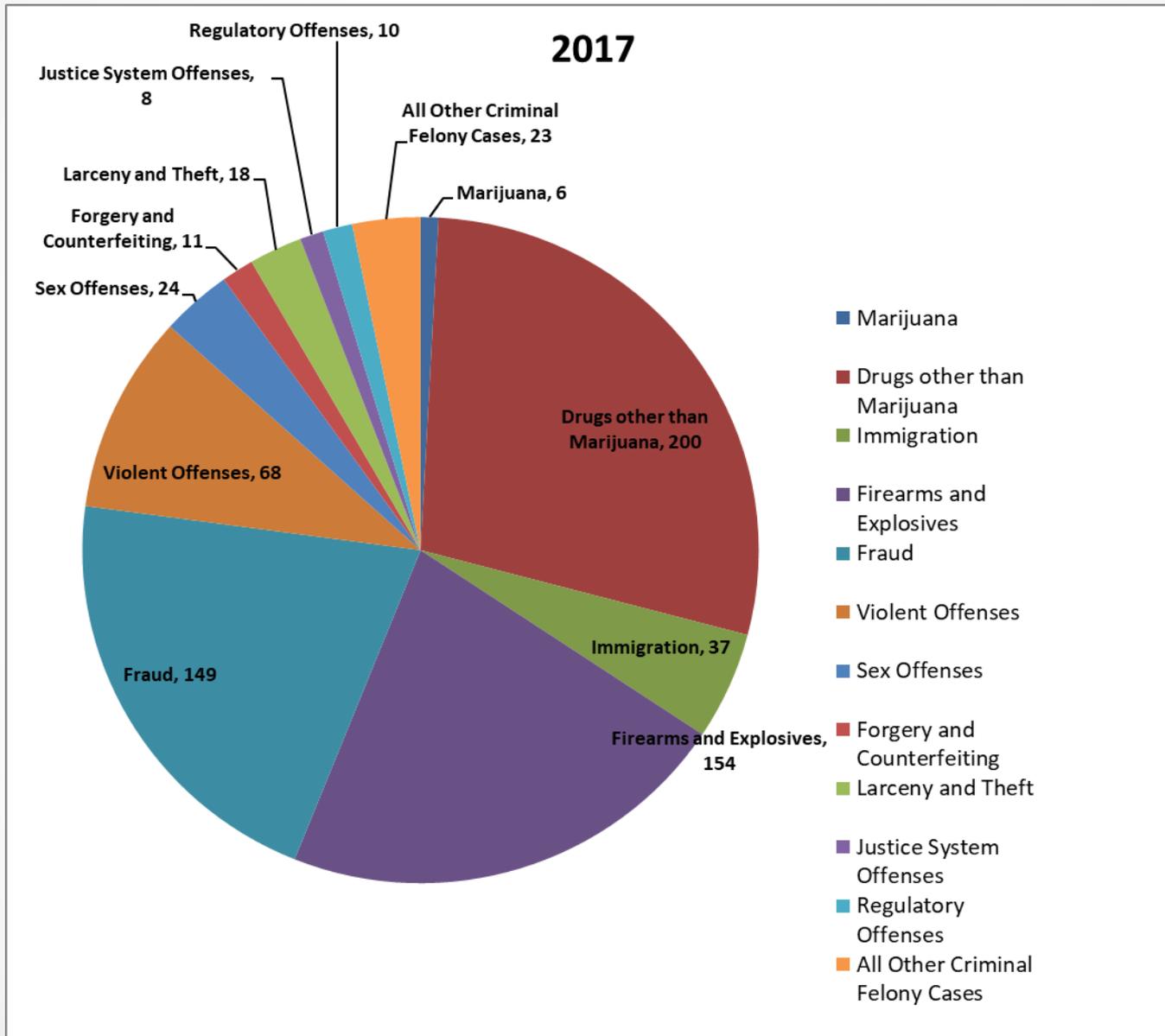
December 2017 Civil Filings, by Nature of Suit

December 2017 Criminal Filings\*, by Nature of Offense



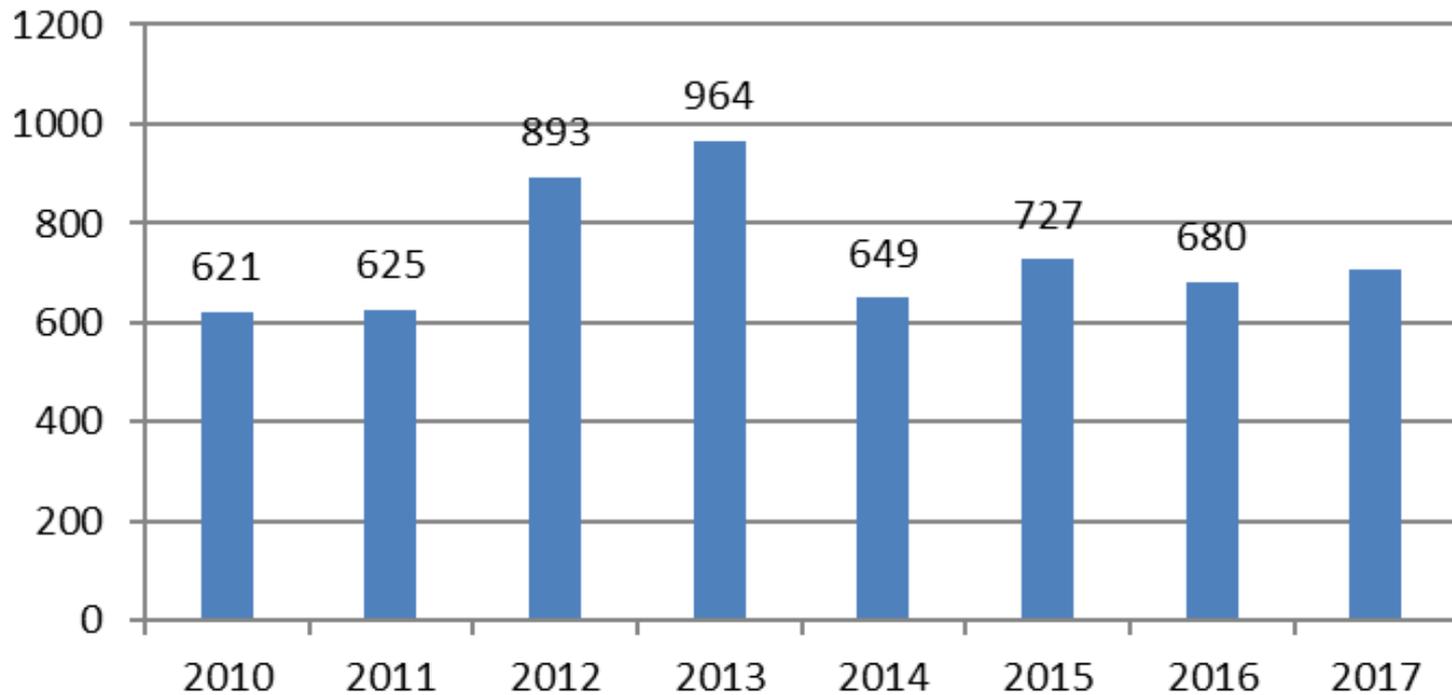
	TOTAL*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
<b>IL,N</b>	9,934	561	924	1,755	30	98	1,010	832	597	603	1,393	11	2,120
<b>7th Circuit</b>	23,784	1,812	3,567	6,328	89	233	1,627	1,434	1,313	803	3,047	19	3,512
<b>U.S.</b>	274,547	19,013	42,095	54,926	1,180	7,401	17,781	24,822	22,451	10,682	39,800	631	33,765

