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There is No Canned Solution: Champaign County Integrated Justice Information System

On June 30, Champaign County celebrated one year of running on an integrated system. The three-vendor application provides a single point of entry for all case information that is then shared throughout the system. From booking through final disposition, it is now possible to view all case information from a single screen. Scanning and mug shots also are incorporated into every phase of the system. State's attorney, public defender, and court services users can keep detailed case notes on an individual case and view them separately or integrated with the court docket sheet. The system has reduced the amount of redundant data entry by nearly 75 percent, increased information availability, and allowed a single point of entry for reviewing and reporting information. Project pitfalls encountered, lessons learned, and future enhancements to be implemented by Champaign County in coming months also will be discussed.

Kirk Bedwell
Project Manager
Champaign County Justice System

Kirk Bedwell is project manager for the Champaign County Justice System. He has more than 25 years of experience as a programmer, analyst, consultant, and project manager. The knowledge gained working in manufacturing, retail, law enforcement, laboratory processing, government administration, as well as education as a consultant has allowed him to integrate many of these best practices into the Champaign County Justice System. Mr. Bedwell received his bachelor's degree in business from Eastern Illinois University and a master's degree from Webster University in St. Louis. He has also achieved the Project Management Professional (PMP) designation.

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Joseph J. Gordon
Director
Champaign County Probation and Court Services Department

Joseph J. Gordon is director of the Champaign County Probation and Court Services Department, where he has worked in a various capacities for more than 30 years. Prior to becoming director of the department, Mr. Gordon worked with high-risk offenders as a probation officer for the department's juvenile division. He was promoted to chief juvenile probation officer in 1984 and served in that position until 1993, when he was named director. Mr. Gordon also is an instructor at Parkland College in Champaign, where he has educated students on a variety of criminal justice issues since 1982.



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Julia Rietz
State's Attorney
Champaign County

Julia Rietz was elected Champaign County State's Attorney in November 2004 and was re-elected in November 2008. Ms. Rietz received her undergraduate degree in business management from Boston University and her law degree from the University of Illinois. She began her legal career in the Champaign County State's Attorney's Office in 1993 as an assistant state's attorney. In 1999, she went into private practice as a partner with the Urbana law firm of Beckett & Webber, P.C., where she stayed until she was elected state's attorney. In addition to her duties as state's attorney, Ms. Rietz is an adjunct professor at the University of Illinois College of Law teaching trial advocacy, and serves as chair of the county's Children's Advocacy Center Governing Board and chair of the county's Integrated Justice System Governing Board.