

# CELEBRATING OUR HISTORY



**As we continue our celebration of Black History Month, the Illinois Judicial Council would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to those who have served on the Appellate level of justice in Illinois.**



**While Appellate justices do not conduct trials, they review the rulings and evidence from the lower courts. They serve as an important backstop in the effort to insure that the justice system is fair and that there is equal access to justice.**

**We hail their achievements and their dedication. The history of African American jurists serving on the Appellate level provides a window into why it is so important to know, remember and celebrate Black history and to why it is important to have representative diversity on all levels of the court system.**

**The photographic exhibit below lists state and federal judges serving on the Appellate level in Illinois from 1976 through 2021. We hope to post a brief biography of each justice on the Illinois Judicial Council's website at [www.illinoisjudicialcouncil.org](http://www.illinoisjudicialcouncil.org) in the future. Please visit our website for more information, exhibits and newsletters.**

**Sincerely,**



**President, Illinois Judicial Council**