# CRIMINAL CASE FILINGS



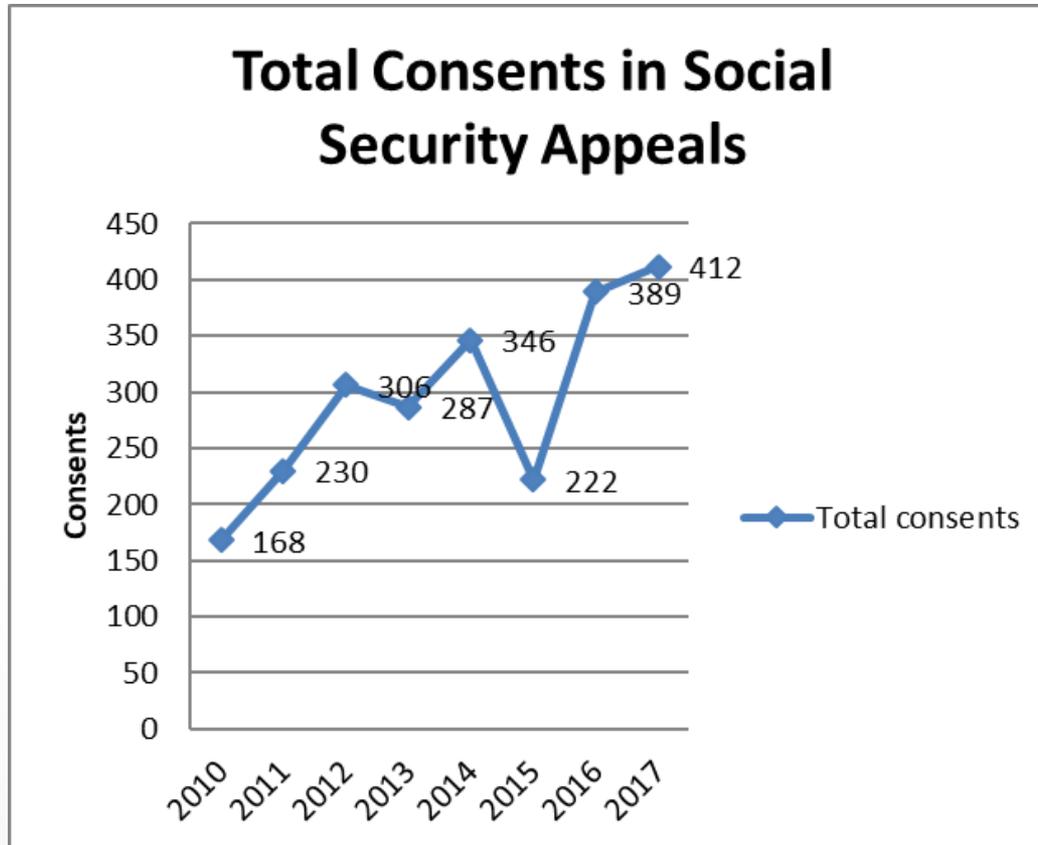
# FELONY CRIMINAL FILINGS

## Total Number of Felony Criminal Defendant Filings



# SOCIAL SECURITY APPEALS & CONSENTS

- January 1 – October 31, 2017
  - 497 Appeals Filed
  - 412 Consented to Magistrate Judges



# TRIALS

Trials (excludes Magistrate Judges)			
Type of Case	Type of Trial	Pct. Change 2016-2017	Total Trials 2017
Civil	Jury – 79	+ 5.3%	95 (- 5%)
	Bench – 16	- 36%	
Criminal	Jury – 51	+ 8.5%	55 (+ 1.8%)
	Bench – 4	- 42.8%	

150 total Civil and Criminal Trials in 2017, down – 2.5% from 2016

# NDIL PATENT CASES

- Patent Pilot Program – Seven Years
  - 11 Current Designated Judges: Castillo, Bucklo, Durkin, Feinerman, Kendall, Kennelly, Lee, Lefkow, and Pallmeyer
  - Disposition rate of a patent case is 4.2% faster when assigned to one of the judges in the patent pilot program.

Patent Cases Filed	2016	2017	Percentage Change
Total Cases	136	188	+38.2%
Pilot Cases	38	56	+47.3%

