

**Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Access to Justice**  
**Law Student Leaders Access to Justice Summit**

**Agenda**

**Friday, February 24, 2023**

**Location:**

**Kirkland & Ellis LLP**  
**300 N. LaSalle Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Chicago, IL 60654**

- 9:00-9:30 am      **Registration/Breakfast**
- 9:30-9:45 am      **Welcome from the Court**  
Hon. Mary Jane Theis, Chief Justice, *Supreme Court of Illinois*  
Introduced by: Hon. Mary K. Rochford, Chair of the ATJ Commission,  
*Illinois Appellate Court, First District*
- 9:45-10:15 am     **Overview of the Access to Justice System**  
Samira Nazem, Principal Court Management Consultant, *National Center  
for State Courts*
- 10:00-10:30 am    **Break**
- 10:30-11:45 am    **Short-Circuiting the Justice Divide: The Role of Innovation and  
Technology**  
  
**Moderator:** Samoane Williams, Director of the Justice  
Entrepreneurs Project, *The Chicago Bar Foundation*  
  
**Panelists:**
  - Robert S. Alexander, Partner and Co-Founder, *Vanguard  
Advocates, LLP*
  - Diane Goffinet, Managing Attorney, *Land of Lincoln Legal Aid*
  - Conor Malloy, Supervising Attorney & Rentervention Director,  
*Law Center for Better Housing*
- 11:45-11:55 am    **Lunch Keynote**  
Hon. Elizabeth M. Rochford, Justice, *Supreme Court of Illinois*  
Introduced by: Hon. Mary K. Rochford, Chair of the ATJ Commission,  
*Illinois Appellate Court, First District*

- 11:55-12:10 pm      **Break**
- 12:10-1:00 pm      **Lunch (Small Group Discussions)**
- 1:00-1:10 pm      **Break**
- 1:10-2:30 pm      **Self-Represented Litigant Simulation and Debrief**  
Hon. Jorge Ortiz, ATJ Commissioner, *19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court*  
Hon. Alison Conlon, *Circuit Court of Cook County*  
Hon. Catherine Schneider, *Circuit Court of Cook County*
- 2:30-2:45 pm      **Break**
- 2:45-4:00 pm      **How to Make an Impact as a New Attorney: Mentorship, Pro Bono, and More**
- Moderator:** Mark Palmer, Chief Counsel, *Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism*
- Panelists:**
- Gabrielle Christian, Assistant Public Defender, *Cook County Public Defender*
  - Michael P. Chu, Partner, *McDermott Will & Emery*
  - Victor Hollenberg, Associate, *Kirkland & Ellis LLP*
  - Justin Sia, Non-profit Transactions Attorney, *Miner, Barnhill & Galland, P.C.*
- 4:00-4:05 pm      **Closing Remarks**  
Wendy Vaughn, ATJ Commissioner and Director of Clinics, *Northern Illinois University College of Law*
- 4:05-5:00 pm      **Mixer (Social Gathering)**