

FORCIBLE ENTRY & DETAINER - **COOK COUNTY DISTRICTS 2-6**

2ND DISTRICT (Skokie)

- Cases are heard on Fridays in Room 204 at 9:00 a.m.

3RD DISTRICT (Rolling Meadows)

- Cases are heard on Thursdays in Rooms 204, 205, 206 at 9:00 a.m.

4TH DISTRICT (Maywood)

- Cases are heard on Mondays in Rooms 111 and 112 at 9:30 a.m.

5TH DISTRICT (Bridgeview)

- Cases are heard Wednesday through Friday in Room 203 at 9:30 a.m.

6TH DISTRICT (Markham)

- Cases are heard Monday through Friday in Rooms 207 and 208 at 10:00 a.m.

COOK COUNTY DISTRICTS (2-6)

2ND DISTRICT

9:00 – Room 204 / Even cases – randomly assigned when filing

9:30 – Room 202 / Odd cases – randomly assigned when filing

Pre-Judgment Cases – typically on Tues, Wed, Thurs (both rooms with times above)

- When filing, try to call the clerk ahead and find out the RETURN DATE and a later STATUS DATE that they are currently using (HINT: if trying to match up with your date for status, adjust the return date accordingly)
- You do NOT appear on the Return Date – You Appear on the STATUS DATE
- If Served, No Appearance and Verified complaint → Default Judgment will be entered
- If Served, Appearance Filed and Defendant does not appear → Prove Up date entered
- If NOT Served → You may request Alias Summons and to Appoint SPS on the Status Date / there is a separate order required for SPS (can locate online at cook county website)

Post Judgment Cases – typically on Thurs (both rooms with times above)

Evictions – Fridays ONLY

3RD DISTRICT

9:00 – Room 206 (both prejudgment and post-judgment)

- When filing, you will receive the same RETURN DATE and STATUS DATE
- You DO appear in court on the return / status regardless of service
- If Served, and Under Small Claims, and Verified Complaint → Judgment enters on return /status date
- If Served, and Over Small Claims, even if Verified Complaint → Case set for Prove Up / Notice to Def required
- If NOT Served, can request alias and sps on return / status date (separate order required for SPS)

No Special procedure for post judgment proceedings / same days as prejudgment

Evictions / Pro Se Days are on Tues / Fri (I believe) so I would stay away from those – but that may change with higher volume of cases

4TH DISTRICT

SMALL CLAIMS - ONLY MONDAYS at 1:00 p.m.

Courtroom 111 (odd cases) – randomly assigned

Courtroom 112 (even cases) – randomly assigned

Both Pre Judgment and Post Judgment

- When filing, try to call the clerk ahead and find out the RETURN DATE and a later STATUS DATE that they are currently using (HINT: if trying to match up with your date for status, adjust the return date accordingly)

- At one time, with some Judges, the Status Date was a REAL “TRIAL” DATE – they have moved away from that
- Now, you will receive a Return Date – Do not appear – and a “Trial” Date on which you appear (Now typically 3-4 weeks after the return date) - won’t necessarily be a TRIAL that day
- Return Date – Always a Friday
- Trial Date – Always a Monday
- If Served, Verified Complaint, No Appearance / No Defendant → Default judgment will enter
- If Served, Verified Complaint, Appearance Filed → Prove Up
- If NOT Served → Can request alias to issue and appoint sps (no separate order required / can use the printed alias order with the sps language on there)
- If an Alias Summons → Return Date is Friday BEFORE Monday Trial Date
- OVER \$10,000 – ANY MORNING AT 9:30 a.m.
- Same Courtrooms as above – randomly assigned

5TH DISTRICT

PRE JUDGMENT

Courtroom 205 / Courtroom 206 – 9:30 a.m.

- When filing, try to call the clerk ahead and find out the RETURN DATE and a later STATUS DATE that they are currently using (HINT: if trying to match up with your date for status, adjust the return date accordingly)
- You do NOT appear on the Return Date – You Appear on the STATUS DATE
- If Served, No Appearance and Verified complaint → Default Judgment will be entered
- If Served, Appearance Filed and Defendant does not appear → Set for Prove Up
- If NOT Served → You may request Alias Summons and to Appoint SPS on the Status Date

POST JUDGMENT – Courtroom 203 – 10:30 a.m. (Eviction call is prior to that at 9:00 a.m. – tends to run long)

6TH DISTRICT

PRE JUDGMENT – UNDER \$5000

Courtroom 209 – 9:00 a.m.

Stay away from Child Support / Custody day with State – believe Mon / Fri (??)

- Return Date = Status Date
- If Served, No Appearance and Verified complaint → Default Judgment will be entered
- If Served, Appearance Filed and Defendant does not appear → Set for Prove Up / Default Judgment – depends on the Judge sitting (lots of floaters)
- If NOT Served → You may request Alias Summons and to Appoint SPS on the Status Date (no additional order required / can use the alias form to appoint sps)

PRE JUDGMENT – OVER \$5000 - \$10,000

Randomly Assigned to Courtrooms 207 / 208 – 9:00 a.m. (these rooms also handle eviction cases)

- When filing, you will receive the same RETURN DATE and STATUS DATE
- You DO appear in court on the return / status regardless of service
- See above for further procedure

POST JUDGMENT – any dollar amount cases

Courtroom 209 - 10:30 a.m.

GENERAL HINT IN 6TH: Clerk's office will NOT accept Sheriff's checks and forward your copies to the Sheriff. They return everything to you and then you have to mail / drop-off to Sheriff. ALL other districts will take your sheriff's checks and forward your copies to Sheriff, and send back your copies if you provide them with an envelope.