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**RE: Updated Petit and Grand Jury Handbooks**

Dear Chief Judges, Trial Court Administrators, and Jury Coordinators:

Earlier this year, I shared with you a report from the Illinois Judicial Conference's Juror Experience Task Force. The report detailed a number of recommendations for improving the experience of Illinois jurors, including updating the AOIC's Petit and Grand Jury Handbooks. I am pleased to share that these updated jury handbooks are now available on the Illinois Courts website at <https://www.illinoiscourts.gov/courts/circuit-court/jury-information/>. PDF versions of the handbooks are also included with this letter.

Like the prior versions, the updated handbooks are intended to help prospective jurors understand the important role of juries, jury selection, and the trial process. The updated handbooks feature streamlined content and a refreshed graphic design that make them easier to read and understand. I encourage you to begin using these updated handbooks, whether that includes sending the handbooks with the juror summons, featuring them on your website, or making them available in your jury assembly room.

Thank you for your continued work on behalf of the Illinois Judicial Branch.

Sincerely,

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