

COOK COUNTY ELDER JUSTICE CENTER

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**Mission Statement
for the
Cook County Elder Justice Center (“CCEJC”)**

The **MISSION** of the Cook County Elder Justice Center (“CCEJC”) is to serve the unique needs of elder litigants and their families, and to craft an innovative judicial response to these needs.

The **OBJECTIVES** of the CCEJC are:

1. To provide a central, easily accessible location and an elder-friendly environment for litigation of cases involving senior citizens and the resolution of other legal issues affecting the elderly, and to provide other social services by utilizing the court as a link to all senior-related agencies and programs.
2. To instill in all elderly litigants a sense of dignity, value, respect and self-determination through personalized attention and community support in a senior-friendly environment.
3. To build a strong community network that is charged with the mission of confronting and preventing elder abuse, neglect, financial exploitation and consumer scams by developing public education programs and community outreach.
4. To train judges, attorneys and court personnel to identify underlying issues and concerns affecting elder litigants.
5. To resolve disputes in a timely and expedited manner.
6. To educate and train private guardians and other individuals who stand in a fiduciary relationship with elderly persons.
7. To compile data to advance positive public policy.

*Hon. Timothy C. Evans, Chief Judge, Hon. Patricia Banks, Presiding Judge
Elder Law & Miscellaneous Remedies Division, Circuit Court of Cook County*