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THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PRESENTS ITS "VIRTUAL ANNUAL REPORT"

Twenty years ago it was published as printed text, in 2004 it was produced on CD's, and today it's live on the internet. What's all the excitement about? It's the new and improved Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's Virtual Annual Report that is now available and being provided to the public exclusively on the internet. It is goodbye to the days of paper and plastic – the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit is going green! "With this new and innovative approach, the annual report can be updated as new milestones are reached and accomplishments achieved," said Chief Judge James Booras. The public will learn about matters of interest and programs and services as they happen and will no longer have to wait until the end of the year to learn about what would then be old news.

The Nineteenth Circuit has become known to be a leader in the use of information technology and telecommunications not only throughout the state but also nationwide. Its website, online since the summer of 1999, offers a myriad of information and reinforces the Court's strategic plan that emphasizes the importance of public access to the justice system and the obligation to educate the community about the third branch of government. With technological advances the Court has been able to reach out to the community with valuable information, address inquiries immediately and become more user friendly.

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The 2008 Annual Report can be viewed at the circuit's website address at <http://www.19thcircuitcourt.state.il.us/index.htm>. There are two links on the website's home page to access the Annual Report – at the top of the page under “**Resources**,” click “Annual Reports” or under “**Highlights**” (in the left hand column), click “Annual Report 2008.”

Please feel free to make any comments regarding the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's new virtual annual report by emailing Courts@lakecountyil.gov. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

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