

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2016-06

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF CASES TO CALENDAR 8

On August 13, 2013 Judge Jean Prendergast Rooney was assigned to Calendar 8, Chancery Division, General Chancery Section ("Calendar 8"). On September 2, 2014, Judge Rooney was diagnosed with a serious illness and was unable to continue to preside over her calendar. The randomizer for Calendar 8 was closed and no further cases were reassigned to the Calendar. As a result, a large number of the cases on the calendar were randomly reassigned to other judges in the Chancery Division, General Chancery Section. This occurrence resulted in additional case assignments for these judges and substantial additional contributions by them to the Division. The cases not reassigned were handled by the Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division. Judge Rooney passed away on December 8, 2015. As a result of this process, the number of cases assigned to this calendar was significantly reduced.

On July 5, 2016, Judge Michael Mullen was assigned to preside over Calendar 8 of the Chancery Division, General Chancery Section. In order to repopulate the Calendar with the requisite number of cases, the Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division issued the attached Memorandum to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County dated June 7, 2016, requesting transfer of 7% of cases from each of the other Chancery Division, General Chancery Section calendars, excepting Calendar 12, to Calendar 8. The Memorandum stipulated that the cases should be transferred on a totally randomized and transparent basis. An additional Memorandum dated June 7, 2016, further requested that the randomizer to Calendar 8 be reopened effective July 5, 2016. Parties and counsel of record have been notified of the reassignment by post card from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. A list of the cases reassigned is attached hereto.

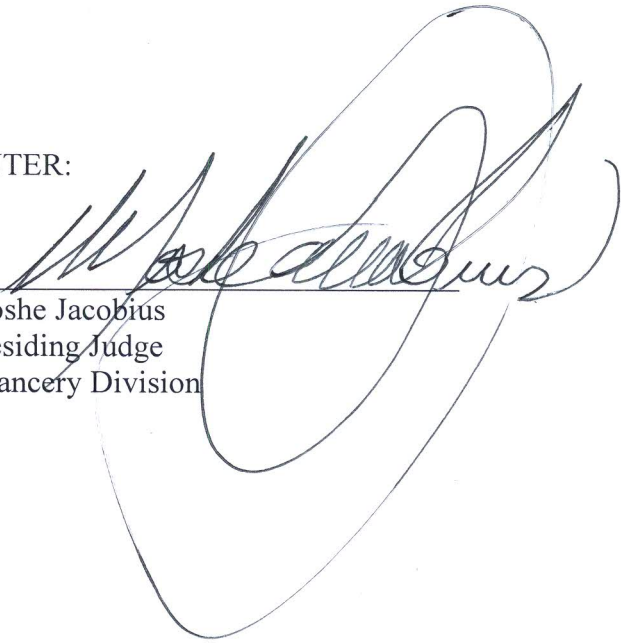
IT IS HEREBY THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Any case reassigned to Calendar 8 also includes any case consolidated with that case or related thereto.
2. Upon the reassignment of any case to Calendar 8 pursuant to the Memorandum of June 7, 2016, any counsel may appear before Judge Michael Mullen, Calendar 8 and request that the matter be reassigned to the calendar from which the case was transferred. Upon presentation of such motion to Judge Mullen, he shall transfer the matter to the Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County to determine whether, upon good cause shown and in the interests of judicial economy and the administration of justice, the matter should be returned to the calendar from which the case was transferred.

3. All dates and matters on transferred cases pending on the General Chancery Section calendars prior to their reassignment are hereby stricken.

Date: July 14, 2016

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Moshe Jacobius
Presiding Judge
Chancery Division