

## **2009-10 IJA Committee Co-Chairs and Officer Liaisons**

### **Associate Judge**

The Associate Judges Committee shall identify and compile the concerns of Associate Judges. The Committee shall study the issues and attempt to identify resolutions for action by the Association.

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### **Benefits and Pension**

The Benefits and Pension Committee shall, through the Executive Committee, keep the membership advised of the benefits and detriments of all state employee benefit and pension programs available to the judiciary. They shall keep informed of and monitor all legislative, executive or judicial branch action regarding the same; and work on plans of action in conjunction with the Government Affairs Committee in this regard, gather and provide information to individual members concerning benefits and pensions and, when asked to do so by the Executive Committee, speak or act, within ethical bounds, on behalf of the Association in dealing with any of the branches of local, state or federal government.

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### **Budget and Finance**

The Budget and Finance Committee shall develop an annual budget for presentation to the Board of Directors at the mid-year meeting. The Committee shall develop and maintain a long-term financial plan for the Association for review at least once each year by the Board of Directors.

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### **Court Facilities and Security**

The Court Facilities and Security Committee will perform a study of the physical and security make up of a court facility when requested to do so by a Chief or Presiding Judge. The Committee shall then issue a

report to the requesting judge which analyzes the facility by indicating its conformity with accepted minimum standards. With the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, the Committee may make recommendations for changes or additions to such minimum standards.

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### **Courtroom in the Classroom**

The Courtroom in the Classroom committee serves to facilitate judicial outreach to school-aged children including a program entitled *7 Reasons to Leave the Party*, a national award-winning program developed by Judge Mark Drummond and presented throughout the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

Courtroom in the Classroom's goal is to get judges and lawyers into the schools to educate young persons about the third co-equal branch of government, the judicial branch. In addition to providing students with valuable information about the legal system in the United States and specifically in Illinois, the message delivered in *7 Reasons to Leave the Party* will inform young persons of the benefits of making good decisions and the consequences of failing to do so.

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### **Criticism Response**

The Criticism Response Team shall develop, maintain and, as necessary, modify a policy outlining the parameters and procedure for responding to unjust public criticism of the judiciary, and upon approval by the Executive Committee, execute a plan in conformity therewith. The recommendation to respond should be a function of, but not limited to, the quality of the criticism, its quantity, its truth and the backdrop against which it is played. The Team should consider all resources of the IJA, including retired judges, in planning a response.

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### **The Gavel**

*The Gavel* is the official publication of the Illinois Judges Association. *The Gavel* should be published at least semi-annually. The Editors shall, with the assistance of the Editorial Board, solicit stories and items of interest from the committees and members.

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### **Ad Hoc Special Legislative Committee**

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### **Judicial Selection and Retention**

The Judicial Selection and Retention Committee shall monitor election and retention results and data and shall investigate problems of general judicial concern regarding the same. They shall also monitor legislative and executive branch actions or proposed actions regarding judicial elections and retentions, and work on plans of action in conjunction with the Government Affairs Committee in this regard. When requested to do so by the Executive Committee, they shall take appropriate action, within ethical limitations, to publicly or privately address judicial election or retention issues.

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### **Membership**

The Membership Committee shall develop and with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, implement programs and activities to maintain and increase the membership of the Association. The Committee shall also be responsible for maintaining an accurate list of the membership with the assistance of the Executive Director.

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### **Retired Judges**

The Retired Judges Committee shall monitor governmental actions or proposed actions as such may impact the concerns of retired members of the judiciary, work on plans of action in conjunction with the Government Affairs Committee in this regard, and keep the Executive Committee apprized of the same. The Committee should also develop programs which, in its opinion, would be of benefit to members of the Association who are retired. With the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, the Retired Judges Committee may take private or public action on issues of concern to the retired members of the Association. The Retired Judges Committee should also maintain a directory of retired judges who are willing, in appropriate circumstances, to assist the Criticism Response Team by making public statements in situations where a sitting judge may be ethically prohibited from doing so.

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