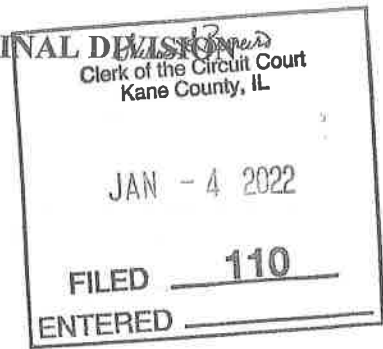


SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER – CRIMINAL DIVISION

Effective January 10, 2022



IN THE MATTER OF COVID-19)
CRIMINAL DIVISION PROCEDURES)

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus pandemic is ongoing and confirmed cases are increasing in number, and in order to protect the health and safety of the general public, circuit court judges and circuit court employees, and pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 21(b) and the Court’s inherent authority; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Illinois entered Order M.R. 30370, authorizing each Circuit Court to return to hearing court matters, whether in person or remotely, according to the schedule to be adopted for each county by the Chief Judge of each Circuit; and


WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of all of the above-named parties and individuals to limit the number of people in the Kane County Judicial Center and in each of the individual courtrooms to as few as needed to accomplish critical tasks; and

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division and the Chief Judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit have determined that additional temporary restrictions are necessary at this time; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that effective January 10, 2022 through February 4, 2022, the following temporary procedures will apply to all cases assigned to the Criminal Division:

1. All jury trials (felony, misdemeanor, traffic) currently set will proceed as scheduled pursuant to the procedures outlined in “Amended Administrative Order – Criminal Division: In the Matter of COVID-19 Criminal Jury Trial Procedures” filed on January 4, 2022.
2. All in-person appearances by attorneys and litigants are suspended effective January 10, 2022 and will not recommence until February 7, 2022 except for Thursday afternoons. On Thursday afternoons, all felony courtrooms (319, 313, 311, 305 and 211) along with courtrooms 203 and 209 will be in person for jury trials. Attorneys and litigants who are scheduled for in-person dates from January 10, 2022 to February 4, 2022 are expected to appear remotely during that time period.
3. Bench trials and contested evidentiary motions currently scheduled from January 10, 2022 to February 4, 2022 may take place only if authorized by the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division.

Entered this 4th day of January, 2022


Honorable John Barsanti
Presiding Judge, Criminal Division