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WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
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COUNTY OF WILL )

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**SECOND AMENDED ASSIGNMENT ORDER**

IN THE MATTER OF ASSIGNING JUDGES ) Administrative  
AND COURTROOMS ) Order 2025-8

This Administrative Order 2025-8 is entered pursuant to authority contained in Supreme Court Rules 21(b) and (c), and takes effect immediately, unless otherwise noted, and provides for the following:

- I. Divisions of the Court and Presiding Judges
- II. Assignments of Judges to Courtrooms and Courtroom Assignments by Division
- III. Authority of Presiding Judges
- IV. Special and Miscellaneous Assignments
  - A. Out-of-County and Temporary Assignments
  - B. Acting Chief Judge Assignments
- V. Chief Judge’s Office Staff

**SECTION 1 – DIVISIONS OF THE COURT AND PRESIDING JUDGES**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that effective February 28, 2025, six divisions of the Court are established and the Presiding Judges of the various divisions are as follows:

DIVISION	PRESIDING JUDGE
I. CRIMINAL FELONY	Amy M. Bertani-Tomczak
II. CIVIL	Bobbi N. Petrunaro
III. JUVENILE, DELINQUENCY/JUVENILE ABUSE & NEGLECT CASES, TRUANCY, AND JUVENILE DRUG COURT	Carmen J. Goodman
IV. CRIMINAL MISDEMEANOR	Colette Safford
V. DOMESTIC RELATIONS	Victoria M. Kennison
VI. ADMINISTRATIVE: A. CHIEF JUDGE B. FLOATER JUDGE	Daniel L. Kennedy Kenneth L. Zelazo

**SECTION II – ASSIGNMENTS OF JUDGES TO COURTROOMS AND COURTROOM  
ASSIGNMENTS BY DIVISION**

**DIVISION I. CRIMINAL FELONY**

<b>COURTROOM</b>	<b>JUDGE</b>	<b>COURT CALL</b>	<b>STARTING TIME</b>
401	Frederick V. Harvey	Problem Solving Courts	9:30
402	Amy B. Christiansen	Felony	9:30
403	John Connor	Felony	9:30
404	Vincent F. Cornelius	Felony	9:30
405	Amy B. Bertani-Tomczak	Felony Arraignments & Preliminary Hearings	9:00
501	Sarah F. Jones	Felony	9:30
502	Jessica Colon-Sayre	Felony	9:30
503	Arkadiusz “Art” Smigielski	Felony	9:30
801	Thomas Slazyk	Felony	9:00

(A): Circuit Judges Amy M. Bertani-Tomczak, Amy B. Christiansen, John Connor, Vincent F. Cornelius, Sarah F. Jones, Jessica Colon-Sayre, and Associate Judges Frederick V. Harvey, Arkadiusz “Art” Smigielski and Thomas Slazyk are assigned to hear Felony Division Court Calls. 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 Frederick V. Harvey for assignment in Courtroom 401 on dates and times to be determined by Judge Frederick V. 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 Thomas Slazyk.

(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 II. CIVIL**

<b>COURTROOM</b>	<b>JUDGE</b>	<b>COURT CALL</b>	<b>STARTING TIME</b>
802	Daniel D. Rippy	Civil Jury	9:30
803	Jennifer M. Lynch	Foreclosures	9:00 (M, T, TH, F) 1:00 (W)
803	Jennifer M. Lynch	Civil Asset Forfeitures	9:00 (W)
901	Jeffrey J. Tuminello	Habeas Corpus and Mandamus	10:30 (alternating Thurs. & Fri.)
901	Jeffrey J. Tuminello	Civil Jury/Arbitration	9:00
902	Brian E. Barrett	Civil Jury	9:00
903	Bobbi N. Petrunaro	Civil Jury	9:00
903	Bobbi N. Petrunaro	Housing	1:30 (T)
904	Bennett J. Braun	Civil Non-Jury, Chancery	9:15
905	Victoria R. Breslan	Civil Non-Jury, Chancery	9:00
1002	Rolonda V. Mitchell	Small Claims	9:00
RVJC – 2	David Garcia	Probate & Guardianship	9:00
RVJC – 2	David Garcia	Adoption	1:00 (M)
RVJC – 2	David Garcia	Juvenile - backup	9:00

