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Understand Your Kane County Court System: New Video Series Makes It Easier

St. Charles, IL - July 28, 2026 – The 16th Judicial Circuit, in partnership with local marketing firm It's Me, Marketing, is excited to announce *Bridging Kane County Courts to the Community*, a new 14-part video series designed to help Kane County residents understand how their local court system works in plain language, on their own time.

Courts Made Accessible

Launched officially in May 2026, the series features real judges and court staff from the 16th Judicial Circuit explaining court processes and services clearly and authentically, without legal jargon. Topics include what to expect before going to court, how to find your court date, contesting traffic citations, serving as a juror, accessing the Kane County Law Library's free legal services, and getting married at a Kane County courthouse.

The series opens with "The Role of the Kane County Court System," presented by Illinois Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth Rochford and 16th Judicial Circuit Chief Judge Robert K. Villa, who discuss what it truly means to serve the public.

"We wanted to meet people where they are," said Chief Judge Villa. "Instead of expecting residents to search our website or sort through confusing search engine results, we're bringing trusted court information directly to the digital platforms they already use."

Building Community Trust Through Partnership

Developed in response to Illinois Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth Rochford's statewide *Bridging the Courthouse and Community* initiative with the Illinois Judges' Association, this project demonstrates how courts can earn trust through transparency and authentic storytelling. The partnership between the 16th Judicial Circuit and local award-winning media company, It's Me, Marketing, combines judicial expertise with creative communication to make court information genuinely relatable while maintaining judicial authority.

Available Now—Everywhere You Are

The 14-video playlist is available on **YouTube** and distributed through partnerships with Kane County libraries, city government sites, and community partnerships making it easy to find court information whenever you need it.

Every video includes professional closed captions and is optimized for mobile viewing, ensuring accessibility for all residents.

Since its official launch on May 26, 2026, the series has reached thousands of viewers, proof that residents are actively seeking this information and that community partnerships work.

Learn More

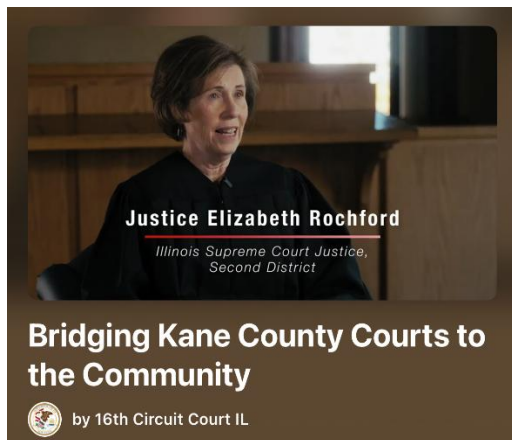
Find at link to the 14-video YouTube playlist on the **16th Circuit Court's website**:

<https://www.illinois16thjudicialcircuit.org>

Watch the videos on the **16th Circuit Court IL YouTube Channel @16thCircuitCourtIL**

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIVSsh8uEsrY3IfAUmdbAOGqEr7xMWEh7>

The QR code to the *Bridging Kane County Courts to the Community* YouTube playlist is below along with a screenshot of the playlist. Both are attached to this email.



Illinois Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth Rochford appears in the first video of the Bridging Kane County Courts to the Community to discuss the important role of the Kane County Court System.

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