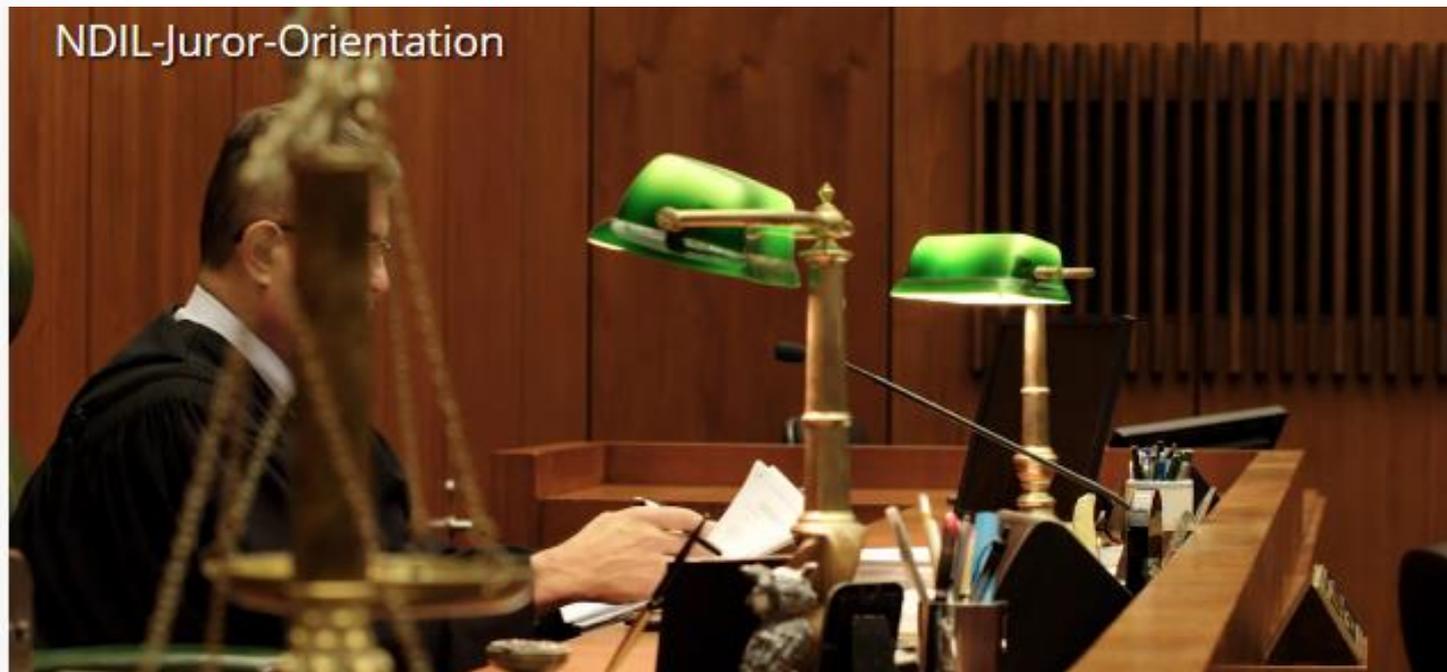
- Continue to improve the program by having a district known for fair and efficient case processing
- Local Patent Rules Committee
  - Led by Judge Matthew Kennelly
  - Proposed New Amendments
  - Comments due by September 4, 2018
- Federal Circuit will hear Oral Arguments in Chicago on October 4, 2018

# MANDATORY INITIAL DISCOVERY PILOT PROJECT

- Three Year Pilot Program (2017-2020)
- Advisory Committee
  - Sheri H. Mecklenburg, Chair, U.S. Attorney's Office; Noelle Brennan, Noelle Brennan and Associates; Francis A. Citera, Greenberg Traurig LLP; Stacey Dixon, Takeda Pharmaceuticals; Steffanie N. Garrett, City of Chicago Department of Law; Morgan R. Hirst, Jones Day; Timothy A. Hudson, Tabet DiVito & Rothstein LLC; Barry E. Fields, Kirkland and Ellis LLP; Christopher Wilmes, Hughes Socol Piers Resnick Dym, Ltd.; Sarah Mixon, University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy MPP Candidate
  - May 18, 2018 Report
- As of July 1, 2018
  - 15 District Judges and All Magistrate Judges in the Eastern Division
  - Compliance in all civil cases—except those categories of cases exempted by the Standing Order—is mandatory with no opt-out through consent of counsel
- June 1, 2017 – April 25, 2018
  - 8,105 Cases filed in NDIL Eastern Division
    - 3,706 MIDP Filed (45.7%)
      - 2,197 MIDP Cases Pending
      - 1,509 MIDP Cases Closed
    - 4,399 MIDP Not Filed (54.3%)

# NEW JUROR ORIENTATION VIDEO

- Fast-paced, inspiring, reflects diversity of district
- Real footage from both Dirksen & Roszkowski Courthouses, throughout district
- Addresses implicit bias, social media



# NEW JUROR ORIENTATION VIDEO



# CLERK'S OFFICE

- Continued Great Leadership by Tom Bruton
- Staffing Levels
  - Current Employee Count (as of June 22, 2018) 165
  - New Employees in the last 12 months 15
  - Percentage Change since June 30, 2017 - 2.4%
- Budget
  - 2.95% decrease to the FY18 budget
- Restitution
  - September 2017 request to improvements to reduce the Court's restitution balance and putting those funds in the hands of the victims
  - Clerk's Office has disbursed \$24,945,350.98 in restitution funds and made significant improvements in the processing of restitution matters
- The William J. Hibbler Memorial Pro Se Assistance Program
  - Assist pro se litigants at the Dirksen Federal Courthouse by reviewing documents, providing guidance on the discovery process, and assisting them through all phases of litigation.
  - Assisted 957 Clients in 2017
  - <http://www.lafchicago.org/volunteer>

# CLERK'S OFFICE – ACTIONS (CONT'D)

- Prisoner Correspondence
  - Beginning August 1, 2018, the Court will go live in ten institutions with the electronic filing program for Prisoner Correspondence. The prison library staff will scan the filings from the persons in custody (in pdf format) and will attach them to an email sent to the District Court. The original document will then be returned to the persons in custody.
  - This program will reduce the cost of processing civil rights, habeas, and any other types of cases filed in Federal Court by reducing costs for: supplies, paper, envelopes, and postage for the institutions and persons in custody. It will also reduce the time Clerk's Office staff spent scanning filings received from persons in custody. In addition, it will reduce the paper mail received from persons in custody and time spent opening it by the Clerk's Office. The amount of postage that the Clerk's Office now spends to mail copies, orders, and minute entries back to the persons in custody will be eliminated for these institutions as the persons in custody will now receive those filings electronically with a Notice of Electronic Filing (NEF).

# CLERK'S OFFICE – ACTIONS

- Jury
  - Beginning on May 7, 2018, for the first time in ten years, the daily Juror attendance fee increased from \$40 to \$50. Round trip mileage is also compensated at 54.5 cents per mile.
  - The Court began a new jury wheel beginning this year that includes records from the Illinois Department of Employment Security.
  - To increase potential juror response rates, the Court mailed out 7,100 postcards to non-respondent jurors. There was an overall 21% response rate from postcard mailing, while 12% that received the postcard were qualified into the jury pool.
- The Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkowitz Day Care Center
  - The Center remains supported by the General Services Administration and CCC Learning Center, offering care for infants up to 15 months of age, at a lower cost than day centers in the area.



