

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF WILL)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2023-39
ASSIGNMENT ORDER

This Order is effective January 1, 2024

The following Judges are assigned to the following divisions at the times herein indicated:

DIVISION 1: CRIMINAL FELONIES: Circuit Judge David M. Carlson, Presiding

All cases within this division are transferable between the judges assigned without written assignment order by the Chief Judge, and all cases wherein substitutions or recusals may occur will be reassigned by the Presiding Judge without having to be referred to the Chief Judge.

(A): Circuit Judges David M. Carlson (Courtroom 405), Amy M. Bertani-Tomczak (Courtroom 502), Sarah F. Jones (Courtroom 501), Carmen J. Goodman (Courtroom 503), Vincent F. Cornelius (Courtroom 404), Daniel D. Rippey (Courtroom 402), John Connor (Courtroom 403), Associate Judge Fred Harvey (401), and Associate Judge Art Smigielski (Courtroom 801) are assigned to hear Felony Division Court calls. It is contemplated that Judges Bertani-Tomczak, Carlson, Goodman, Jones, Cornelius, Rippey, Connor, Harvey, and Smigielski will each have a regular daily Court call, including motions on cases assigned to them. All Criminal Felony calls shall start at 9:30 a.m., Monday through Friday with the exception of Courtrooms 405 and 801 which shall start at 9:00 a.m. Felony arraignments and preliminary hearings will be heard at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 405 Monday through Friday. All Problem Solving Courts (Drug Court, Veterans and Servicemembers Court, and Mental Health Court) will be referred to Judge Fred Harvey for assignment in Courtroom 401 on dates and times to be determined by Judge Fred Harvey with the approval of the presiding judge. Overflow felony bench and jury trials, pretrial motions, petitions to revoke, expungements, and pleas will be heard as determined by the presiding judge with the approval of the Chief Judge. Domestic violence bench and jury trials, including related pretrial and post-trial matters and motions, except domestic violence cases filed as a lesser charge to one or more additional offenses, will be heard by Associate Judge Art Smigielski (Courtroom 801).

(B): CASES BROUGHT UNDER THE ILLINOIS POST CONVICTION ACT will be brought to the attention of the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Felony Division within twenty-four (24) hours of filing. The Presiding Judge will assign them to the original trial judge or, if that is not possible, to some other judge in the Criminal Felony Division.

(C): GRAND JURY: All pending Grand Jury matters (MR and MX) will be heard in closed proceedings at a time and place determined by the Presiding Judge. All indictments will be returned in open court at 8:45 a.m. in Courtroom 405 on Thursdays of each week or otherwise determined by the Presiding Judge.

DIVISION 2: CIVIL: Circuit Judge Roger D. Rickmon, Presiding

All cases within this division are transferable between the judges assigned without written assignment order by the Chief Judge, and all cases wherein substitutions or recusals may occur will be reassigned by the Presiding Judge without having to be referred to the Chief Judge and it is contemplated that Circuit Judges Anderson, Petrungaro, Rickmon and Tuminello and Associate Judges Barrett, Braun, Ewanic, J. Harvey, Jarz, and Pavich will be able to substitute for each other on their respective Court calls when one of them is not available without written Assignment Order by the Chief Judge.

(A): CIVIL JURY: Circuit Judges Bobbi N. Petrungaro (Courtroom 903), and Roger D. Rickmon (Courtroom 802) and Associate Judges Bennett Braun (Courtroom 901) and Brian E. Barrett (Courtroom 902) will hear Civil Jury Trials. Circuit Judges Rickmon and Petrungaro and Associate Judges Brian E. Barrett and Bennett Braun will each have a regular daily cover call including motions on cases assigned to them. All Judges within the Civil Division will hear cases as assigned by the Presiding Judge, including jury, non-jury, eminent domain, probate, condemnation, small claims and foreclosures, at times not to conflict with their set court calls. In addition, all civil judges will conduct pre-trial hearings on cases assigned to them. All Civil Motion calls shall begin at 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. Jury Trials shall commence at 9:00 a.m. All civil judges including Circuit Judges Anderson and Tuminello and Associate Judge Jarz, will hear cases as assigned by the Presiding Judge, including jury, non-jury, eminent domain, probate, condemnation, small claims, foreclosures, housing, zoning building enforcement and filings from residents of the Illinois Department of Corrections.

(B): CIVIL NON-JURY LAW OVER \$50,000, LM CASES UNDER \$50,000, CHANCERY, MISCELLANEOUS REMEDY (OTHER THAN FILINGS OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND CASES BROUGHT UNDER THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT) AND TAX CASES: Circuit Judge John C. Anderson (Courtroom 905) will hear Civil Law Non-Jury Law over \$50,000, LM Cases under \$50,000, Chancery and Miscellaneous Remedies. Motions will be heard at 9:00 a.m. Trials will be scheduled daily at 10:00 a.m. and are to be set on motion. The Court will schedule pretrial settlement conferences daily at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and at such other times that are available.

