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CLERK BROWN COMMENTS ON PASSING OF 2014 COUNTY BUDGET, ELIMINATING CARBON PAPER, AND \$11.2 MILLION OWED TO COURT BY CITY

(CHICAGO, November 8, 2013) Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, congratulates President Toni Preckwinkle and the Cook County Board of Commissioners on the passing of the 2014 budget today.

Clerk Brown looks forward to working with the President and all of the stakeholders on the anticipated focus on public safety as well as improvements to the criminal justice system in Cook County.

Although requested funds were not allocated in the new budget to help eliminate the need to use carbon paper in the replication of court forms, Clerk Brown remains eager to work with the County Board to have all court forms carbonized in the coming year. Additionally, in lieu of a resolution of support regarding how the county is losing millions of dollars due to Administrative Hearings and the fact that the City of Chicago owes the County and the court \$11.2 million in court costs resulting from these hearings, Clerk Brown says she will continue to encourage the County Board to consider ways to stop the floodgate of lost revenue to the courts.