



December 10, 2020

Dear IJC Members:

Greetings on behalf of the Illinois Judicial Council ("IJC") and the Illinois Judicial Council Foundation ("IJCF"). As you may know, the IJC, founded in 1983, is comprised primarily, but not exclusively, of approximately all of the black State, Federal, and Administrative Law Judges and judicial hearing officers in the State of Illinois. Since its inception, it has dedicated itself to bridging the gap between the judiciary and the community through educational dialogues regarding the legal system. We have also sought to inspire our youth to enter the legal profession, spiritually and financially, through various mentoring activities and by the provision of law school scholarships. Since 1999, the IJCF, our not-for-profit entity, has given numerous scholarships to minority and other deserving law school students. We have awarded over \$200,000 in this effort.

In order for us to continue this valuable and significant contribution to our community and our profession, we need your help. Please consider furthering our mission with a generous contribution to the IJCF Scholarship Fund. With your help, the IJC and the IJCF will be able to continue to inspire, encourage and lend support to the legal minds of the future from our community. We hope that they will, in turn, take advantage of our assistance to further their own careers and, in the future, join our ranks and reach back and assist those who come behind them. We realize that we are all facing significant health and economic challenges at this time due, in large part to COVID-19 and its effect on our very way of life. At the same time, however, we, by definition, as members of these organizations, have been blessed and may be in a unique position to invest in, not only the future of these students, but of our profession and our nation.

If you wish to contribute to this worthy endeavor, you may make your donation through PayPal at ijcfoundation.org or by check made payable to Illinois Judicial Council Foundation, Inc. ("IJCF") mailed to IJCF at 1510 E. 55th St., P. O. Box 15143, Chicago, 60615-2598. Please indicate "FOR SCHOLARSHIPS". Scholarships will be awarded at the Illinois Judicial Council's Annual Awards & Installation Banquet in the fall of 2021. (Details to follow.) Donations in excess of \$250 will be acknowledged in the Banquet program if received on or before July 15, 2021. Importantly, IJCF is a 501 (c) (3) organization, so any donation you may give will be tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Tax letters will be issued upon receipt of the donations for the year in question. Thank you in advance for your past and continued support.

Sincerely,


Judge Drella C. Savage, Ret. 
Chairperson, Illinois Judicial Council Foundation


Judge Mary Maxwell Thomas, Ret.
Chairperson, IJCF Fundraising Committee