

COURTROOMS 412, 426, and 209

STANDING ORDER No. 1

EMAIL PROCEDURES FOR AGREED ORDERS

This order supersedes the prior Courtrooms 412, 426, and 209 Standing Order No. 1 entered on June 1, 2020.

In order to significantly reduce the number of people coming to the courthouse, while still conducting the business of the court, the following procedures have being instituted for Courtrooms 412 and 426 for the Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. status calls, and for Courtroom 209 for the Thursday 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. status calls.

All attorneys of record in a case shall confer prior to the status date to determine whether the matter can be handled via an agreed order, and all matters that can be so handled shall be disposed of via an agreed order. The agreed order shall be submitted to the court at least two days prior to the status date by e-filing the order with the circuit clerk. No orders should be submitted by mail or email; orders may be handed up in court only on cases up on the judge's call at that time.

If the parties have an agreement on a brief scheduling order, but need an argument date, they should contact the presiding judge's assistant to obtain a date before e-filing the order. Judge Fabiano's and Judge Honzel's assistant Inean Ferris' email address is: iferris@17thcircuit.illinoiscourts.gov. Judge Doherty's assistant Kathy Fink's email address is kfink@17thcircuit.illinoiscourts.gov. Arguments shall be conducted remotely via Zoom, unless exigent circumstances exist that require an in-person appearance.

In matters that cannot be handled by an agreed order, attorneys are strongly encouraged to utilize Court Call or the newly established virtual calls. Judge Fabiano's virtual call is Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m., Judge Honzel's virtual call is Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., and Judge Doherty's virtual call is Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. You may set a matter on the virtual call through the clerk's office,

The capacity of all courtrooms will be limited in order to maintain appropriate social distancing, and the number of attorneys allowed in the courtroom will be strictly controlled.

SO ORDERED.


ENTERED: 7/22/20



Chief Judge Eugene G. Doherty



Circuit Judge Lisa R. Fabiano



Associate Judge Donna R. Honzel