Mortgage Foreclosure cases will be heard by Associate Judge Theodore J. Jarz (Courtroom 803) and scheduled as follows:

All mortgage foreclosure cases brought by Manley, Deas, and Kochalski, LLC will be heard on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. All mortgage foreclosure cases brought by Pierce and Associates, Shapiro, Kreisman & Associates, LLC and Ira Nevel and Associates will be heard

on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. All mortgage foreclosures brought by Codilis and Associates will be heard on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. All mortgage foreclosures brought by Heavener, Scott, Beyers, & Mihlar, LLC, Hauselman, Rappin & Olswang, Ltd., and Law Office of Russell C. Wirbicki, will be heard on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. All mortgage foreclosures brought by Freedman, Anselmo, Lindberg, LLC will be heard on Fridays at 9:00 a.m.

All cases not otherwise assigned shall be heard on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 9:00 a.m. or on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. Case setting maximums and other scheduling limitations are at the discretion of the Presiding Judge with the approval of the Chief Judge.

In addition, Civil Asset Forfeitures shall be heard in Courtroom by Associate Judge Theodore J. Jarz (Courtroom 803), This call will be heard every other Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. and any other dates as necessary with the approval of the presiding judge. For return purposes, all returns should be made to Courtroom 803. Trials of Civil Forfeiture matters shall be handled at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday by Associate Judge Brian Barrett in Courtroom 902.

(C): ARBITRATION (ARBITRATION ELIGIBLE CIVIL FILINGS BETWEEN \$10,000 AND \$75,000): Circuit Judge Jeffrey Tuminello (Courtroom 904) is assigned Supervising Judge of Arbitration and shall hear all matters relating to Mandatory Arbitration in Courtroom 904 at 9:00 a.m.

(D): PROBATE: Associate Judge Derek Ewanic (Courtroom 2, River Valley) will hear Probate cases. The Probate call will be heard Monday through Friday at 9:00 a.m. Hearings and pretrials will be heard Monday through Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

(E): MENTAL HEALTH HEARINGS: Mental Health hearings will be heard by Associate Judge Frederick V. Harvey. Cases set for status are held Thursday at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 401. Hearings are held on Friday at 9:00 a.m. at Presence St. Joseph Medical Center or Silver Cross Hospital. Criminal hearings to be heard by Associate Judge Frederick V. Harvey at the Joliet Treatment Center on days and times to be determined by the Chief Judge.

(F): SMALL CLAIMS AND ALL SUPPLEMENTAL CIVIL PROCEEDINGS: Small Claims cases will be heard by Associate Judge James Harvey (Courtroom 1002). Small Claims call shall start at 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. Motions shall be heard at 10:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. Trials shall be heard at 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All returns in Eviction cases are returnable at 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, and set for trial as determined by Judge James Harvey. All citations, wage deductions, garnishments, or post judgment proceedings brought by Harris Law Group, LLP, or Arnold Scott Harris, PC will be heard on the second and third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m., not to exceed one-hundred (100) cases per day.

(G): HABEAS CORPUS AND MANDAMUS: Habeas Corpus and Mandamus cases will be heard by Associate Judge Bennett Braun in Courtroom 901 on alternating Thursdays and Fridays.

Code Enforcement cases will be heard by Presiding Judge Roger Rickmon in Courtroom 802 on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

DIVISION 3: JUVENILE DELINQUENCY/JUVENILE ABUSE AND NEGLECT CASES, ADOPTION, TRUANCY, GUARDIANSHIPS AND JUVENILE DRUG COURT: Associate Judge John Pavich (Courtroom 1, River Valley). Juvenile Court shall start at 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. Abuse/Neglect Permanency Review Hearings will be heard at 11:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. Delinquency and Abuse/Neglect trials will be set at 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Juvenile Drug Court will be heard on the first Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m.

Associate Judge Derek Ewanic (Courtroom 2, River Valley) will hear guardianship and adoption cases: Guardianship cases shall start at 9:00 a.m. Adoptions shall be heard every Monday at 1:30 p.m. Truancies will be heard on the third Monday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

All conflict attorneys practicing in the Juvenile Division of the Public Defender's Office shall be present before Judge Pavich daily. All cases on this call are transferable between Judges Pavich and Ewanic without written Assignment Order by the Chief Judge.

DIVISION 4: CRIMINAL MISDEMEANORS: Circuit Judge Jessica Colon-Sayre, Presiding.