(A): CIVIL JURY: Circuit Judges Bobbi N. Petrunaro, Daniel D. Rippy, and Associate Judge Brian E. Barrett will hear Civil Jury Law Division Trials. Circuit Judge Jeffrey J. Tuminello will hear Arbitration and Small Claims Jury Trials. Circuit Judges Bobbi N. Petrunaro, Daniel D. Rippy, and Jeffrey J. Tuminello and Associate Judge Brian Barrett 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 as listed above Monday through Friday. Jury Trials shall commence at 9:00 a.m. All civil judges including Circuit Judges Victoria R. Breslan, Jennifer M. Lynch, and Associate Judge Bennett J. Braun, 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. Pretrial settlement conferences shall be set Monday through Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. and at such other times that are available.

(B): CIVIL NON-JURY LAW OVER \$75,000, CHANCERY, LM CASES (OTHER THAN SMALL CLAIMS AND ARBITRATION), 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 Victoria R. Breslan and Associate Judge Bennett J. Braun will hear Civil Law Non-Jury Law over \$75,000, Chancery, LM Cases (other than Small Claims and Arbitration), and Miscellaneous Remedies. Motions will be heard as listed above. 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 Circuit Judge Jennifer M. Lynch 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 803 by Circuit Judge Jennifer M. Lynch. This call will be heard each and every 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. Hearings of Civil Forfeiture matters shall be handled at 1:30 p.m. every Wednesday by Associate Judge Brian E. Barrett. Trials of Civil Forfeiture matters shall be handled every other Wednesday by Associate Judge Brian E. Barrett.

(C): ARBITRATION (ARBITRATION ELIGIBLE CIVIL FILINGS BETWEEN \$10,000 AND \$75,000): Circuit Judge Jeffrey J. Tuminello is assigned Supervising Judge of Arbitration and shall hear all matters relating to Mandatory Arbitration at 9:00 a.m. Judge Jeffrey J. Tuminello will also hear jury trials on Arbitration cases and Small Claims cases with jury demands.

(D): PROBATE: Circuit Judge David Garcia will hear Probate cases at the River Valley Justice Center. 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. 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 Rolonda V. Mitchell. 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 Rolonda V. Mitchell. 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 either Judge Bobbi N. Petrunaro, Judge Bennett J. Braun or as otherwise assigned by the Presiding Judge on alternating Thursdays and Fridays.

Code Enforcement cases will be heard by Presiding Judge Bobbi N. Petrunaro on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

**DIVISION III. JUVENILE**

<b>COURTROOM</b>	<b>JUDGE</b>	<b>COURT CALL</b>	<b>STARTING TIME</b>
RVJC – 1	Carmen J. Goodman	Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Abuse and Neglect Cases, Truancy, and Juvenile Drug Court	9:00
RVJC – 1	Carmen J. Goodman	Probate, Guardianship, and Adoption backup	9:00

DIVISION 3: JUVENILE DELINQUENCY/JUVENILE ABUSE AND NEGLECT CASES, ADOPTION, TRUANCY, GUARDIANSHIPS AND JUVENILE DRUG COURT: Circuit Judge Carmen J. Goodman will hear Juvenile matters at River Valley Justice Center, Courtroom 1. 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.

Circuit Judge David Garcia will hear guardianship, adoption, and truancy cases at River Valley Justice Center in Courtroom 2: Guardianship cases shall start at 9:00 a.m. Adoptions shall be heard every Monday at 1:00 p.m. Truancies will be heard on the first and third Mondays of each month at 2:30 p.m and at other times established by Judge Garcia. Any criminal misdemeanor charges filed against parents or guardians shall be heard on the first and third Mondays of each month at 2:30 p.m. except those cases that have jury trials arising from truancy matters, which will occur at the Will County Courthouse on days and courtrooms as ordered by the Presiding Judge of the Misdemeanor Division on a case-by-case basis.

All conflict attorneys practicing in the Juvenile Division of the Public Defender’s Office shall be present before Judge Carmen J. Goodman daily. All cases on this call are transferable between Judges Carmen J. Goodman and David Garcia without written Assignment Order by the

Chief Judge. Should Judge Goodman be unavailable, Judge Garcia will hear juvenile matters. Should Judge Garcia be unavailable, Judge Goodman will hear probate and adoption matters.