# CLERK'S OFFICE – ATTORNEYS

- General Bar
  - 56,840 Active General Bar Members
  - 1,218 new attorneys admitted
- Trial Bar Memberships
  - Total of 11,655 Active Trial Bar Members
  - Renewal every three years, by April 17, per new Local Rules
    - 8,111 Renewals
    - Fees are being used to reimburse Recruited Trial Bar member for assigned pro bono case related expenses
- Recruited Counsel
  - 593 Attorneys in 2017
  - Resources
    - offer multiple in person training sessions
    - audio and video recordings of trainings are available

# PRO BONO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- Continue to make recommendations
- Coordinated trainings
- Provide additional resources to recruited counsel
  - Updated handbooks and guides
- Trial Bar Program
- Trial Bar Lounge
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor



# MAY IT PLEASE THE COURT: WOMEN AS LEAD TRIAL LAWYERS SYMPOSIUM

- April 12, 2018: 500 attorneys attended
- 5 panels featuring federal and state judges, academics, law partners, general counselors, Federal Defenders, U.S. Attorneys
- Court's second symposium of its kind



# NINETEENTH ANNUAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC INTEREST AND PRO BONO SERVICE

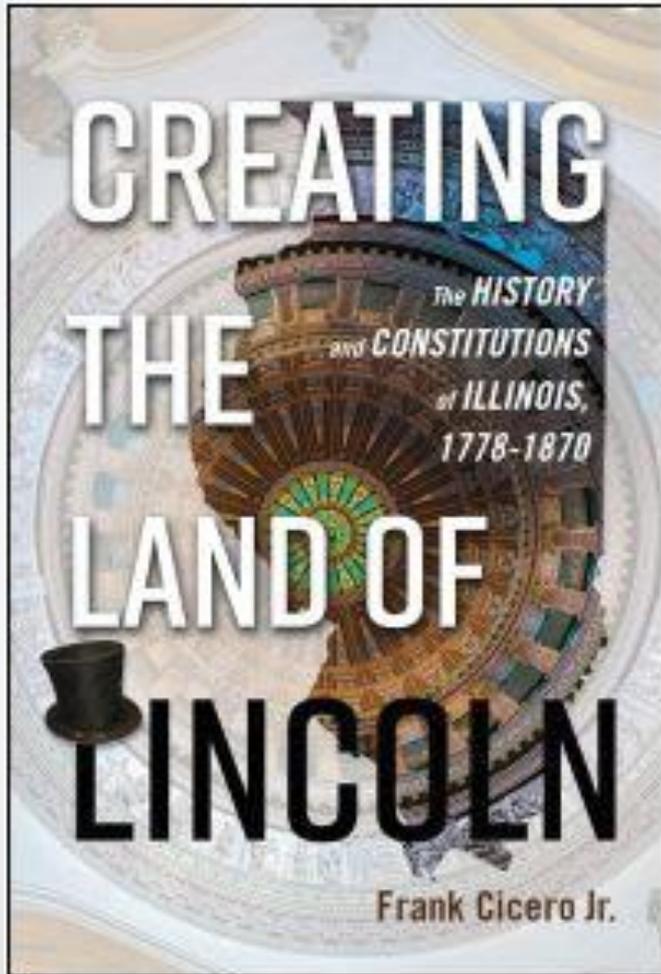


# NEW COURT HISTORY MUSEUM

- Opened on May 1, 2018; kicking off 200th anniversary of federal courts in Illinois (2019)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Floor of Dirksen Courthouse
- Interactive videos, listening stations, artifacts, lecture space
- Open to public, destination for school groups visiting courthouse



# MAY 17, 2018 INAUGURAL LECTURE FEATURING ATTORNEY FRANK CICERO, JR.



# 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF COURT

## MARCH 2019

- A Court that Shaped America
- Series of panels and speakers to highlight 200 years: “historic firsts” in the court, political impact of court’s decisions, impact of pro bono work
- Production of documentary film highlighting significant people, places, and cases is underway
- Attorneys offer service as a fundraising subcommittee to support the activities of the Committee planning the special event celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Court in 2019.



# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- CM/ECF
  - 57,324 Electronic Filers\*
  - 485,104 Docket Entries
- Technology
  - Transcript Order Request
    - Court Reporters must acknowledge transcript request orders when a request is received.
    - The party will know when their transcript request was viewed by the Official Court Reporter.
    - Parties will be notified immediately when a specific Court Reporter is on leave and unavailable.
  - Courtroom Technology
    - All courtrooms with a jury box—43 courtrooms within district, 40 in Chicago and 3 in Rockford—now fully equipped with digital video evidence presentation systems.
    - Renovation completed on 3 Chicago grand jury hearing rooms to include digital video evidence presentation system

\* 46,427 of which are active

# FEDERAL DEFENDER'S OFFICE

- After 10 years as Executive Director and 42 years of service, Carol Brook retired on May 31, 2018
- Executive Director John Murphy (almost 30 years of service)
- Deputy Director Christina Farley Jackson (15 years of service)
- District Panel Representative Cynthia Giacchetti
- Our CJA Panel is known as the finest in the country
- Second Chance Reentry Program
  - We continue to take great pride in actively participating in this Court's Second Chance Reentry Program through the participation of our Chief Trial Attorney Robert Seeder and Staff Attorney Kimberly-Claire Seymour. These two attorneys also supervise our Social Work Graduate Interns.

# FEDERAL DEFENDER'S OFFICE (CONT'D)

- Johnson cases
  - The Johnson work continues. Under the leadership of our Chief Appellate Attorney William Theis, more than 150 petitions for relief under Johnson were filed. To date 20 of those person have been released. There are presently 42 active cases of which 22 are on appeal including cases in which certiorari petitions have been filed. With Sessions v. Dimaya now resolved by the Supreme Court, we are moving to lift stays and set briefing schedules on 924(c) cases.
- Mitigation Specialists
  - The office has added a second mitigation specialist to assist attorneys in identifying significant issues and developing information necessary to present sentencing courts with critical personal history for mitigation purposes at sentencing hearings. These two mitigation specialists also work with Social Work Graduate interns in developing this important material.
- Misdemeanor Court
  - In the past year, in consultation with Honorable Magistrate Judge Susan Cox, we have begun sending an attorney to the Northern District's monthly Misdemeanor Court. This was done to insure that individuals appearing in that Court will have access to quality legal representation.
- Lecture on Racial Sensitivity in the Criminal Justice System
  - The office sponsored an in-house lecture on the ethical imperatives of race prejudice in the criminal justice system for Staff Attorneys and Panel Attorneys. Wilbert Rideau, an author and journalist who won the George Polk Award and Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award while serving as the editor for 20 years of *The Angolite*—all this while serving a prison sentence in Louisiana State Prison—spoke about the history of racism in the criminal justice system and the need for attorneys to reckon with this history in representing their clients.

