



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

Frank J. Mautino, Auditor General

SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST

ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT

State Compliance Examination
 For the Two Years Ended June 30, 2023

Release Date: July 18, 2024

FINDINGS THIS AUDIT: 3				AGING SCHEDULE OF REPEATED FINDINGS			
	<u>New</u>	<u>Repeat</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Repeated Since</u>	<u>Category 1</u>	<u>Category 2</u>	<u>Category 3</u>
Category 1:	0	0	0	2019		1	
Category 2:	2	1	3				
Category 3:	0	0	0				
TOTAL	2	1	3				
FINDINGS LAST AUDIT: 2							

INTRODUCTION

Our compliance examination of the Supreme Court included Appellate Court Districts 1-5.

SYNOPSIS

- (23-1) The Court did not maintain adequate controls over its service providers.

Category 1: Findings that are **material weaknesses** in internal control and/or a **qualification** on compliance with State laws and regulations (material noncompliance).

Category 2: Findings that are **significant deficiencies** in internal control and **noncompliance** with State laws and regulations.

Category 3: Findings that have **no internal control issues but are in noncompliance** with State laws and regulations.

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

INADEQUATE CONTROLS OVER THE REVIEW OF INTERNAL CONTROLS OVER SERVICE PROVIDERS

The Court had not implemented adequate internal controls over its service providers.

We selected a sample of service providers and requested the Court to provide documentation of their review. We noted, for 2 of 3 (67%) and 3 of 3 (100%) third party service providers for Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023, respectively, the Court had not:

- Obtained a System and Organization Control (SOC) report.
- Conducted an analysis of the Complementary User Entity Controls (CUECs).
- Obtained and reviewed SOC reports for subservice organizations or performed alternative procedures to determine the impact of complementary subservice organization controls (CSOCs) on its internal control environment. (Finding 1, pages 10-11)

SOC Reports not obtained and analyzed

We recommended the Court implement controls to:

- Obtain a SOC report for all identified third party service providers and document the assessment of internal controls associated with outsourced systems annually.
- Monitor and document the operation of the CUECs related to the Court's operations.
- Obtain and review SOC reports for subservice organizations or perform alternative procedures to determine the impact of CSOCs on its internal control environment and to determine whether adequate controls are in place.

Court agreed

The Court agreed and stated procedures were implemented to identify service organizations and to then evaluate those service organizations' third-party SOC reports. Management also noted that since 2023, a SOC review and assessment has been completed for 9 service organizations. Management further stated they will continue SOC procedures together with other relevant evaluations they develop to ensure specific services contracted are supported through the appropriate controls provided relative to the services.

OTHER FINDINGS

The remaining findings pertain to voucher approval and employee training. We will review the Agency's progress

towards the implementation of our recommendations in our next State compliance examination.

ACCOUNTANT’S OPINION

The accountants conducted a State compliance examination of the Court for the two years ended June 30, 2023, as required by the Illinois State Auditing Act. The accountants stated the Court complied, in all material respects, with the requirements describe in the report.

This State compliance examination was conducted by Adelfia LLC.

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