

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

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COUNTY OF COOK)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LAW DIVISION

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 11-3
NOTICE OF "PILOT PROJECT" FOR SIMULTANEOUS DISCLOSURE
OF SUPREME COURT RULE 213(F)(3) WITNESSES

Judge William D. Maddux announces the "Pilot Project" for simultaneous disclosure of Supreme Court Rule 213(f)(3), as set forth in Administrative Order 11-2, is amended by revision of Paragraph A (1) and by addition of subparagraphs (a), (b), (c), and (d), as set forth below:

A. GUIDELINES

1. The "Pilot Project" shall **only** apply to Category 2 cases (28-month discovery), and shall apply **only** to a specific inventory of cases, which inventory shall be compiled by the Pilot Project Study Committee. The "Pilot Project" shall remain pending for a period of nine (9) months, through June 1, 2012. The application of this "Pilot Project" will impact **only** the 50 to 75 Category 2 cases in the compiled inventory;
 - a. Attorney(s) may submit cases for consideration in the screening process either (1) by agreement of all counsel, or (2) by any attorney's request for screening;
 - b. All submissions, whether by agreement or by request, shall be in writing, and shall contain the case number, type of case, and a brief summary of the discovery status of the case;
 - c. Only cases which have all fact, Rule 213(f)(1) and (2) discovery completed and with no Rule 213(f)(3) discovery commenced, shall be considered for the case inventory;
 - d. All requests shall be submitted to Judge Kathy M. Flanagan, 2210 Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois;
2. All disclosures of Supreme Court Rule 213(f)(3) witnesses shall be made **simultaneously** by all parties during the same 60-day period set forth in the applicable case management order;
3. Following the simultaneous disclosures, the parties may have thirty (30) days to supplement their own disclosures to address any new opinions and/or issues raised in the opposing party's disclosures;
4. Depositions of all Supreme Court Rule 213(f)(3) experts shall be completed within sixty (60) days thereafter.

B. "PILOT PROJECT" STUDY COMMITTEE

1. A "Pilot Project" Study Committee is being formed and will be in place throughout the entire pendency of the "Pilot Project;"
2. The Study Committee shall consist of representatives from the plaintiffs' bar, the defense bar, and the insurance industry;
3. The Study Committee shall provide input concerning the "Pilot Project" and will monitor the progress of the project on an on-going basis;

4. At the end of the "Pilot Project," the Study Committee shall make a determination as to the option of a continuation, modification or termination of the project guidelines, based upon all input and reaction received.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Order be spread upon the records of this court.
Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 8th day of September, 2011

ENTERED:



WILLIAM D. MADDUX
Presiding Judge, Law Division

