

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 2007-08

SUBJECT: FILING OF CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE CASES

Effective immediately, the State's Attorney of Cook County shall deliver all cases seeking orders of forfeiture of assets under the several civil asset forfeiture statutes of the State of Illinois to a designated clerk for filing. To the extent possible, said filings shall be on a bulk basis. The designated clerk shall cause those matters to be filed, numbered and randomly assigned to the several Calendars where such cases are properly heard.

After filing, the Clerk shall be responsible for selecting the date for initial appearance on the designated Calendar. Said date shall be not less than 45 or more than 60 days subsequent to the date of filing. The matter shall be set for initial hearing at 9:30 a.m. on the designated date. No more than 20 new cases shall be scheduled for the 9:30 a.m. call on any Calendar. Once the 20 case allotments has been reached, or if the Calendar is not scheduled for the Civil Asset Forfeiture Call during that 45 to 60 day period, the Clerk of Court shall assign subsequent filings to the next available date on the respective Calendar regardless of whether that date is within the 45 to 60 day parameter set by this Order. The filing and scheduling of such cases shall be completed no later than 2:00 p.m. on the business day after delivery.

The purpose of this Order is to provide for the efficient management of caseloads among the several Calendars to which civil asset forfeiture cases are assigned. Nothing in this Order shall preclude the State's Attorney from timely filing matters to comply with statutory limitation periods.

Dated this 11th day of May 2007, and spread upon the records of this Court

Patrick E. McGann
Presiding Judge

