

# ILLINOIS STATE'S ATTORNEYS APPELLATE PROSECUTOR

**PATRICK J. DELFINO**  
**DIRECTOR**

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**FY19 SUMMARY**

## 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.

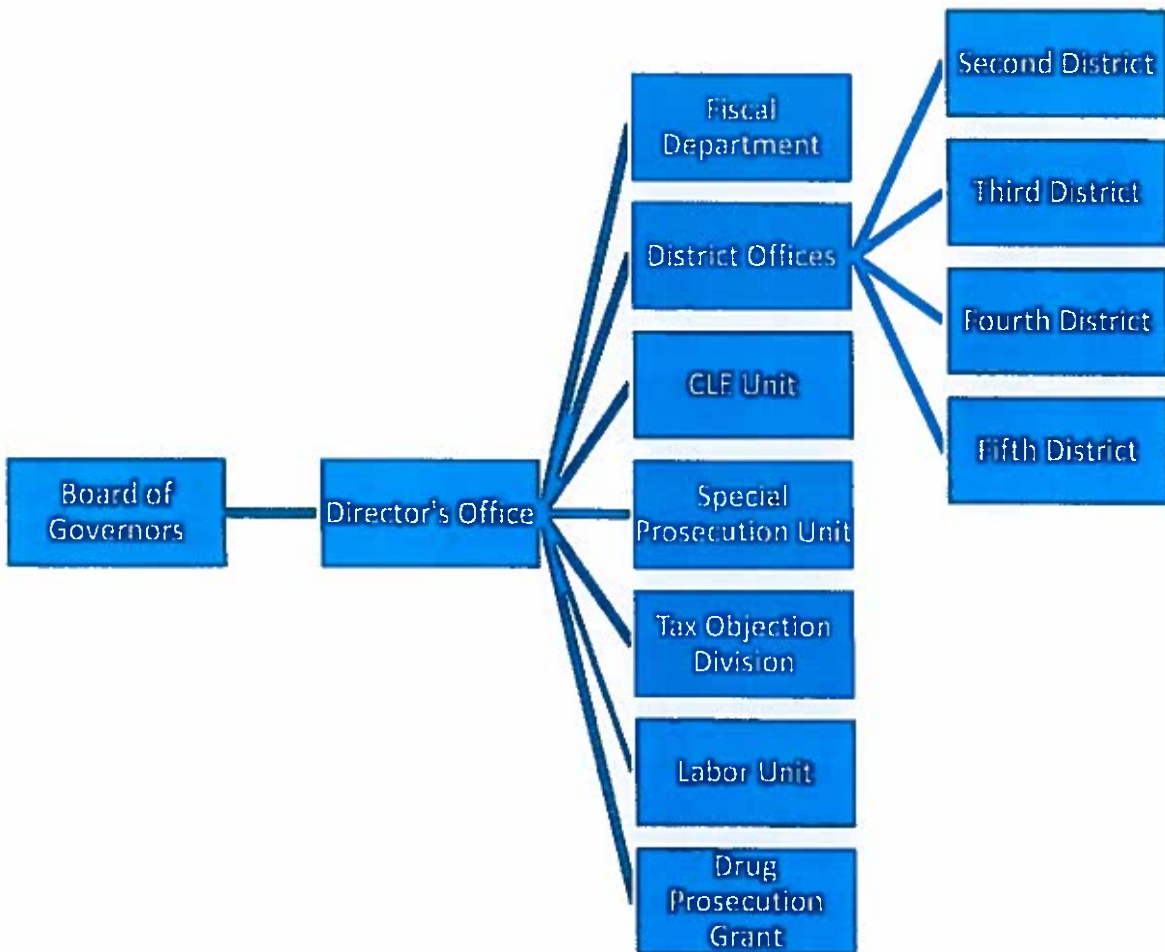
On May 23, 2014, Public Act 98-938 was passed and mandated that the Agency create a Best Practices Committee to evaluate specific issues related to the investigation and prosecution of serious criminal offenses, and to make recommendations to improve and enhance public safety.

