

ICCTA ACTION ALERT

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COMMUNITY COLLEGES WIN LOCAL CONTROL LAWSUIT

Illinois community colleges won a lawsuit filed against the Illinois Executive Inspector General this morning. The ICCTA-coordinated action was filed in DuPage County Court last year to question the Inspector General's authority over community colleges.

Judge Duncan ruled for the community colleges, who disagreed with an Illinois Attorney General's opinion that stated that community colleges are state agencies and their employees are state employees for purposes of the State Government Officials and Employees Ethics Act. The DuPage County Court agreed with the colleges' argument that they are units of local government that are required to comply with the local government provisions (rather than the state agency provisions) of the Ethics Act.

The Court's ruling applies to the 35 community college districts that brought the suit. It is not yet known if the Attorney General will appeal the case. Attorneys representing the community colleges will be providing additional communications very soon.

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