

December 8, 1924.

To the Executive Committee of Judges,

Superior Court of Cook County:

During the past four years in my capacity as Clerk of the Superior Court of Cook County there has been deposited with me various sums of money under orders of the court. For the purpose of safeguarding these funds I have deposited them with a reputable bank in the City of Chicago. Interest has accrued on these funds from time to time. I have sought and obtained legal advice from reputable attorneys in Chicago to the effect that there is no provision of the statutes of Illinois requiring me to account to the county for said interest, because the funds so received by me under order of the court were not ordered by the court to be deposited in any particular bank, nor to draw interest.

Although I am not legally obligated to surrender to the county the interest so received by me on said funds, nevertheless I am willing to do so after deducting all necessary expenses which would including the sum of approximately \$_____ in payment of the premium on my official bond, and the premiums on the bonds of my chief deputy and bookkeeper, who also handle these funds.

Your Honors well know that from time to time the clerk is often harrassed and annoyed by lawsuits brought against him and he finds it necessary to employ attorneys to properly defend him in such event. The clerk should not be required to pay for such defense out of his own pocket and I therefore believe it proper to pay any such fees out of such interest.

The foregoing is not to be construed as any

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