

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
GENERAL ORDER 2020-16**

Return Dates Abolished – Answers/Appearances Due 30 Days After Service

WHEREAS, the advent and implementation of electronic filing, remote hearings via videoconferences, and teleconferences have established a basis for changes in the basic filing and service of process in cases in the First Municipal District of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Hence, the time for appearances and answers will be 30 days after service.

WHEREAS, the following amendment of the time period for filing appearances and answers does not apply to Eviction actions, Detinue actions, and Replevin actions.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: that effective September 1, 2020:

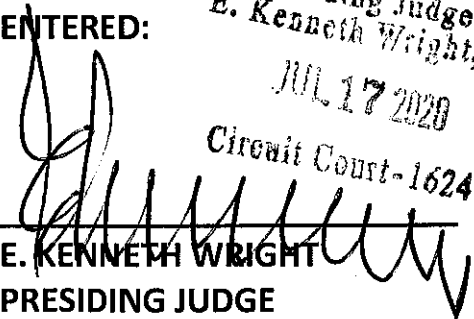
1. All actions filed prior to the date of this order that previously required a **return date** as prescribed by law or procedure shall have a return date 30 days after the service of process.
2. All actions filed prior to the date of this order that previously required an **answer** to be filed shall require the answer be filed within 30 days after service of process.
3. This order is not intended to modify or revoke any Illinois Supreme Court Rule or statute of the Illinois Civil Code of Procedure, 35 ILCS 5/2-101 et seq. regarding service of process or return of service.
4. There is no change in any procedure for service of process in Eviction cases.
5. It is the responsibility of the Clerk of the Circuit Court to provide forms of summons that comply with this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: that this order shall be spread upon the records of the Court.

DATED AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS THIS 17TH DAY OF JULY, 2020.

ENTERED:

*Presiding Judge
E. Kenneth Wright, Jr.*
JUL 17 2020
Circuit Court-1624


E. KENNETH WRIGHT
PRESIDING JUDGE
FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT