

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT – CRIMINAL DIVISION**

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DECORUM ORDER

In the exercise of its inherent power to provide for the orderly disposition of all pretrial and trial proceedings, the Court sua sponte ORDERS as follows:

1. The court call will begin each business day at 10:00 a.m.
2. The Assistant State's Attorneys and Assistant Public Defenders assigned to this courtroom will be in court at 9:30 a.m. to meet with defense counsel/defendants before the court call begins.
3. Except for those seats otherwise designated and/or reserved by the Court, seating in the gallery of the courtroom will be assigned to the general public on a first come, first served basis. Attorneys, defendants, witnesses and others having direct business with the Court shall receive preference with respect to seating. The general public will not be allowed to stand or sit/kneel on the floor in the gallery during court proceedings.
4. The use of cameras or audio/video recording devices of any kind (including cellular telephones) is strictly prohibited in the courtroom and hallways outside of the courtroom. The use of such equipment is not allowed above the first floor.
5. All persons in the courtroom must remain silent during all proceedings. There will be no talking, noise making, standing, kneeling, waving, hand raising or other conduct of solidarity, camaraderie, protest, approval or disapproval in the courtroom or in the hallway outside of the courtroom.
6. There will be no reading of newspapers, magazines, books, or other materials in

the courtroom.

7. Cellular telephones and computers cannot be used by the general public in the courtroom.
8. The atmosphere in the courtroom must be quiet, calm, and deliberative.
9. There are no warnings. This Order is not exhaustive of all conduct not allowed in the courtroom. Anyone who is unclear as to whether their conduct would be a violation of this Order should exercise all caution and leave the courtroom.
10. Any violation of this Order or other Rules of Court and any conduct the Court finds disruptive or interruptive of the proceedings may result in:
 - a. An order of temporary or permanent exclusion of the offender from the courtroom and security areas.
 - b. Contempt of Court sanctions which carry with them confinement in the Cook County Department of Corrections for up to six (6) months and/or a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.
 - c. Such other sanctions as deemed necessary by the Court to ensure the due and proper administration of justice.
11. Notice of this Order shall be given by its posting on the Circuit Court website (www.cookcountycourt.org) and/or first posting in the courtroom gallery. The lack of actual notice of this Order shall not be an excuse.

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ENTERED:

Judge

Judge No.