

## **New Member Biographies**

### ***Chief Mitchell Davis – Police Chief Village of Hazel Crest***

Chief Mitchell R. Davis is Chief of Police for the Hazel Crest Police Department and was installed as the 73rd ILACP president on April 30, 2021. He started his law enforcement career with the Park Forest Police Department in 1991. In Park Forest, he served in many capacities, such as investigator, evidence technician, juvenile officer, SWAT officer, DARE instructor, EDGE instructor, and others. He was selected as the 1996 Police Officer of the Year for his work as a detective in the department. He was also part of the first group of detectives that made up the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force. In 2001, he left the Park Forest Police Department and took his first Chief of Police position with the Dixmoor Police Department. He later became Chief of Police for the Robbins Police Department, before going to Hazel Crest. Chief Davis is pursuing his PhD in Organizational Leadership at Concordia University of Chicago and holds a Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Governors State University. He is also a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command, class #182. Chief Davis was recognized as the 2018 Police Chief of the Year by the Illinois State Crime Commission and is the 2018 recipient of the Ed Van Ley Community Service Award from the District 205 Academic Enrichment Foundation.

### ***Christelle Perez –Illinois Attorney General's Office***

Christelle Perez is the Division Chief for the Violence Prevention and Crime Victims Services Division with the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. In this role she supervises a variety of programs that provide grant funding for victim's services agencies, reimburse losses for victims of violent crime, train nurses to provide victim sensitive forensic exams for sexual assault survivors, protect address information for victims of crimes fearing for their safety, and advocate for the protection of victim's rights during investigation and prosecution. Christelle has over 20 years of legal practice experience that include working with victims and advocates, assisting individuals traumatized by domestic battery, child sexual abuse and sexual assault. She has also worked extensively with family members and various health care professionals to ensure individuals suffering from severe mental illness receive court ordered involuntary commitment and/or treatment. Prior to her current position, Christelle was Chief of the Crime Victims Compensation Bureau. Prior to that that she worked in the Illinois Attorney General's Sexually Violent Persons Unit prosecuting numerous cases that involved various stages of the Sexually Violent and Sexually Dangerous Person Commitment proceedings. Prior to joining the State, she worked in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office for more than 12 years in a variety of areas. Prior to joining the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, she worked as a staff attorney in the Cook County Juvenile Court's Child Protection Division. Christelle also has provided numerous trainings, taught courses, and led presentations on a wide variety of subjects. "

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### ***Scott Main – Office of the State Appellate Defender***

Scott is the Assistant Director of the Illinois Juvenile Defender Resource Center, a division of the Office of the State Appellate Defender (OSAD), focused on promoting excellence in youth defense, and fairness for all youth in conflict with the law. Scott was an Assistant Appellate Defender in OSAD's First District Office for over ten years. From 2012 through 2019, he was a Clinical Fellow in the Children and Family Justice Center, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law focusing on policy and litigation strategy for youth in adult court facing or serving lengthy sentences. He has taught legal writing and the Criminal Appeals Clinic at DePaul University College of Law and teaches the Criminal Law Practicum at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. Scott holds an A.B. from the University of Chicago and a J.D. from Loyola University Chicago.