

# Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Budget Highlights and Goals

## COURT ADMINISTRATION

### **FY2007 Highlights**

- Continued close monitoring of juror use to reduce costs.
- Meet increasing needs for Legal Services and court interpretation with minimal fiscal impact.
- Continue to establish new programs and procedures.
- Became 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit and continued transition into the new responsibilities associated with our single county circuit designation.
- Completion of and moved into four new Courtrooms
- Addition of three new judge positions
- Creation of a Mental Health Court
- Creation of a Family Violence Coordinating Council

### **FY2008 Goals**

- Monitoring of juror use to reduce costs while facing an increase in the number of jury trial courts.
- Provide adequate furnishings for judges' by incorporating a replacement program of old furniture.
- Meet increasing needs for Legal Services and court interpretation with minimal fiscal impact.
- Coordinate with Bar Association, and Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and Supreme Court in developing and maintaining new programs.
- Development and implementation of a new automated case management system.
- Develop and being implementation of an automated Integrated Justice System for all of the court related departments.
- Explore the feasibility of instituting specialty courts.
- Develop and implement a "Self Help Center" for pro-se litigants (parties representing themselves).