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(A): Circuit Judge Jessica Colon-Sayre (Courtroom 301), Associate Judge Sherri L. Hale (Courtroom 302), Chief Judge Daniel L. Kennedy, (Courtroom 303), and Circuit Judge Marzell Richardson (Courtroom 304) shall hear all state prosecution hearings and proceedings relating to all misdemeanors and alcohol-related traffic violations, aggravated traffic offenses (including driving while license revoked, driving while license suspended, reckless driving, fleeing and eluding, and leaving the scene of an accident), and summary suspension cases. Associate Judge Chrystel Gavlin (Courtroom 201) will hear all municipal prosecutions for such cases. The morning calls shall commence at 9:00 a.m. and the afternoon calls at 1:30 p.m. Domestic violence and violations of Orders of Protection, bench and jury trials, including related pretrial and post-trial matters and motions, will be heard by Associate Judge Art Smigielski (Courtroom 801).

Supplemental proceedings for said violations and any traffic violations written as misdemeanor offenses wherein an officer gives a return date shall be made returnable in the following fashion:

If the last name of the defendant begins with A through E of the alphabet, they shall be returnable to Courtroom 303 at 9:00 a.m. If the last name of the defendant begins with F through K of the alphabet, they shall be returnable to Courtroom 302 at 9:00 a.m. If the last name of the defendant begins with L through Q of the alphabet, they shall be returnable to Courtroom 301 at 9:00 a.m. If the last name of the defendant begins with R through Z of the alphabet, they shall be returnable to Courtroom 304 at 9:00 a.m.

(B) FELONY AND MISDEMEANOR FIRST APPEARANCE CALL: Associate Judge Donald DeWilkins (Courtroom 202) will hear all first appearance matters including detention issues and remaining bond matters. This call shall commence at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

(C): BRANCH COURTS SCHEDULE: Associate Judge Victoria R. Breslan shall hear cases in the Branch Courts. On days when Branch Court is not in session, the Judge will be assigned on an as needed basis, including divorce prove-ups.

(D): TRAFFIC: Associate Judge Shenonda Tisdale (Courtroom 101). Regular traffic calls shall commence at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. daily. Pay due matters and motions will be heard Monday through Friday at 10:00 a.m. Overweight and other commercial traffic violation cases will be heard on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Will County Collection cases will be heard on the fourth Friday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

DIVISION 5: FAMILY: Circuit Judge David Garcia, Presiding

All cases within this division are transferable between the judges assigned without written assignment order by the Chief Judge, and all cases wherein substitutions or recusals may occur will be reassigned by the Presiding Judge without having to be referred to the Chief Judge.

(A): DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE AND CIVIL UNIONS, DECLARATION OF INVALIDITY OF MARRIAGE, CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS AND ALL POST DECREE MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE CASES: Dissolution of Marriage and related matters shall be heard by Circuit Judge David Garcia (Courtroom 702), Associate Judges Joan Meyers (Courtroom 701), Victoria M. Kennison (Courtroom 703), Rolonda V. Mitchell (Courtroom 704), and Domenica Osterberger (Courtroom 705).

Motions, case management conferences, status calls, prove-ups, grounds hearings, status hearings and contested pre and post decree motions shall be heard Monday through Friday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Trials involving remaining issues, custody, visitation, removals and post decree matters requiring extended testimony shall be heard at 1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Pretrials shall be heard at 1:30 p.m. on Friday and at such other times as are scheduled by the Court.

(B): PATERNITY, NON-SUPPORT AND RELATED MATTERS PROSECUTED BY THE ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE: Associate Judge Raymond A. Nash (Courtroom 601) and Associate Judge Zachary Pollack (Courtroom 602) will hear the Attorney General Support calls on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. in Courtrooms 601 and 602. All files will be assigned at the direction of the Family Division Presiding Judge.

Motions, case management conferences, status calls, status hearings and contested motions shall be heard Monday through Friday at 9:00 a.m.

(C): STATE'S ATTORNEY SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CALL: Associate Judge Zachary Pollack (Courtroom 602) will hear the State's Attorney Support Enforcement call on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 602.

Motions, case management conferences, status calls, status hearings and contested motions shall be heard Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

(D): ORDERS OF PROTECTION: Associate Judge Thomas Slazyk (Courtroom 603) will hear Emergency Orders of Protection at all times when Court is in session. Plenary Orders and extensions of Emergency Orders will be heard Monday through Friday at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. All files will be assigned at the direction of the Family Division Presiding Judge. It is understood that persons may apply for Orders of Protection at any time that Court is in session.

(E): FAMILY MATTERS ORIGINATING FROM THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS: Presiding Judge David Garcia (Courtroom 702) shall hear filings for dissolution of marriage by residents of the Illinois Department of Corrections.

FLOATER JUDGES: Associate Judge Matthew Bertani and Associate Judge Ken Zelazo.

DATED THIS 8th DAY OF December, 2023.

ENTER:


DANIEL L. KENNEDY, CHIEF JUDGE

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