

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION**

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2021-10

SUBJECT: REOPENING OF CALENDAR 1 OF THE GENERAL CHANCERY SECTION

THIS COURT HEREBY FINDS AND ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

On or about May 5, 2006, the Honorable Dorothy Kinnaird, Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division, closed Calendar 1 of the General Chancery Section of the Chancery Division. This was done to permit the opening of 11 new foreclosure Calendars at a time when there was a foreclosure crisis in the entire country and the number of foreclosure cases were rising exponentially. The cases on Calendar 1 were redistributed to the other 15 calendars of the General Chancery Section of the Chancery Division.

General Chancery Section cases are some of the most complex and labor intensive cases in the entire Circuit Court of Cook County. The judges of the General Chancery Section are constantly engaged in researching complicated, compound and novel issues of law; writing and delivering lengthy opinions; and presiding over protracted and difficult trials.

At the current time the number of Foreclosure Cases filed in the Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien Section have decreased substantially due to a large extent to the moratorium established during the Covid 19 crisis. Accordingly the Chancery Division has closed two of the Foreclosure calendars previously existing. The Court is cognizant that the number of foreclosure cases could increase exponentially once again once the Covid 19 crisis has ended and appropriate administrative steps may have to be taken. Nonetheless, at the current time it is essential to focus on the crush of cases in the General Chancery Section.

In order to alleviate the pressure of the General Chancery Section workload and improve the delivery of justice, it would be salutary, beneficial and imperative to reopen Calendar 1 of the General Chancery Section and to randomly redistribute a proportionate share of the 14 other General Chancery Section calendars to Calendar 1. A judge shall be assigned to Calendar 1 who will review the cases assigned to the Calendar and commence to hear the cases as quickly as feasible. The Calendar of the Presiding Judge, Calendar 12, shall be excluded from the redistribution because it has a lower number of cases assigned to it.

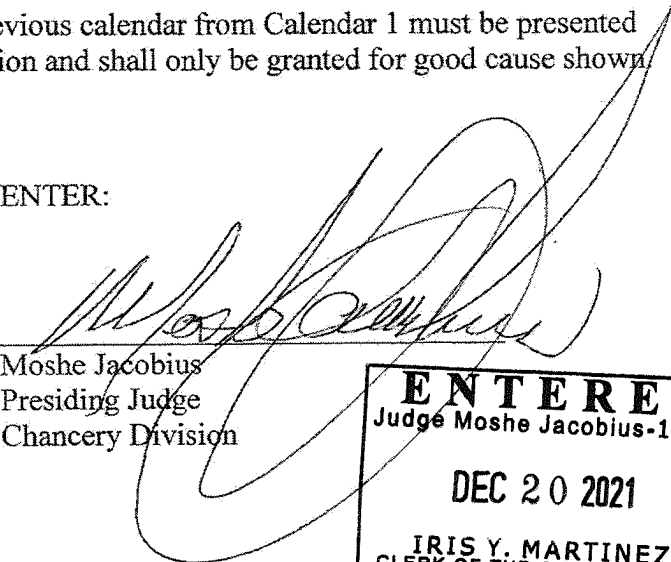
The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County is directed to reopen Calendar 1 of the General Chancery Section of the Chancery Division. The Clerk is further directed to randomly populate the Calendar with 7.14% of cases from the 14 of the remaining General Chancery calendars (excluding Calendar 12). The General Chancery Division judges will be advised which of their cases have been reassigned. The Clerk of the Circuit Court is further directed to send out post cards to the attorneys or *pro se* litigants notifying them of the reassignment of the case. Once the necessary preliminary administrative actions have been completed, a status

hearing will be held of the cases reassigned commencing January 18, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at the rate of 10 cases per day from Monday through Thursday each day at Zoom No. 876 8729 8501, Passcode 926987.

Any motion to return a case to the previous calendar from Calendar 1 must be presented to the Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division and shall only be granted for good cause shown.

Dated: December 20, 2021

ENTER:


Moshe Jacobius
Presiding Judge
Chancery Division

ENTERED
Judge Moshe Jacobius-1556
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IRIS Y. MARTINEZ
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF COOK COUNTY, IL
DEPUTY CLERK