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 FY19 were:

**Justin E. Hood, Hamilton County, Chairman (Elected June 2018)**  
**Justin E. Hood, Hamilton County, Vice-Chairman (Served from June 2012 to June 2018)**  
**Ben Goetten, Jersey County, Vice-Chairman (Elected June 2018)**  
**Tyler R. Edmonds, Union County, Secretary (Elected April 2019)**  
**John C. Milhiser, Sangamon County, Secretary (Served from June 2012 to October 2018)**

The State's Attorneys who served as members of the FY19 Board of Governors were:

**First District:**

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

**Second District:**

**Joseph P. Bruscato, Winnebago County (Served on Board from December 2010 to December 2018)**  
**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)**  
**John L. McGehee, Rock Island County (Served on Board from March 2017 to April 2019)**  
**Stewart J. Umholtz, Tazewell County (Elected to Board March 2017)**

**Fourth District:**

**Ben Goetten, Jersey County (Has served on Board since May 2013)**  
**John C. Milhiser, Sangamon County (Served on Board from June 2012 to October 2018)**  
**Gray H. Noll, Morgan County (Elected to Board December 2018)**  
**Julia R. Rietz, Champaign County (Appointed Board Member-at-Large September 2018)**

**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)**

## 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 FY19:

### 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  
Platt  
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  
Wabash  
Washington  
Wayne  
White  
Williamson

## Director's Office

725 South Second Street  
Springfield, IL 62705

217-782-1628  
Fax: 217-782-6305

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 FY19:

<b>Director:</b> Patrick J. Delfino	<b>Associate Director/CLE Administrator:</b> Matthew P. Jones
<b>Chief Deputy Director:</b> David J. Robinson	<b>Administrative Assistant:</b> Megan Kelly
<b>Human Resources Coordinator:</b> Chad Hilligoss	<b>Victim / Witness Coordinator:</b> Lisa Levi
<b>Chief Fiscal Officer:</b> Gloria Mundy	<b>Chief Technology Officer:</b> Matthew Richter
<b>Assistant Fiscal Officers:</b> Sarah Klein Jessica Mitchell	<b>Receptionist:</b> Jan Beiermann
<b>Messenger:</b> James Hansen	

### 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

2032 Larkin Avenue  
Elgin, IL 60123

847-697-0020  
Fax: 847-697-9824

The Second Judicial District is comprised of 13 counties, 12 of which participated in the Appellate Prosecutor's program during FY19. 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 FY19:

**Deputy Directors:**

Edward R. Psenicka (Deputy Director effective June 2019)  
David J. Robinson (Acting Deputy Director)

**Staff Attorneys:**

John Barrett	Cora Moy
David Bernhard	Steven A. Rodgers
Mary Beth Burns	Marshall Stevens
Diane Campbell	Sally Swiss
Aline Dias	Ivan O. Taylor, Jr.
Barry Jacobs	Adam Trejo
Victoria Jozef	
Joan Kripke	
Stephanie Holt Lee	
Richard London	

**Legal Secretaries:**

Sharon Lavick (Administrative)  
Sandra Lorigan

### FY19 2<sup>nd</sup> 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
213	8	7	8	1	3	9	75	11	571

## 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 FY19. 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 FY19:

### Deputy Directors:

Thomas D. Arado (Deputy Director effective December 2018)  
David J. Robinson (Acting Deputy Director)

### Staff Attorneys:

Thomas Arado (until December 2018)	Kelly Krapf
Nicholas Atwood	Richard Leonard
Mark Austill	Jasmine Morton
Dawn Duffy	Justin Nicolosi
Gary Gnidovec	Stephanie Raymond
Chelsea Kasten (Transfer from 5 <sup>th</sup> )	

### Legal Secretaries:

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

## FY19 3<sup>rd</sup> 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
250	7	6	6	9	12	61	86	18	312

## 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 FY19. 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 FY19:

**Deputy Director:**

David J. Robinson

**Staff Attorneys:**

Allison Brooks	Linda McClain
Rosario Escalera	Luke McNeill
Erin Wilson Laegeler	Benjamin Sardinas
Tim Londrigan (PT)	Kathy Shepard
James Majors	James Ryan Williams
David Mannchen	John Zimmerman

**Legal Secretaries:**

Shirley Bagby (Administrative)  
Shannon Higgins

### FY19 4<sup>th</sup> 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
332	5	5	4	0	14	80	98	7	174

## Fifth District Office

730 East Illinois Highway 15-Suite 2  
Mt. Vernon, IL 62854

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 FY19. 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 FY19:

**Deputy Director:**

Patrick D. Daly

**Staff Attorneys:**

Jessica Book	Valerie Ozment
Jennifer Camden	Sharon Shanahan
Chelsea Kasten (Transferred to 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Kelly Stacey
Max Miller	
Rachel Miller	