**DIVISION IV. CRIMINAL MISDEMEANOR**

<b>COURTROOM</b>	<b>JUDGE</b>	<b>COURT CALL</b>	<b>STARTING TIME</b>
101	James B. Harvey	Traffic	9:00 & 1:00
201	John J. Pavich	Municipal Prosecutions	9:00 & 1:30
202	Derek W. Ewanic	First Appearance Call / Bond Court	9:00 & 1:30
301	Shenonda Tisdale	Misdemeanor	9:00 & 1:30
302	Sherri L. Hale	Misdemeanor	9:00 & 1:30
303	Colette Safford	Misdemeanor	9:00 & 1:30
304	Donald W. DeWilkins	Misdemeanor	9:00 & 1:30
Outer Courts	Chrystel L. Gavlin	Outer Courts / Branch Court	9:00 & 1:00

(A): Circuit Judge Colette Safford, and Associate Judges Donald W. DeWilkins, Sherri L. Hale, and Shenonda Tisdale, 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 John J. Pavich 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 Thomas Slazyk.

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 Derek W. Ewanic 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 Chrystel L. Gavlin 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 James B. Harvey. 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 V. DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

<b>COURTROOM</b>	<b>JUDGE</b>	<b>COURT CALL</b>	<b>STARTING TIME</b>
601	Raymond A. Nash	Paternity/Non-Support	9:00
602	Zachary Pollack	Paternity/Non-Support	9:00
603	Theodore J. Jarz	Orders of Protection	9:00
604	Sonni C. Williams	Dissolution of Marriage/Paternity/Non-Support	9:00
701	Joan M. Meyers	Dissolution of Marriage	9:00
702	Antoinette L. Granholm	Dissolution of Marriage	9:00
703	Victoria M. Kennison	Dissolution of Marriage	9:00
704	Gabriel G. Orenic	Dissolution of Marriage	9:00
705	Raymond P. McSteen	Dissolution of Marriage	9:00

(A): DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE AND CIVIL UNIONS, DECLARATION OF INVALIDITY OF MARRIAGE, PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY PROCEEDINGS AND ALL POST DECREE MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ABOVE CASES:

Dissolution of Marriage and related matters shall be heard by Associate Judges Victoria M. Kennison, Raymond P. McSteen, Joan M. Meyers, Gabriel G. Orenic, and Antoinette Granholm, and Circuit Judge Sonni C. Williams. 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 Judges Raymond A. Nash, Zachary Pollack, and Circuit Judge Sonni C. Williams will hear the Attorney General Support calls

on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. in Courtrooms 601, 602, and 604. 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 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 Theodore J. Jarz 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 Victoria M. Kennison shall hear filings for dissolution of marriage by residents of the Illinois Department of Corrections.

#### DIVISION VI. ADMINISTRATIVE

<b>COURTROOM</b>	<b>JUDGE</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>
1003	Daniel L. Kennedy	Chief Judge
804	Kenneth L. Zelazo	Floater

#### SECTION III – AUTHORITY OF PRESIDING JUDGES

Each Presiding Judge of a division shall have complete administrative authority to assign cases within their division and responsibility for their division, except for providing for divisions of court, the assignment of judges to divisions, the assignment of non-judicial personnel to divisions and within divisions, the times and places of holding court and the initial assignment of cases to individual judges, all of which are provided for herein.



**SECTION IV – SPECIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS ASSIGNMENTS**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following miscellaneous assignments be and are hereby made:

**A. Out-of-County and Temporary Assignments**

Assignments shall be made by the Chief Judge.

**B. Acting Chief Judge Assignments**

In the absence of the Chief Judge, the matters assigned to the Chief Judge shall be presented to the Acting Chief Judge.

**SECTION V – CHIEF JUDGE’S OFFICE STAFF – 815-727-8540**

NAME	TITLE
Roger Holland	Trial Court Administrator
Tad Zito	Deputy Trial Court Administrator
Anne Swanson	Assistant Trial Court Administrator
Krystle Teufer	Assistant Trial Court Administrator
Linda Rousonelos	Executive Assistant to the Chief Judge
Ruth Arias	Administrative Assistant
Lisa Burton	Arbitration Administrator

This Order shall become effective February 28, 2025, unless otherwise indicated and remain in effect until further order of the Court.

ENTERED: 2/20/25



Chief Judge Daniel L. Kennedy

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