

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 22nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
McHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

JOINT STANDING ORDER
FOR RECONSTITUTION
FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO
HON. JOEL D. BERG (COURTROOM 103),
HON. MICHAEL J. CHMIEL (COURTROOM 202),
HON. KEVIN G. COSTELLO (COURTROOM 204),
HON. THOMAS A. MEYER (COURTROOM 201), AND
HON. SUZANNE C. MANGIAMELE (COURTROOM 358)

On March 16, 2020, the Judges of the Civil Division entered a Standing Order in consideration of the activation of the Circuit's Pandemic Continuity of Operations Plan, to address reduced operations. After our courthouse closed on March 17, 2020, in consideration of an Order entered by the Supreme Court of Illinois in Matter No. M.R. 30370, operations in this Circuit were further reduced to those deemed essential. Considering these steps, the Judges assigned to the Civil Division of the Circuit further conferred to arrive at further preferences for the handling of cases in their courtrooms. *Now*, the Judges anticipate relative reopening on June 1, 2020, and in place of said previous Standing Orders, and consistent with the Reconstitution Plan of the Circuit, establish the following protocols for proceedings in their courtrooms:

- (A) As the Circuit navigates the reconstitution of its operations, and with various decrees continuing to apply during the current Pandemic, patience will be required as we all work to handle pending matters in appropriate ways.
- (B) Until Further Order of Court, the Judges of the Civil Division are calling cases at 8:45 a.m., at 9:45 a.m., and at or after 10:45 a.m., Monday through Friday. The Judges are directing the Clerk to allow but limit settings by parties at these times in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Courtroom</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Settings</u>
103 (Berg)*	8:45 a.m.	35
	9:45 a.m.	35
	10:45 a.m.	35
	1:15 p.m.	35 (LM cases)
201 (Meyer)	8:45 a.m.	15
	9:45 a.m.	15
	10:45 a.m.	Reserved for Court
202 (Chmiel)	8:45 a.m.	35 (AR cases)
	9:45 a.m.	15
	10:45 a.m.	Reserved for Court

204 (Costello)	8:45 a.m.	15
	9:45 a.m.	15
	10:45 a.m.	Reserved for Court
357 (Mangiamele)	8:45 a.m.	Reserved for Court
	9:45 a.m.	15
	10:45 a.m.	15

*Larger court calls will be split with half (divided by Plaintiff's attorney) being heard by either Judge Costello or Judge Meyer, depending on the volume in their respective courtrooms that date. No notice will be sent; instead, notice will only be posted on the door of Courtroom 103 on the following dates, with hallway monitors updated to display the correct courtroom for each case.

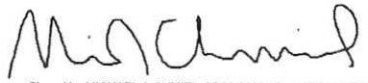
<u>Date</u>	<u>Firm(s) to be heard in 103</u>	<u>All Other Cases</u>
6/5 a.m.	Blitt & Gaines	204
6/8 a.m.	Mandarich Law Group Franks, Gerkin & McKenna Markoff Law	204
6/19 a.m.	Blitt & Gaines	201

- (C) Until further Order of Court, the Judges of the Civil Division will not take paper in their courtrooms; as such, *at the direction of a Judge*, draft orders may be received at proposedorders@22ndcircuit.illinoiscourts.gov, or will be prepared by the Judge. Similarly, the Clerk will not be asked to take paper in open court.
- (D) Until further Order of Court, courtesy copies will not be received in the Civil Division; as such, the local rule which requires the same will not be enforced. Judges will work through e-filings; items to be presented in open court should be filed at least two court days prior to the call of the case in open court.
- (E) Each courtroom in the Civil Division continues to be equipped to handle cases through CourtCall. All who desire to participate in or otherwise attend the call of a case in a courtroom of the Civil Division are encouraged to do so through CourtCall.
- (F) All parties in a case may stipulate or otherwise agree to the entry of an order in a case. Proposed orders may be emailed to proposedorders@22ndcircuit.illinoiscourts.gov. Proposed orders must be signed by all parties (or their attorneys) in the case, or by an attorney with a representation that presentation of the proposed order involves an agreement of

the parties. The Court reserves the right to enter and/or modify any such proposed order. Proposed orders will be filed and otherwise made available when they have been processed, which may take up to five court days.

- (G) While all matters set for presentation or hearing in open court on and after March 18, 2020, have been continued to certain points in time posted on the Website of the Circuit Clerk (<https://caseinfo.mchenrycountyil.gov>), all parties in a case may stipulate to or otherwise agree on a new date which arises in or after June, 2020. Proposed orders may be emailed to proposedorders@22ndcircuit.illinoiscourts.gov. Proposed orders must be signed by all parties (or their attorneys) in the case, or by an attorney with a representation that presentation of the proposed order involves an agreement of the parties. The Court reserves the right to enter and/or modify any such proposed order. Proposed orders will be filed and otherwise made available when they have been processed, which may take up to five court days.
- (H) Through proposed orders, parties may suggest a briefing schedule on a matter and/or ask the Court to decide a matter through filings.
- (I) *As always*, the Court will continue to handle emergency matters as circumstances warrant. To have a matter heard on an emergency basis – outside of normal setting protocol through the Clerk, the pleading to be presented should be filed and accepted by the Clerk, then Court Administration should be called at (815) 334-4385 to explain the situation and to provide the telephone number and email address of each attorney or self-represented litigant in the case. The appropriate Judge will be advised of the situation, and will then determine if the matter can be heard on an emergency basis, and when and where the matter will be heard.
- (J) As circumstances require, each Judge reserves the right to modify or otherwise adjust these protocols to meet the needs of her/his respective assignment. Each Judge has a Standing Order which is posted through the Court's webpage on judicial assignments.

Dated: May 29, 2020



eSigned by MICHAEL J. CHMIEL 05/29/2020 12:41:57 0v4z/RwT

Hon. Michael J. Chmiel
Presiding Judge
Civil Division