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INTRODUCTORY / CLOSING REMARKS

Hon. Dorothy Brown
Clerk of the Circuit Court Cook County
Chair, IIJIS Implementation Board; Chair, IIJIS Outreach Committee



Dorothy Brown was elected as the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County in 2000, becoming the first African-American elected to this countywide office. In November 2008, she was re-elected to a third term. She has won all three elections by overwhelming margins, illustrating solid voter confidence in her abilities. As the official keeper of records for all judicial matters brought into the second largest unified court system in the world, Clerk Brown is responsible for managing an annual operating budget of more than \$100 million and has a workforce of over 2,100 employees.

Clerk Brown graduated Magna cum Laude from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; holds a Master's in Business Administration with honors from DePaul University; a Jurist Doctorate of Law, with honors, from Chicago-Kent School of Law; and she is a Certified Public Accountant.

Clerk Brown places professionalism over politics in her administration, and she has leveraged her experience and leadership skills into making the Clerk's Office a model of excellence in government service. Her focus has been to bring the Clerk's Office into the 21st Century with up-to-date information technology, improved customer service, operational efficiency, employee development and training, and financial accountability.

Additionally, Clerk Brown has established an illustrious record of professional and public service that continues to be lauded and recognized by institutions, organizations and community groups. Among numerous accolades, Clerk Brown was awarded: the 2002 Hillary Rodham Clinton Leadership Award from the Illinois Democratic Women, the 2003 Marks of Excellence Award from the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, the 2003 Women of Achievement Award from the Anti-Defamation League, the 2004 NAACP Medal of Freedom from the Proviso/Leyden Township in Illinois, the 2004 Pakistan Women Association Outstanding Community Service Award, the 2005 "Voice of Freedom Award" from the Harriet Beecher Stowe Fine & Performing Arts Academy, the 2006 Justinian Society of Lawyers Humanitarian Award, the 2006 Indian American Medical Association Public Service Award, the Information Integrity Coalition's 2007 Excellence in Information Integrity Award Finalist, Nielsen's 2007 "Single Mama of the Year" award, the Illinois Institute of Technology 2007 Professional Achievement Award, the Youth Pride Center's 2008 Youth Advocate of the Year Award, Demoiselle 2 Femme's 2008 Community Partnership Award, and the Illinois Traffic Safety Leaders 2009 Joanne Blair Award.

Clerk Brown lives in Chicago and has a daughter, Detris, a graduate of Howard University, who is currently attending London Metropolitan University in London, England.



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Col. Michael Snyders

Deputy Director, Division of Administration, Illinois State Police

Vice Chair, IIJIS Implementation Board



Colonel Michael R. Snyders is a 23-year veteran of the Illinois State Police. He was promoted to the rank of colonel and serves as the deputy director of the Division of Administration. Currently, he leads the technology, information, research, criminal history, fiscal, human resources, logistical, and strategic management functions of the Illinois State Police.

Col. Snyders' prior appointed positions include deputy director of the Information and Technology Command; lieutenant colonel, second in command, of the Division of Operations where he oversaw patrol, investigation, and intelligence operations; lieutenant colonel in charge of Operation Services Command that consisted of intelligence, commercial vehicle, drug conspiracy, technical services, Medicaid fraud, and computer crimes; captain of investigations, Zone 5 Champaign Office; captain, District 6 Patrol Office in Pontiac; and led ISP intelligence efforts.

Col. Snyders is recognized as an international expert in the field of criminal patrol interdiction and has provided assistance and training to agencies throughout the United States, as well as in Canada, Northern Ireland, Poland, and South America.