

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

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-02

SUBJECT: COVID-19 EMERGENCY MEASURES

In light of General Administrative Order 2020-01 entered by Chief Judge Timothy Evans,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Excluding emergency matters, all General Chancery and Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien matters are continued and reset for thirty (30) days pending further order of Court. Emergency matters in Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanic Liens cases are governed by General Administrative Order 2018-05. Emergency matters in General Chancery cases are motions based on fact and circumstances the judge considers to be an emergency, where "emergency" is defined as a sudden and unforeseen circumstance that may cause injury, loss of life, or damage to property and that requires an urgent response and remedial action.

2. All Mortgage Foreclosures, Evictions, Orders for Possession, and Judicial Sales, including those previously ordered and scheduled, are stayed for thirty (30) days.

3. There will be one General Chancery judge and one Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien judge on site daily. These judges will handle emergency matters in person, via teleconference, or via remote video proceedings.

4. For Scheduling General Chancery Emergency Motions:

a. *Walk-In:* Litigants or lawyers may enter the Daley Center to schedule an emergency motion. Litigants or lawyers should use the phone on the wall on the 24th Floor to call (312) 603-4181 to speak to chambers' staff. The Movant should bring courtesy copies of the emergency motion, the notice of emergency motion, and any relevant filings.

b. *Email:* Litigants or lawyers may email rvp.chancery@cookcountyil.gov to schedule an emergency motion with chambers' staff. The Movant should attach courtesy copies of the emergency motion and notice of emergency motion, and any relevant filings to the email.

c. *Telephone:* Litigants or lawyers may contact (312) 603-4181 to schedule an emergency motion with chambers' staff. If the emergency motion is scheduled over the telephone, courtesy copies should be delivered in hard copy or by email at rvp.chancery@cookcountyil.gov according to the directions of chambers' staff.

5. For Scheduling Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien Emergency Motions:

a. *Walk-In:* Litigants or lawyers may enter the Daley Center to schedule an emergency motion. Litigants or lawyers should use the phone on the wall on the 28th Floor to call (312) 603-3900 to speak to chambers' staff. The Movant should bring courtesy copies of the emergency motion, the notice of emergency motion, and any relevant filings.

b. *Email:* Litigants or lawyers may email rvp.chancery@cookcountyil.gov to schedule an emergency motion with chambers' staff. The Movant should attach courtesy copies of the emergency motion and notice of emergency motion, and any relevant filings to the email.

c. *Telephone:* Litigants or lawyers may contact (312) 603-3900 to schedule an emergency motion with chambers' staff. Courtesy copies should be delivered in hard copy or by email at rvp.chancery@cookcountyil.gov according to the directions of chambers' staff.

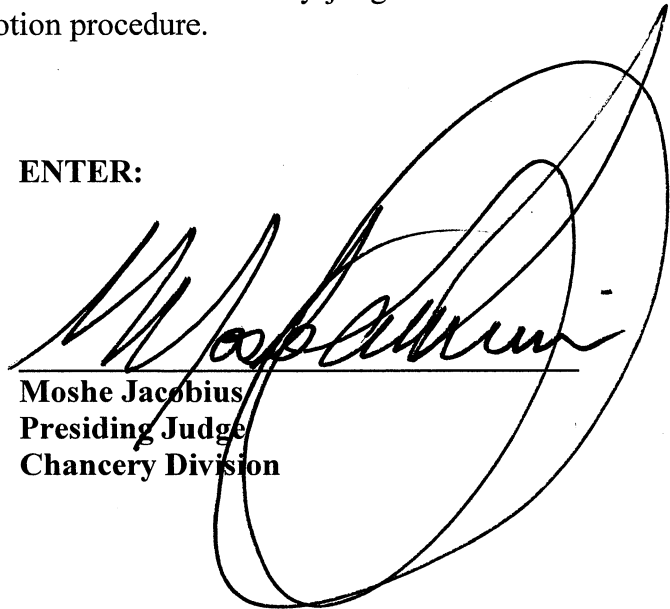
6. Any participants in emergency proceedings to be conducted by teleconference or by remote video proceedings will receive instructions to participate prior to the time of the hearing.

7. All emergency motions shall be heard at 10:00 a.m. in both General Chancery and Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien unless otherwise directed by chambers' staff.

8. All emergency motions should be noticed a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours in advance of presentation except for good cause shown. For General Chancery questions, please contact (312) 603-4181 and for Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien questions, please contact (312) 603-3900.

9. This General Order shall be posted outside each Chancery judges' courtroom to inform litigants and attorneys of this emergency motion procedure.

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Moshe Jacobius
Presiding Judge
Chancery Division

Date: March 16, 2020