



OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

**HONORABLE DOROTHY BROWN**  
**Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois**

Dorothy Brown was elected as the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, in 2000, and has been reelected to four additional terms in Office. Five consecutive victories by overwhelming margins illustrate the public's confidence in her abilities. As the official keeper of records for all judicial matters brought into one of the largest unified court systems in the world, Clerk Brown is responsible for managing an annual operating budget of more than \$100 million and has a workforce of over 1,700 employees.

Clerk Brown has brought revolutionary changes to the operations of the Circuit Court Clerk's Office through her focus on improving services within five strategic areas: 21st Century Technology, Operational Efficiency, Customer Service, Employee Training and Development, and Financial Accountability. Clerk Brown has implemented a host of innovative programs, which have streamlined processes, improved quality service, saved millions of dollars for taxpayers, and increased revenue for Cook County administration.

Major projects and services developed under Clerk Brown's leadership include but are not limited to: Electronic Filing (E-Filing), the mobile app: "Court Clerk Mobile Connect," installation of Digital Access Terminals, an Online Traffic Ticket Payment System, Mortgage Surplus Search, SmartForms (Online Order of Protection service), Smart Kiosks (court information terminals), and IDMS (Imaging Document Management System). All of these "Green Court"/E-Court initiatives improve accuracy, save time for court users, cut costs for the court system, and conserve energy. Clerk Brown has transformed the Clerk's Office and diligently keeps it in pace with the rapidly changing needs and expectations of court users. She places professionalism over politics in her administration, and has leveraged her experience and leadership skills into making the Clerk's Office a model of excellence in governmental service.

Clerk Brown says she consistently seeks to deliver new and enhanced services at the Clerk's Office because the citizens of Cook County deserve the best and "it's the right thing to do."

Clerk Brown graduated Magna cum Laude from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; holds a Master's in Business Administration with honors from DePaul University; a Jurist Doctorate of Law, with honors, from Chicago-Kent School of Law; and she is a Certified Public Accountant.

Clerk Brown has established an illustrious record of professional and public service. Among numerous accolades, Clerk Brown has been bestowed with: the Hillary Rodham Clinton Leadership Award, the Marks of Excellence Award from the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, the Women of Achievement Award from the Anti-Defamation League, an NAACP Medal of Freedom award, the Justinian Society of Lawyers Humanitarian Award, the Information Integrity Coalition's Excellence in Information Integrity Award Finalist, the Illinois Institute of Technology Professional Achievement Award, the Illinois Traffic Safety Leaders (ITSL) Joanne Blair Award, and the Chicago-Kent Professional Achievement Award, the Thurgood Marshall College Fund's Award of Excellence, Illinois Institute of Technology's "124 Alumni of Distinction Medal"; and the NAACP Chicago Southside Branch's Harold Washington Award for Public Service.

Clerk Brown lives in Chicago with her husband Dr. Benton Cook, and she has a daughter, Detris, a graduate of Howard University in Washington, DC, and London Metropolitan University, London, England, who holds a MBA from American International University, London.