# PRETRIAL SERVICES

- Chief Ann Marie Carey (almost 30 yrs)
- Critical Goals
  - Delivery of essential information to the Court
  - Reduction of risks (danger to the community and risk of non-appearance) through supervision, use of community resources, and provision of services to criminal defendants
- Services
  - 897 Criminal Defendants Interviewed; 123 more than FY 2016
  - 713 Defendants Supervised; 46 more than FY 2016
    - Indigent defendants receive mental health and substance abuse treatment through contract vendors with oversight by trained pretrial services offices
    - 66% of defendants on bond received the above services in addition to location monitoring

	<b>Pretrial Supervision Cost</b>	<b>Pretrial Detention Cost</b>	<b>Defendants Released <u>With</u> Pretrial Services Supervision and/or SA testing/ treatment, LM, MH treatment</b>	<b>Cost of Pretrial Services Supervision for the <u>385</u> released vs <b>Detention cost</b></b>
<b>Daily</b>	\$11	\$87	385	\$4,235 vs <b>\$33,495</b>
<b>Monthly</b>	\$336	\$2,654	385	\$129,360 vs <b>\$1,021,790</b>
<b>Annual</b>	\$4,026	\$31,842	385	\$1,555,010 vs <b>\$12,259,170</b>

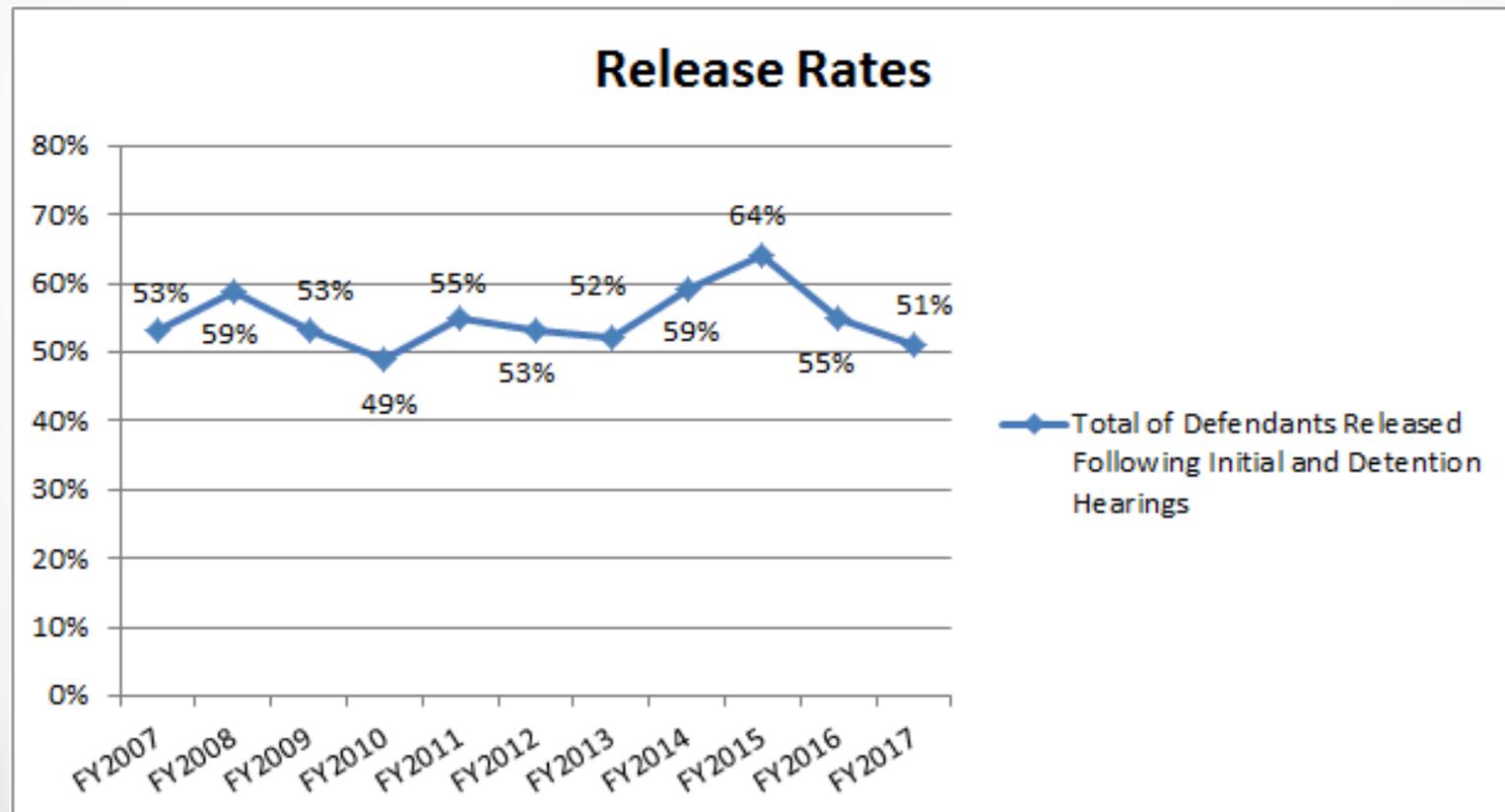
# PRETRIAL SERVICES (CONT'D)

- Outreach program, “Planning for Tomorrow,” spans 9 years and 17 programs. The program has addressed concerns of 1000+ defendants, family members, and guests on issues related to consequences of felony conviction. Special focus is given to assisting families with children facing potential incarceration of their parent.
- On-going Programming
  - In-house drug laboratory provides testing for both U.S. Pretrial Services and U.S. Probation Offices with cost savings since FY 2014
    - 16,192 samples tested in FY 2017
    - District cost savings = \$25 per sample
      - laboratory costs rounded = \$4
      - Alere national testing contractor cost rounded = \$29
  - Officers use skills to mitigate risk of danger through Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Re-Arrest (STARR)\*
  - Second Chance Act funds provide emergency services to indigent defendants including clothing for homeless defendants, toiletries, transportation, emergency food supplies\*

\* NDIL Probation Office also participates in this program

# PRETRIAL SERVICES (CONT'D)

- Release Rates
  - 10 year history of release rates in this district. The national release rate in FY 2017 was 28%. ILN has a release rate in the top quarter of the country – 51% release rate – and substantively higher than the circuit rate of 44%.



