

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

AMENDED GENERAL ORDER 2013-01

ALL JURY DEMAND CASES IN FORCIBLE ENTRY AND DETAINER
REASSIGNED TO JURY TRIAL ROOM 1501

This is a **PILOT PROGRAM** initiated to expedite the resolution of disputes, improve the judicial process and efficiency, and, eliminate a backlog of current and future cases awaiting jury trials:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1.) That after effective March 7, 2013, the following procedure shall apply to each Forcible Entry and Detainer case, **including Use and Occupancy**, having a jury demand either filed initially by plaintiff or later by either party:

a.) [amended] **All currently pending cases** now called for hearing and having jury demands filed after March 7, 2013 are to be transferred to room 1301 for immediate assignment to courtroom 1501 at 11:00am on the next scheduled court date which shall be a Tuesday or Wednesday within ten (10) days of the transfer. Each trial room judge transferring out jury cases will note on the transfer order the new date at 11:00am in 1501 for approval and entry of a transfer order by the Presiding Judge.

b.) Notices will be posted prominently outside and inside courtroom 1404 informing recently assigned jury trial litigants listed on the notice with case numbers, and their attorneys that such pending jury cases are have been transferred by the Presiding Judge and transferred to courtroom 1501 and to proceed to courtroom 1501.

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- c.) [amended] **All cases in the future**, when a jury demand is filed after the case is filed, such case shall be immediately transferred to the Presiding Judge for reassignment to courtroom 1501 *instanter*, and the parties shall proceed to courtroom 1501 on the Tuesday or Wednesday selected for case management and for assignment of a trial courtroom in accordance with the Standing Order for Courtroom 1501.
- d.) **Use and Occupancy Hearings** will be heard by the assigned trial judge.
- e.) All other issues will also be heard by the assigned trial judge.
- f.) [amended] After trial, or Order of Possession or a dismissal with leave to reinstate is entered in the trial court, the case shall be sent back to courtroom 1501 for assignment to the Forcible Entry and Detainer Section and reinstatement of the case and any further proceedings such as motions for extension of time will be heard by the original assigned court.
- 2.) [amended] That this General Order supersedes earlier General Orders referencing transfer and reassignment of jury demand cases in Forcible Entry and Detainer.

This order shall be spread upon the records of this court.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, this 28th day of March, 2013.

ENTERED:

~~E. KENNETH WRIGHT, JR.~~
PRESIDING JUDGE
FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Presiding Judge
E. Kenneth Wright, Jr.

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