

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 2020 D 26 Amended

SUBJECT: Procedure for Rescheduling and Hearing IV-D Cases in Response to General Administrative Order 2020-01 (as amended May 28, 2020), Amended in Response to General Administrative Order 2020-02

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Consistent with General Administrative Order 2020-01 (as amended May 28, 2020) and General Administrative Order 2020-02, the State's Attorney's Office shall reschedule all state-involved paternity and child support matters that were previously scheduled to be heard between March 17, 2020 through July 3, 2020 for a court date via a video or telephonic conference starting June 15, 2020.
2. On the designated State days for each calendar, the State's Attorney's Office shall schedule three (3) cases per fifteen (15) minute increment as follows:
 - a. the 9:00 a.m. time slot will have 3 status hearings;
 - b. the 9:15 a.m. time slot will have 3 status hearings;
 - c. the 9:30 a.m. time slot will have 3 status hearings;
 - d. the 9:45 a.m. time slot will have 3 status hearings.
3. The Clerk's Office shall e-mail or mail a postcard with the rescheduled date and time to all counsel of record and self-represented litigants. The postcard will provide parties with a contact number and email address that the parties or their counsel must either email or call on the date and time of the rescheduled court date.
4. All parties must be available by telephone or videoconference for the rescheduled court date. If a party fails to either email or call the contact information on the postcard on the date and time of the rescheduled court date, or is otherwise unavailable for the remote proceeding, an order may be entered in his or her absence or the case may be dismissed.
5. For each daily call of rescheduled cases, the State's Attorney's Office shall communicate with the parties or their counsel to determine if the parties are in agreement with the entry of an Agreed Order. Where the parties are not in agreement, the matter shall proceed to a telephonic or video remote hearing the same day on which the matter has been rescheduled.
6. **AGREED ORDERS.** Where the parties and the State's Attorney's Office are in agreement to enter an Agreed Order concerning state-involved paternity or child support matters ("IV-D matters"), an Agreed Order may be submitted as follows:
 - a. The State's Attorney's Office shall draft and submit the proposed Agreed Order via email to the Hearing Officer assigned to the daily call. Any proposed Agreed Order shall contain the email addresses and telephone numbers of the parties and their counsels unless exempted by the Domestic Violence Act.

- b. The Hearing Officer shall transmit the proposed Agreed Order to the assigned Judge for review.
 - c. After review and approval, the assigned Judge will electronically sign the Agreed Order and return the Agreed Order to the Hearing Officer. The assigned Judge may decline to enter any Agreed Order, but in so doing, shall concisely and timely communicate the reasons for the same.
 - d. The Hearing Officer shall then disseminate the signed Order to the Clerk's Office for entry and to all counsel of record, any Self-Represented Litigants who have email addresses, the Assistant State's Attorney who drafted the order, and to sao.csed@cookcountyil.gov.
7. **PARTICIPATION IN A REMOTE HEARING.** Where the parties are not in agreement to the entry of an Agreed Order, they shall participate in a remote hearing by video or telephone as required by the judge presiding in their case on the date their case has been rescheduled. The judge hearing the matter may order the remote proceeding to be conducted by either video or telephone conference, giving consideration to the technologies available to the parties. After the conclusion of the remote hearing, the Assistant State's Attorney participating in the hearing shall draft and submit an Order containing the Judge's ruling as follows:
- a. The Assistant State's Attorney shall email the Order to the Hearing Officer. Any Order shall contain the email addresses and telephone numbers of the parties and their counsels unless exempted by the Domestic Violence Act.
 - b. The Hearing Officer shall transmit the draft Order to the assigned Judge for review.
 - c. After review and approval, the assigned Judge will electronically sign the Order and return the Order to the Hearing Officer. The assigned Judge may decline to enter any Order, but in so doing, shall concisely and timely communicate the reasons for the same.
 - d. The Hearing Officer shall then disseminate the signed Order to the Clerk's Office for entry and to all counsel of record, any Self-Represented Litigants who have email addresses, the Assistant State's Attorney who drafted the order, and to sao.csed@cookcountyil.gov.
8. Copies of all Orders entered in IV-D matters shall be emailed or mailed to the parties, or the parties' attorneys of record, to their last known addresses by the State's Attorney's Office.

Dated the 2nd day of July 2020. This Order shall be spread upon the records of this Court and published. This Order replaces Administrative Order 2020 D 26 which was entered May 29, 2020.

ENTERED:

S/Grace G. Dickler #1521

HON. GRACE G. DICKLER
Presiding Judge
Domestic Relations Division