**Legal Secretaries:**

Joanie Cooper (Administrative)  
Janet Schumm

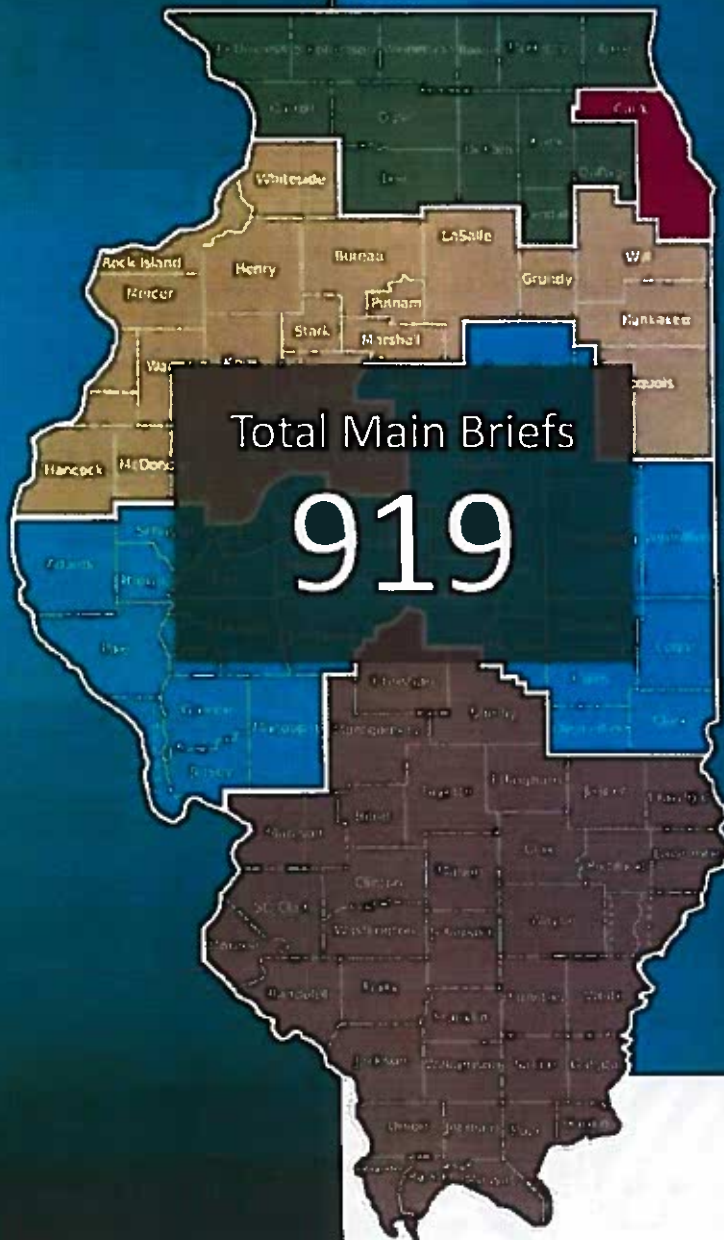
### FY19 5<sup>th</sup> District Appellate Statistics

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
124	5	1	0	1	1	34	64	2	444

# BRIEF PRODUCTION



## FY19 MAIN BRIEFS FILED



Second District



Third District



Fourth District

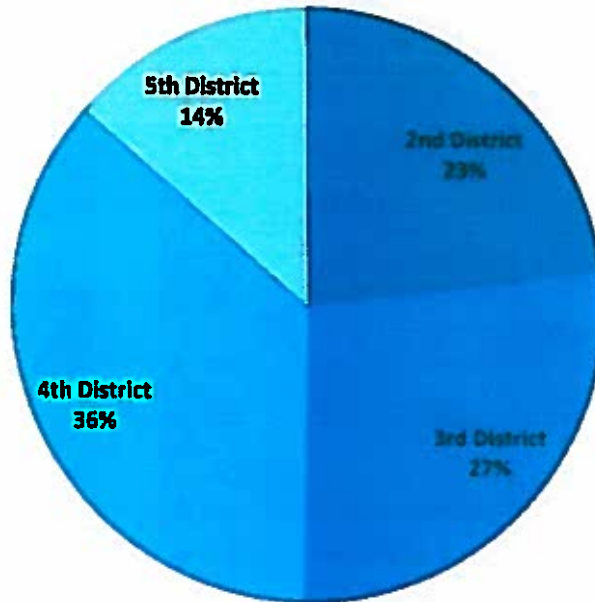


Fifth District

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## Appellate Program Statistical Analysis

### FY19 Main Briefs Filed



	2 <sup>nd</sup> District	3 <sup>rd</sup> District	4 <sup>th</sup> District	5 <sup>th</sup> District	Total
<b>Main Briefs</b>	213	250	332	124	919
<b>Reply Briefs</b>	8	7	5	5	25
<b>Supplemental Briefs</b>	7	6	5	1	19
<b>Petitions for Rehearing</b>	8	6	4	0	18
<b>Summary Dispositions</b>	1	9	0	1	11
<b>Confessions of Error</b>	3	12	14	1	30
<b>Motions to Dismiss / Other</b>	9	61	80	34	184
<b>Oral Arguments</b>	75	86	98	64	323
<b>Petitions for Leave to Appeal</b>	11	18	7	2	38
<b>Advice Calls / Other Requests</b>	571	312	174	444	1,501

## Continuing Legal Education Unit

In FY19, the Continuing Legal Education Unit of the Agency solidified 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.

