



STATE OF ILLINOIS
**OFFICE OF THE
AUDITOR GENERAL**

William G. Holland, Auditor General

SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT

COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION
For the Two Years Ended: June 30, 2013

Release Date: January 23, 2014

Summary of Findings:

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Total this audit: | 2 |
| Total last audit: | 0 |
| Repeated from last audit: | 0 |

SYNOPSIS

- The Illinois Supreme Court did not have adequate controls over its property and equipment.

{Expenditures and Activity Measures are summarized on the reverse page.}

**ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT
COMPLIANCE EXAMINATION
For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2013**

| EXPENDITURE STATISTICS | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Total Expenditures..... | \$ 288,167,562 | \$ 289,364,008 | \$ 284,913,099 |
| OPERATIONS TOTAL..... | \$ 286,921,024 | \$ 288,416,944 | \$ 284,026,649 |
| % of Total Expenditures..... | 99.6% | 99.7% | 99.7% |
| NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS..... | \$ 1,246,538 | \$ 947,064 | \$ 886,450 |
| % of Total Expenditures..... | 0.4% | 0.3% | 0.3% |
| Total Receipts..... | \$ 8,507,919 | \$ 7,910,575 | \$ 8,481,555 |
| Average Number of Employees..... | 1,575 | 1,580 | 1,583 |

| SELECTED ACTIVITY MEASURES (Not Examined) | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Supreme Court of Illinois: | | | |
| Cases Filed..... | 2,669 | 2,746 | 2,947 |
| Cases Disposed..... | 2,595 | 2,781 | 2,917 |
| Appellate Court of Illinois: | | | |
| Cases Filed..... | 8,153 | 7,914 | 7,839 |
| Cases Disposed..... | 8,082 | 5,838 | 8,175 |
| Circuit Courts of Illinois: | | | |
| Cases Filed..... | 3,206,811 | 3,348,566 | 3,507,811 |
| Cases Disposed..... | 3,241,625 | 3,401,545 | 3,598,618 |

| AGENCY DIRECTOR |
|---|
| During Examination Period: Michael J. Tardy |
| Currently: Michael J. Tardy |

**FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND
RECOMMENDATIONS**

INADEQUATE CONTROLS OVER STATE PROPERTY

The Illinois Supreme Court (Court) did not have adequate controls over its property and equipment.

Property reports included 1,166 items missing up to 20 years

- The quarterly property report submitted to the Office of the State Comptroller included 1,166 “lost” equipment items with a total value of \$512,617 as of June 30, 2013. These items had been reported missing between 1 and 20 years.
- The Supreme Court Library performed a book inventory count on a three-year cycle; however, there was no written approval from the Department of Central Management Services (DCMS) as required by administrative rules.
- Two of 40 items tested differed from property records by 53 volumes of books and \$5,532.

112 new equipment items stored 13 to 32 months without use

- We noted 112 new items of recordation equipment and power supplies valued at \$105,073 had not been transferred to judicial offices and had been kept in storage for 416 to 986 days. (Finding 1, Pages 10-13)

We recommended the Court ensure property and equipment records are accurately and timely maintained and updated and accurately reported. We also recommended the Court obtain and maintain DCMS approval for partial inventory of the Supreme Court Library. In addition, we recommended the Court review and strengthen its controls over the purchase of property and equipment.

Court management agrees with Auditors

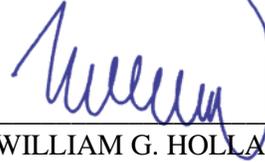
Court management agreed with the finding and recommendation and stated corrective actions have been taken to resolve the issues identified.

OTHER FINDING

The remaining finding pertaining to computer security weaknesses is reportedly being given attention by the Court. We will review the Court’s progress towards the implementation of our recommendations in our next engagement.

AUDITORS' OPINION

We conducted a compliance examination of the Illinois Supreme Court including Appellate Court Districts 1-5 and the Illinois Courts Commission as required by the Illinois State Auditing Act. The Illinois Supreme Court has no funds that require an audit leading to an opinion on financial statements.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William G. Holland", is written over a horizontal line.

WILLIAM G. HOLLAND
Auditor General

WGH:LKW:rb

AUDITORS ASSIGNED

E.C. Ortiz & Co., LLP were our special assistant auditors for this engagement.