



Imaging Project Complete!



In our last newsletter we notified our membership that the Judges' Retirement System was implementing an "Imaging System" that would convert our paper-based files into electronic images.

We are excited to inform you that the imaging project is complete! All membership files, formerly maintained in paper files, are now scanned into our imaging system providing for safe, reliable storage of your personal information.

Conversion to the imaging system allows staff to retrieve your information more quickly, thereby providing you with faster service. This conversion was performed by your efficient JRS staff!

The Judges' Retirement System recently received a favorable determination ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

The IRS' favorable determination allows JRS to continue to operate as a tax-qualified retirement plan. Based upon a request from the IRS to all public employee retirement systems, JRS submitted the determination letter application to the IRS on January 30, 2009.

Active Judges Benefit Statement

Enclosed with this edition of the Panel is your annual Benefit Statement if **you are currently serving on the bench**. Your JRS Benefit Statement shows any reciprocal service you may have, along with a retirement benefit estimate at your normal retirement date using the Reciprocal Act. To determine your total benefit, add the projected JRS benefit to the amount from the reciprocal system(s).

If your statement shows reciprocal service but no amount, you either don't have enough service to use the Reciprocal Act, you have concurrent service with JRS and another system, or you don't need the service to qualify for the maximum benefit. Although we make every effort to provide you with an accurate benefit estimate, it is only an approximation. If you have questions, contact our office at 217-782-8500.

Benefit Statements for retirees & survivors are NOT included with this Panel. These statements will be mailed in March, 2013.

JRS Workshop Postponed

Normally, a one-day workshop is scheduled for JRS members every fall season. This year, due to significant changes in the state's payment of health insurance premiums, we are delaying the scheduling of workshops until the health insurance premium calculation formula is known.

The details of future retiree and survivor health insurance premiums are currently the subject of collective bargaining with unions representing state employees. Public Act 97-0695, signed by the Governor on June 21, 2012, specifies a portion of the cost of coverage, as determined by the Di-

rector of the Department of Central Management Services (CMS), will be the responsibility of the retiree or survivor.

CMS must require the health insurance contributions of annuitants and survivors of all state retirement systems to be based on the same formula. These contributions can be based on Medicare eligibility, but not coordination with Social Security.

The premium is expected to be based on a retiree's age at retirement, length of State service and amount of annuity. JRS will provide additional information as it becomes available.

1-on-1 Counseling

Below are the dates and locations for the remaining 2012 1-on-1 counseling sessions. The Court Administrator at each location will be asked to contact their judges about our upcoming 1-on-1 sessions. They will then schedule 1-on-1 appointments with Jayne Waldeck from the JRS office.

September 11

3rd Municipal District
Rolling Meadows in the afternoon

October 30

4th Municipal District
Maywood at 11:00 a.m.

November 14

5th Municipal District
Bridgeview in the afternoon

November 15

6th Municipal District
Markham in the morning

2012 JRS Deceased

	Date of Death
Donna Phelps-Felton (active)	1-13-12
Don Foster	1-15-12
Joseph Mioduski	1-21-12
Keith Campbell	1-25-12
Jay Hanson	1-30-12
Edward Eberspacher	2-10-12
John Teschner	2-13-12
Robert Hunter	2-22-12
Charles Spencer	2-28-12
Odas Nicholson	3-10-12
William Hibbler	3-19-12
Don Moore	3-28-12
William Nash	5-04-12
Martin Ashman	6-04-12
Joseph Gordon (active)	6-26-12
Edward Jordon (active)	6-28-12
John Shonkwiler (active)	7-18-12
Thomas Hett	8-01-12

FY13 JRS Salaries

FY13 salary increases for judges was based on a 0.9% COLA, effective July 1, 2012.

Supreme Court Justice	\$211,228
Appellate Court Justice	\$198,805
Circuit Court Judge	\$182,429
Associate Court Judge	\$173,308

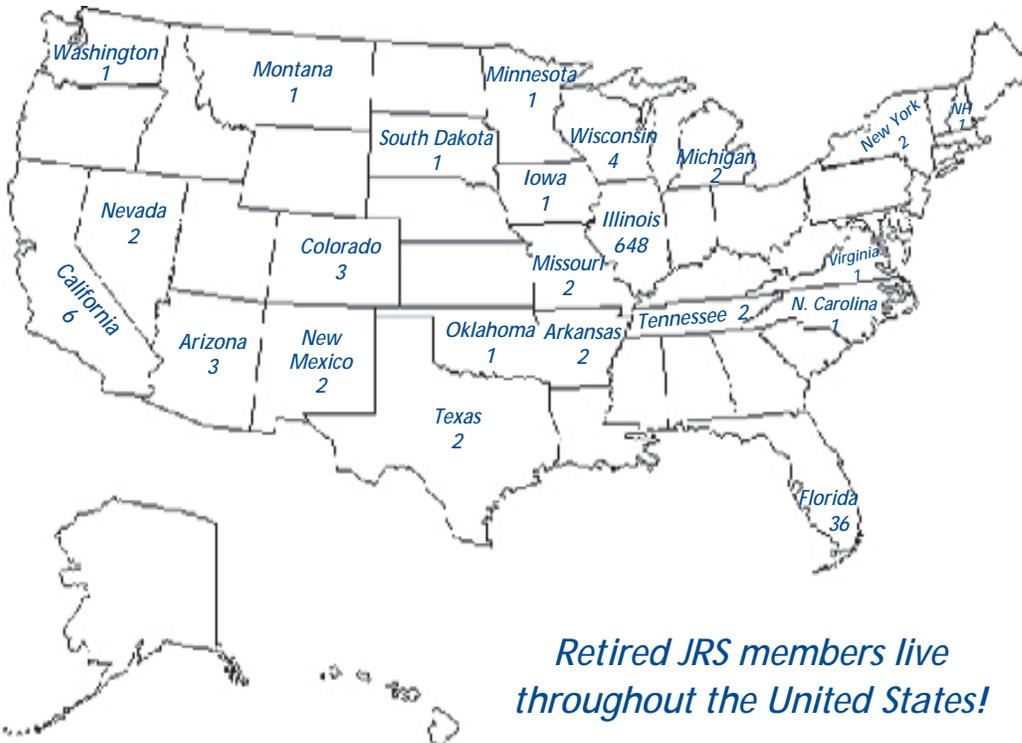
Retirees & Survivors by Year

Retirees

2008	624
2009	647
2010	665
2011	720
2012	725

Survivors

2008	332
2009	335
2010	334
2011	327
2012	331



Retired JRS members live throughout the United States!

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