The CLE Unit returned to its normal schedule of core programs with a fall curriculum of Courtroom Visuals, Basic Trial Advocacy and Advanced Trial Advocacy, followed by the same complement of spring programs. In addition, the CLE Unit once again conducted the annual Prosecutor Survival School for intermediate practitioners, Ethics for all and Hot Tips. Once again we complied with the new stricter professional responsibility mandated elements for mental health, substance abuse, and diversity.

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.

The CLE Unit has 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. This training force multiplication is a worthwhile model and will be continued into next year's quarterly series.

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

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.

### FY19 CLE Training Seminars

DATE	PROGRAM	CLE TRAINING HOURS	PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY HOURS	ATTENDEES
August 22-24, 2018	2018 Fall Courtroom Visuals	16.5	0.0	28
September 24-28, 2018	2018 Fall Basic Trial Advocacy	28.25	2.0	31
Oct 29-Nov. 2, 2018	2018 Fall Advanced Trial Advocacy	28.5	1.25	17
February 20-22, 2019	2019 Spring Courtroom Visuals	16.5	0.0	26
March 11-15, 2019	2019 Spring Basic Trial Advocacy	27.5	3.25	34
April 16-17, 2019	2019 Prosecutor Survival School	11.5	2.0	46
May 20-24, 2019	2019 Spring Advanced Trial Advocacy	28.75	18.75	23
June 7, 2019	Ethics for All 2019	6.0	6.0	112
June 13-14, 2019	2019 Hot Tips for Prosecutors	7.0	0.0	57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9 PROGRAMS</b>	<b>170.5</b>	<b>33.25</b>	<b>374</b>

### FY19 Violent Crime Conference Series

DATE	PROGRAM	CLE TRAINING HOURS	PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY HOURS	ATTENDEES / NON-COOK COUNTY
October 5, 2018	Violent Crimes Conference – Cutting Edge Edition	6.25	1.0	71 / 22
January 18, 2019	Violent Crimes Conference – Forensic Edition	6.0	2.5	84 / 23
April 26, 2019	Violent Crimes Conference – General Felony Edition	6.0	0.0	78 / 15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3 PROGRAMS</b>	<b>18.25</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>233 / 60</b>



## 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 FY19:

Jonathan Barnard (Contractual)  
 Thomas Brown (Contractual)  
 Charles Colburn  
 William Elward (Contractual)  
 Ralph Fowler  
 Matthew Goetten  
 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 FY19, the Unit provided assistance to State's Attorneys on 1,126 cases in the following 96 counties:

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

## Tax Objection Division

The Agency contracts with the law firm Giffin, Winning, Cohen and Bodewes, P.C., whose exceptional attorneys handle all tax objections. 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 FY19, tax objection services were provided to 27 counties on 77 matters.

### FY19 Tax Objection Division Statistics

COUNTY	MATTERS	COUNTY	MATTERS
1. Adams	2	15. Marion	1
2. Alexander	1	16. Massac	2
3. Bureau	8	17. McDonough	1
4. Calhoun	3	18. Montgomery	1
5. Champaign	4	19. Moultrie	7
6. DeKalb	4	20. Ogle	3
7. Edwards	1	21. Pike	2
8. Fayette	1	22. Putnam	3
9. Ford	1	23. Rock Island	13
10. Gallatin	1	24. Saline	1
11. Jo Daviess	1	25. Stephenson	1
12. LaSalle	1	26. Wabash	5
13. Lee	2	27. Whiteside	2
14. Macon	5		
		<b>TOTAL MATTERS:</b>	<b>77</b>

# State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor



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The State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor is fully committed to human rights in all forms. It is the policy of the Agency to provide a work environment free from discrimination or harassment; therefore, the Agency is committed to providing equal opportunity and promoting affirmative action.

The Agency does not discriminate against any employment applicant or employee on the basis of race, sex, creed, religion, color, marital status, age, national origin, mental or physical handicap, pregnancy, sexual orientation, pregnancy, military status, genetic information, or any other protected status, and will take affirmative action, as may be required by law, to ensure qualified applicants are employed, and employees are given equal treatment during employment without regard to the employee's protected status.