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John W. Hollman  
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Dear Mr. Clerk:

Enclosed for your consideration is the Annual Report of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Office for fiscal year 2025, which is submitted to you pursuant to 725 Illinois Compiled Statutes 210/4.06.

The State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor had another very productive year with a workload of 1,221 appellate filings and oral arguments conducted. In addition, our Pretrial Fairness Act Appeals Division received 531 pretrial release appeals from 54 counties and our Tax Objection Division handled 104 matters for 19 counties.

I am also pleased to report that the Agency continued to provide direct assistance to State's Attorneys through its specialized prosecution services. The Special Prosecution Unit assisted with 1,389 cases in 92 counties.

The Agency also conducted criminal justice training seminars and held extensive trial advocacy courses for all Illinois State's Attorneys.

As Chairman, I am proud of the accomplishments of the Agency, the expertise of my fellow Board members, and the dedication of all Agency personnel.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben Goetten  
Chairman