

Thank you

–On behalf of State's Attorney Anita Alvarez thank you for having us and thank you for being our supporter for all these years

-Without the Ill Criminal Justice Authority we could not be able to do so many of the innovative things we do that keep the Crim Justice Community moving

–As you all know the Cook County State's Attorney's Office is a tremendously busy place

-We are the second largest county in country

-Second only to Los Angeles by assistant State's attorneys

-But Los Angeles does not have a misdemeanor division, a civil division,

–We serve 55 courtrooms county wide in 6 district Courthouses. -In each of our Felony courtrooms there are approximately 350 cases

–In our misdemeanor rooms there are 3 times that many cases

–In Cook County we have more trials bench and jury than any other County in the Country

–This year alone we are quickly approaching a case load of 20% more cases that must be handled by the State's Attorney's office.

–In 2009 the felony cases that were initiated was 27,136