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Probation Director Reappointed to Committee on Juvenile Courts: LaTanya Hill participates in making recommendations to the Illinois Supreme Court

January 6, 2025 – *Kane County, Illinois* – Kane County Court Services Director LaTanya Hill was reappointed to the Supreme Court's Committee on Juvenile Courts with a term expiring on December 31, 2027. This reappointment follows her initial appointment to the Committee on February 6, 2023 by Chief Justice Mary Jane Theis.

The Committee on Juvenile Courts was established in 2018 to review and inform the juvenile court process for both the criminal courts and child protection systems. The Committee is tasked with reviewing and making recommendations on matters affecting juvenile law and juvenile courts, including both child protection and delinquency systems. The Committee reviews, analyzes, and examines the impact of legislation and case law as it relates to juvenile law and procedures and any aspect of the juvenile court process.

LaTanya Hill shared: "Looking at the juvenile courts holistically makes a lot of sense. We regularly work with juveniles charged with serious crimes who've also had a history of being abused and neglected. There is so much overlap between the two systems that we have to look at what we're doing, how we can do it better, and make sure we aren't inadvertently making it worse or creating harm. What I love most about working with juveniles is the ability to initiate change in their thinking through a myriad of rehabilitative approaches."

Director Hill's experience and expertise in the juvenile courts is well respected in Illinois. She is widely recognized as an expert in juvenile community corrections for her long probation career in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, her involvement with the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association's juvenile committees, serving as faculty for the Supreme Court of Illinois Judicial Education Conference teaching on Advanced Sentencing Alternatives for juveniles, and experience working within the child protection system prior to her tenure with Court Services.

Hill states that she has always been a strong advocate for children and her belief that healthy families lead to a healthy community has been the driving force of her career.



LaTanya Hill, Kane County Court Services Director

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