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## **ICJIA Welcomes New Deputy Director**

CHICAGO— February 19, 2015. Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA) Executive Director John Maki today announced the appointment of Randy Kurtz as ICJIA Deputy Director.

Mr. Kurtz has significant expertise in change management, operating management, board development, finance, and strategy. As Deputy Director, Mr. Kurtz will oversee fiscal management, grants administration, information systems, and technology, and administrative services. His focus will be strengthening agency efficiencies and effectiveness, and developing private partnerships to drive better criminal justice outcomes.

“Randy is a business leader with an incredible record of success and a commitment to social justice and public service,” said Executive Director Maki. “Our goal was to hire a new chief financial officer, but in Randy, we found a seasoned professional who has the capacity to provide financial oversight and manage the agency’s essential operations. Through his leadership, I’m confident that ICJIA will become the gold standard for efficient, effective, and mission-driven government in Illinois.”

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Kurtz was chief executive officer of Cristo Rey Network, an organization of 28 college preparatory high schools for underserved urban youth.

Mr. Kurtz is a former business executive with more than 20 years of corporate finance and investment banking experience. Before joining Cristo Rey Network, he headed Midwest corporate finance for Deutsche Bank. He also led diversified industrials for Credit Suisse, managing a \$150 million investment banking business with industrial manufacturers.

“This is a very exciting time to be at the Authority,” said Deputy Director Kurtz. “Criminal justice reform is gaining momentum in Illinois, as evidenced by Governor Rauner’s executive order to establish the Commission on Criminal Justice and Sentencing Reform and safely reduce the prison population by 25 percent in 10 years. I’m happy to be part of that focus.”

Mr. Kurtz grew up working on his family’s dairy farm in Milton, Wis. He also worked at the local IHOP, starting as a cook and working his way up to regional operations manager for 60 restaurants in eight states.

Mr. Kurtz has an MBA in finance from University of Chicago, where he was admitted without an undergraduate degree based on professional achievement and test scores.

Mr. Kurtz has been a trustee of the Field Museum of Natural History since 2003, and a board member of the Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives Microfinance Group since 2012. He is a former board member of Itasca-based Rainbows For All Children, the Morton Arboretum, Providence St. Mel School in Chicago, and the Lutheran School of Theology Foundation in Chicago.

ICJIA is dedicated to improving the administration of criminal justice with work in the areas of grants administration, research and analysis, policy and planning, and information systems and technology. Visit [www.icjia.state.il.us](http://www.icjia.state.il.us) for more information.

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