# PROBATION OFFICE

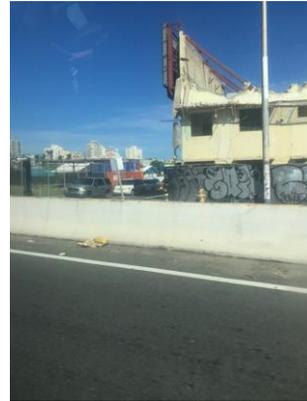
- Chief Jeanne Walsh
  - Deputy Chief Aimee Callanan (Post Conviction Division)
  - Assistant Deputy Chief Gervacio Lopez (Post Conviction Division)
  - Assistant Deputy Chief Jason Christiansen (Presentence Division)
- Staffing
  - 106 Employees
    - 6 new employees
    - 10 officers, supervisors and support staff retired or resigned
    - 92% Staff Level
- Presentence Investigation Division
  - 692 total assignments
- Post Conviction Supervision Division
  - 3,094 total number of active supervision cases
    - Client Demographics
      - Gender: 86.8% Male and 12.9% Female
      - Race: 57.7% Black; 25% White (Non-Hispanic); 17.3% Hispanic; and 3% Other
      - Ages: .25% (Under 21); 11.26% (21-30); 31.66% (31-40); 30.74% (41-50); 16.29% (51-60); and 8.5% (Over 60)
      - Unemployed: 32.3% (NDIL) / 46.5% (Nationally)
      - Revoked or Closed Cases in 2016: 11.9% (NDIL) / 31.1% (Nationally)

# PROBATION OFFICE (CONT'D)

- Search and Seizure
  - Along with U.S. Marshals have conducting 11 searches since March 2017
- Staff Training Aimed at Reducing Re-arrest (STARR)
  - All U.S. Post Conviction Officers in NDIL are STARR trained
  - Evidence-based skills used when meeting with clients
  - Increase prosocial thinking and behavior and enhance client's self-efficacy through structured coaching and skill building exercises
- Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team
  - Formed by representatives from the U.S. Probation and Pretrial staff to provide support to employees involved in a critical incident by providing individual and group crisis interventions, and follow-up after a critical incident
  - Available to any agency requesting the support of the team, with the authorization of the Chief U.S. Probation or their designee
  - Also provides all staff with resources to address daily life stressors and psychological distress.

# PROBATION OFFICE (CONT'D)

Supervisory Probation Officer Melinda Torres Felix, Chair of the Probation and Pretrial Wellness Committee traveled to Puerto Rico following Hurricane Marie.



Senior U.S. Probation Officer Kelly Kwong, our CISM Team Coordinator, traveled to the District of Virgin Islands in February, 2018. She and Richard Elias, the CISM Coordinator from the national academy held debriefings with the U.S. Probation and Pretrial staff located in St. Croix and in St. Thomas.



# PROBATION OFFICE (CONT'D)

- Initiatives, Interventions and Outreach Programs
  - Two officers serving as national trainers for the Criminogenic Needs and Violence Curriculum
  - Bridging the Gap
  - Dynamic Risk Factor Curricula
  - Reentry Planning and Resource Fair
  - Workforce Development Program
  - Vocational Training Programs
  - Helpful Hanger and Emergency Clothing Closet
  - Community Meetings and Service
  - Internal Resource Website for Security Services for Clients
  - In-house Cognitive Behavioral Programming
    - Interactive journaling, Motivational interviewing, and Moral Reconciliation Therapy Group
  - Refer client to treatment centers
  - District Court Outreach Program and College Job Fairs
  - Restorative Justice

# JAMES B. MORAN SECOND CHANCE REENTRY PROGRAM



- Expansion of Program
- Two Separate Sessions
- Volunteer Activities

District Judges Castillo & Ellis  
Magistrate Judges Schenkier & Cox

U.S. Attorneys' Office  
Probation Office  
Federal Defender's Office  
(J.D. and M.S.W.)



# JAMES B. MORAN SECOND CHANCE REENTRY PROGRAM DECEMBER 2017 GRADUATION



Mike Strautmanis, Vice President for Civic Engagement for the Obama Foundation, delivered the keynote address

# JAMES B. MORAN SECOND CHANCE REENTRY PROGRAM DECEMBER 2017 GRADUATION (CONT'D)



Chief Judge Castillo  
Presenting posthumous award to  
Family of Rick Kleiman



Magistrate Judge Schenkier and  
Anthony Smith  
Second C.H.A.N.C.E. graduate

# VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

- Assists veterans charged with federal misdemeanors in addressing underlying behaviors and illnesses that may benefit from treatment.
- Collaboration with the John Marshall Law School Veterans Legal Support Center and Clinic - veterans honorably discharged and have been charged with a federal misdemeanor offense may enter into a diversion agreement with U.S. Attorney's Office.
- With assistance from the John Marshall Veterans Legal Support Center and Clinic, charged veterans enter and complete programs focusing on PTSD, anger management, mental health, drug and alcohol addiction.
- Participating veterans meet with Magistrate Judge Susan E. Cox or Magistrate Judge Schenkier on a monthly basis to review their progress.
- Successful completion treatment + commit no new offenses = will not be prosecuted.

# VETERANS TREATMENT COURT FIRST GRADUATING CLASS

- December 4, 2017



Veterans Treatment Court Graduate Gustine Ross with Joe Butler of the John Marshall Law School Veterans Legal Support Center and Clinic

# SOAR

## SENTENCING OPTIONS THAT ACHIEVE RESULTS

- SOAR, an 18-24 month long alternative program, launched in September 2016
- SOAR Court Team:
  - Circuit Judge Amy St. Eve
  - Magistrate Judge Mary Rowland
  - Two Assistant U.S. Attorneys, Meghan Stack and Shoba Pillay
  - Federal Defender Deputy Director Christina Jackson Farley and Staff Attorney Geoffrey Meyer
  - U.S. Pretrial Services Officer Carrie Holberg and Deputy Chief Vicki Kindred Meredith
- Meet with team twice a month
- First Class of Ten initial nonviolent offender participants
  - Five Graduated in May 2018

# SOAR (CONT'D)

- SOAR Court defendants receive intensive supervision as they focus on their sobriety, are involved in goal setting to increase their education levels, seek or maintain constructive employment and maintain a productive lifestyle
- Successful completion of the program results in either the imposition of a non-custodial sentence, reduction to a misdemeanor conviction, or possible dismissal of the criminal charges.
- A third class is in the process of being added to the program in the summer of 2018.
- Selected to participate in the Federal Judicial Center's *Coaching for New Federal Problem Solving Court's Program*

# SOAR GRADUATION

Circuit Judge Amy St. Eve and U.S. Magistrate Judge Mary Rowland spoke about each of the five graduates. Alex Kotlowitz, Chicago-based journalist, author, and filmmaker, best known for national bestseller “There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America;” offered keynote remarks to the graduates.



