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JUDGE ORTIZ APPOINTED CHAIR OF SUPREME COURT ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION

The Illinois Supreme Court has appointed Circuit Judge Jorge L. Ortiz chair of the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Access to Justice. The commission was created in 2012 to promote, facilitate and enhance equal access to justice with an emphasis on access to civil courts and administrative agencies for all people, particularly the poor and vulnerable. Judge Ortiz has served as a member of the commission since 2018.

"I am extremely honored to serve as chair of the commission and thank the Supreme Court for placing its trust and confidence in me. Under the leadership of the Supreme Court and previous chairs, Justice Mary Kay Rochford, and Jeff Colman, we have made significant progress towards ensuring self-represented litigants have access to standardized forms and resources needed to participate in the court process and that persons with disabilities and of limited English proficiency are better served in our courts," said Ortiz. "The commission recently approved a new strategic plan and I look forward to working with the members of the commission and our stakeholders to enhance access to justice for all who appear in our courts."

[For more information on the Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Access to Justice, please visit their website.](#)

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