



CHIEF JUDGE'S STATEMENT

FROM: Chambers of the Chief Judge
19th Judicial Circuit
Lake County
Waukegan, Illinois 60085

DATE: April 3, 2020

Lake County Bar Association Members,

To the extent that is reasonably possible, all hearings shall be conducted by CourtCall or via video conferencing (please refer to: AO 20-14 Temporary Procedures for Family Division Cases, AO 20-15 Temporary Procedures for Civil Division Cases, AO 20-17 Temporary Procedures for Juvenile Division Cases, and AO 20-22 regarding Amended Temporary Bond Court Procedures). Additional amended and expanded services are expected to be approved shortly.

Additionally, it is not currently known how well COVID-19 can survive on materials such as cloth, but it is recommended that clothing be removed upon arriving home from work and washed daily. During these unusual times, and recognizing that many items of clothing that are customarily worn in a courtroom need dry cleaning, I am temporarily relaxing the need to wear items such as suits, ties, and apparel that requires professional laundering.

Sincerely,

Diane E. Winter
Chief Judge
19th Judicial Circuit