# SOAR GRADUATION



# BANKRUPTCY COURT

- Great Leadership
  - Continued great leadership under Chief Judge Pamela S. Hollis, who was appointed Chief on January 6, 2017 for 4 years.
- Recall Status
  - Jack Schmetterer continues to volunteer and handles a full case load
- Filings
  - Lead the nation with 41,448 pending bankruptcy cases as of March 31, 2018.
  - The second busiest bankruptcy court—the Central District of California—had 38,062. We have 11 judges and they have 26.

# BANKRUPTCY COURT (CONT'D)

- Administrative Office Service
  - Jeffrey P. Allsteadt, Clerk of Court
    - Finished up his final year of three year term on the National Budget and Finance Advisory Council
    - Director of the AO requested he serve an additional year on the Bankruptcy Court Technology Committee
    - Hosting the National Conference for Bankruptcy Clerks (NCBC) Annual Conference in 2019
- Community Service
  - CARE – Credit Abuse Resistance Education
    - Judge Janet Baer and law clerks Erica Wax continue to help it grow and thrive
  - Bankruptcy employees raised over \$4,000 last year for a number of local charities through the Wear Jeans on Friday Day— employees donate \$5.00 to enable them to wear jeans
  - Bankruptcy employees visit the Chicago Food Pantry several times a year as volunteers to help package food for the poor

# COURTHOUSE SECURITY

- Courthouse Security is Top Priority
- Security Enhancements
  - Quincy Court
- Active Shooter Trainings
- Proposed State Street Property City Project



Rendering of Plans - Photo by CA Ventures

# COURTHOUSE SECURITY (CONT'D)

## UNITED STATES MARSHALS SERVICE

- “The highest priority of the U.S. Marshals Service is to provide for the safety and security of the Federal Judiciary. It is important that you hear from me that the U.S. Marshals Service is committed to protecting the Judiciary as our primary role and mission.” — David J. Anderson, Acting Deputy Director, U.S. Marshals Service (04/04/2018)
- “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judges of the Seventh Federal Circuit express their thanks to the members of the United States Marshals Service for the excellent security services rendered during the 2018 Seventh Circuit Judicial Conference.” — Diane P. Wood, Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals (05/01/2018)
- Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and CPR Program:
  - The standard is an AED within 3 minutes of a cardiac event significantly increases chances of survival. Survival rates decrease by 7 to 10 percent for every minute that defibrillation is delayed
  - AED unit installed in public access areas on each floor and garage parking levels of Dirksen and Roswkowski U.S. Courthouses (total of 38 units)
  - Monthly training in CPR and AED usage being offered to tenant agencies



# OUTREACH BY THE COURT

- 50+ Chief Judge Presentations



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# OUTREACH BY THE COURT (CONT'D)

- High School Programs
  - Opening the doors to the community, especially to young people
  - Illinois Center for Civic Education - 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Illinois State Finals of “We the People” State Hearings
  - Constitutional Rights Foundation Chicago - Equal Justice Under Law
  - Constitutional Rights Foundation Illinois Youth Summit
  - Chicago Public Schools Annual Sophomore Mock Trial Competition
  - Legal Prep Academy Sophomore Mock Trial Competition
  - YMCA National Judicial Mock Trial Competition
  - FBA Chicago Chapter - Gage Park High School as part of the Annual William J. Hibbler Schoolhouse to Courthouse Program
  - Chicago Public Schools – High School Courtroom as Classroom Program – over 200 students from 6 high schools
- Farragut Career Academy; Hancock High School; Jones College Preparatory; Mather High School; Al Raby High School; Wells Community Academy; Legal Prep Charter Academy; John H. Hamline Elementary School; Hinsdale Central High School; Francis Xavier Warde School; Evanston Township High School; Near North Montessori; Rockford Public School District 205; Naperville Central High School; Maine East High School; Joliet Catholic Academy....+

# OUTREACH BY THE COURT (CONT'D)



Legal Prep Charter Academy  
Sophomore Mock Trial Winning  
Team



Courtroom as Classroom with CPS  
High Schools



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## Community Outreach Program

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### Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide the highest level of service to the Court and all people having business before the Court. We maintain the public record of court proceedings, provide access to the Court and administrative support to the Court's judicial officers. We earn the public's trust and confidence by carrying out our mission in a manner that is accurate, efficient, courteous, and easy to understand.

### Welcome

On behalf of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, welcome to our Community Outreach website. The U.S. Courts are an independent national judiciary providing fair and impartial justice within the jurisdiction conferred by the Constitution and Congress. Our Founding Fathers understood the need for an independent Judiciary, which was created under Article III of the United States Constitution. The Judicial Branch is one of the three separate and distinct branches of the Federal Government.

The Community Outreach Program is designed to provide a better understanding of the federal courts. We are proud to offer field trips to the courthouse for both schools and community organizations. We have a Judicial Speakers Bureau where a Judge can come to your school or organization to lead an informative and educational program. Visits to the courthouse include an opportunity to observe courtroom proceedings, meet and speak with a judge, and learn more about careers within the Court and much more.

### Learn More

Please click on a button below that best suits your interests. If you have any questions, please contact the Community Outreach Program at [Community-Outreach@ilnd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Community-Outreach@ilnd.uscourts.gov).

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# OUTREACH - JUDGES

## Educational Programs – University Events

DePaul University College of law

IIT Chicago Kent College of Law

John Marshall Law School

Loyola University Chicago School of Law

Northern Illinois University College of Law

Northwestern University School of Law

Rockford University

University of Chicago Law School

University of Illinois College of Law

Boalt Hall Law School, University of California, Berkeley, CA

Columbia Law School, University of New York City, NY

Duke University School of Law

Emory University School of Law

James R. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona

Georgetown Law, University of Washington, D.C.

