

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
FOURTH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 2021-03

SUBJECT: MODIFICATION OF CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

In consideration of the current recommendations by the CDC, the Governor, the Supreme Court, and the Chief Judge's General Administrative Order 2020-07 as amended,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The Fourth Municipal District shall conduct court proceedings with all persons physically present in court, or with all parties appearing remotely. All court calls will operate on a staggered schedule.

The Misdemeanor Criminal/Traffic Call will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Misdemeanor Litigation (trials, hearings, and motions) shall be set for 10:30 a.m. or later.

The Preliminary Hearing/Bond Call will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The Bond hearings will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The Preliminary Hearings will follow the completion of the bond hearings.

The Felony calls will begin at 9:30 a.m. The judge presiding shall stagger their litigation call.

The Local/Municipal Call will remain at 1:30 p.m.

Local/Municipal litigation may be set for 2:30 p.m.

When a case is set for litigation, a determination shall be made on the date the litigation is set whether the case will be in person in court or remotely by videoconference and adhered to. The complete litigation must be either in person in court or remote. Hybrid hearings will not be allowed. A change in the type of procedure on the date set for litigation will not be a reason for a continuance.

Any judge presiding may set a case for a different time with the limitation that no litigation on a criminal key date set shall be set before 10:30 a.m.

Jury Trials may be heard any day of the week.

Expungement and Sealing cases will be conducted by videoconference.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that self-represented litigants shall have priority and be accommodated first for the use of the "zoom room". Any other participant who does *not* have access to the internet or telephone may use the "zoom room" to participate in the hearing. The "zoom room" is not to be used as a substitute for an attorney's office. Only one person shall be allowed to use a computer at any time.

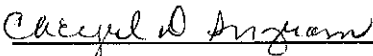
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that official court reporters and interpreters shall be available for in person and remote proceedings on a daily basis.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the clerk's office shall sign into zoom before the start of the court call and when made the co-host, shall communicate with all attorneys and parties prior to the start of the call to determine readiness and to insure that all files are available for the day's court call.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order is effective July 28, 2021.

Dated this ~~23rd~~ day of July, 2021

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Cheyrl D. Ingram

Presiding Judge

Fourth Municipal Division

