

Champaign County Citizens Advisory Committee on Jury Selection
Legislative Affairs Subcommittee
Meeting with Representative Naomi Jakobsson
206 N. Randolph St. Champaign, Illinois 61820
4:00 pm February 19, 2009

Members: Patricia Avery (CACJS Vice-Chair), Jennifer Putman (CACJS Secretary), Randall Rosenbaum (CACJS Member and Champaign County Public Defender)

Legislative Agenda

- Oppose criminal penalties for failure to attend as juror (see HB 4002, filed 2/26/2009 by Rep. Sidney Mathias)
- Encourage employers to include Paid Time Off for Jury Duty as a workers' benefit
 - Create tax credit for employers who introduce or preserve Paid Leave for Jury Duty
 - Create community honor roll of employers who provide Paid Leave for Jury Duty
- Amend Article 4 (Fees and Salaries) of Counties Code to provide state subsidization of the sum that counties pay to jurors for their service in attending court
- Amend Jury Act to allow counties to comprise the jury list from lists in addition to lists of registered voters and holders of drivers licenses, Illinois ID cards, and Illinois Disabled Person ID cards
 - Add to jury list a list of public library card-holders
 - Add to jury list a list of persons who certify for unemployment benefits