New York University School of Law

University of Missouri School of Law

University of Notre Dame Law School

Yale Law School

# OUTREACH - JUDGES

## Educational Programs – Bar Associations

American Bar Association  
Asian-American Bar Association  
Black Women's Lawyer Association  
Chicago Bar Association  
Chinese-American Bar Association  
Fair Debt Collection Practices Act Bar Association  
Federal Bar Association  
Federal Circuit Bar Association  
Hispanic National Bar Association  
Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois  
Illinois Property Law Association of Chicago

Illinois State Bar Association  
Lake County Bar Association  
National Employment Lawyers Association  
New York Intellectual Property Law Association  
National Asian Pacific American Bar Association  
Seventh Circuit Bar Association  
Women's Bar Association of Illinois  
Will County Bar Association  
Winnebago County Bar Association

## Educational Programs – Countries Visited

Austria

Malaysia

Chile

# OUTREACH - JUDGES

## Educational Programs - Organizations

Administrative Office Programs  
Alliance for Women Mentoring Circles  
American Bar Foundation  
American Bankruptcy Institute  
American Conference Institute  
American Law Institute  
American Inn of Court  
Aspen Institute  
Association of Corporate Counsel  
Chicago Bar Foundation  
Chicago Inn of Court  
Chicago Public Schools' Mock Trial  
Coalition of Women's Initiatives in the Law  
Constitutional Rights Foundation of Chicago  
Courtroom as Classroom Programs  
Electronic Discovery Institute  
Federal Circuit Bar Association  
Federal Judges Association  
Federal Judicial Center  
Federal Magistrate Judges Association  
Foley's Intellectual Property Conference  
Forensic Expert Witness Association  
Freeland Film Festival  
George Mason University  
Hispanic Lawyers Scholarship Fund of Illinois  
Illinois Department of Human Rights  
Illinois Humanities Council  
International Women's Insolvency  
& Restructuring Confederation  
International Association of Defense Counsel  
Jumpstart Program  
Just the Beginning Foundation  
Lawyers Club of Chicago  
Lawyers for Puerto Rico  
Leadership Greater Chicago  
Leahy Institute of Advanced Patent Studies  
Legal Assistance Foundation  
Local Grammar and High Schools  
National Advocacy Center, Department of Justice  
National Immigrant Justice Center  
National Institute for Trial Advocacy  
Ninth Circuit  
Practising Law Institute  
Project Vision  
Public Affairs Forum at Segal McCambridge  
Public Affairs Roundtable at Miller, Shakman & Beem  
Public Interest Law Initiative  
Richard Linn Inn of Court  
Salvation Army Correctional Services Advisory  
Council  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Seventh Circuit Bar Foundation  
Illinois' 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Special Naturalization Ceremonies  
United States Attorney's Office  
United States Hispanic Leadership Institute  
Various Moot Court Competitions  
We the People Program

# OUTREACH - JUDGES

- Judges as Adjunct Faculty
  - IIT Chicago Kent College of Law
  - Northwestern University School of Law
  - Loyola University School of Law
  - John Marshall Law School
  - University of Chicago Law School
  - University of Notre Dame Law School
- Judges Hosting Foreign Visitors to the Courthouse
  - Judges from Argentina, Japan, and Russia
- Prisoners' Rights Project
  - NIU College of Law and FBA Rockford Chapter launch program June 2018
  - Magistrate Judge Iain Johnston , President Mahoney Chapter of FBA, instrumental in establishing
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> year NIU law students, with supervision of attorney, will represent prisoners in civil rights lawsuits in Western Division
  - FBA is funding court fees and salary of adjunct instructor

# OUTREACH – JUDGES



# SPECIAL RECOGNITION - JUDGES

## Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow and Chief Judge Rubén Castillo

- October 10, 2017 - Chicago Bar Foundation and the Chicago Bar Association: Justice John Paul Stevens Award for exemplifying Justice Stevens' commitment to integrity and public service through practice of law



# SPECIAL RECOGNITION - JUDGES

## Hon. Virginia M. Kendall

- Awarded the *Mary Heftel Hooton Award* by the Women's Bar Association of Illinois, March 2018
- Awarded an *honorary Doctor of Humane Letters* degree by Siena Heights University, September 7, 2017, in St. Dominic Chapel
- Awarded the *Distinguished Judicial Service Award* by the Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago, 2017



# THE JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

## Committee Service

District Judge Robert W. Gettleman

Committee on Audits and Administrative Office Accountability

District Judge Rebecca R. Pallmeyer

Committee on Court Administration and Case Managements

District Judge Thomas M. Durkin

Committee on Federal-Status Jurisdiction

District Judge Elaine E. Bucklo

Committee on Financial Disclosure

District Judge Joan H. Lefkow and Magistrate Judge Sidney I. Schenkier

Committee on the Administration of the Magistrate Judges System

District Judge Robert M. Dow

Advisory Committee on Civil Rules (2013-2019)

District Judge Gary S. Feinerman

Advisory Committee on Criminal Rules

Bankruptcy Judge A. Benjamin Goldgar

Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules

Liaison to the Advisory Committee on Civil Rules

# CHICAGO CHAPTER FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Recognize Fine Leadership of Jordan Vick as your President

- 07/19/2017 – Pro Tips on Effective Oral Advocacy for Young Attorneys
- 09/11/2017 – Game Changer: The New Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot Project in the Northern District of Illinois Webinar
- 09/12/2017 – Proportional Discovery in Employment Litigation Brown ag Lunch
- 11/02/2017 – Young Lawyers Meet the Judges Mixer
- 01/25/2018 – Employment Law Seminar
- 01/30/2018 – Special Chambers Lunch with Judges Dow and St. Eve to Discuss the Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot Project
- 02/27/2018 – District Court Judges Round Table

# CHICAGO CHAPTER FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION EVENTS

- 05/10/2018 – Annual Ethics Program
- 05/29/2018 – Criminal Practice Program
- 06/13/2018 – Updates and Evaluations of the Mandatory Initial Discovery Pilot Program
- Chambers Lunches with Judges Bucklo, Lee, Blakey, Lefkow, and Wood
- 10/05/2018 – Annual Installation Luncheon at the Standard Club
  - Keynote Speaker: Jonathan Turley
- Congratulations to Michael Rothstein
- Congratulations to Maria Vathis
  
- Hon. Iain Johnston is the current President of the P. Michael Mahoney (Rockford, Illinois) Chapter of the Federal Bar Association

# MY “BUCKET” LIST – THINGS TO DO:

- Continue tradition of outstanding bench/bar relations
- Continue outreach and court seminars
- Continue Technology Movement
- 50 year old courthouse – Security and Accessibility Upgrades
- Continue Smart Compassion – Reentry and SOAR Court
- Continue to Improve Diversity of our Juries
- Prepare for the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Leave the Court a Little Stronger – With Your Help and Suggestions