

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 2024-03**

**SUBJECT: Rescheduled cases, power outage, Fifth Municipal District**

The courthouse in and for the Fifth Municipal District having experienced a weather related loss of electrical power throughout the building, and the schedule for restoration of the power being unknown at this time,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, effective immediately, to further public safety and the efficient administration of justice, cases scheduled to be heard January 12, 2024, in the Fifth Municipal District shall be heard as follows:

1. All criminal cases scheduled for initial appearance shall be heard at the Leighton Criminal Courthouse in Chicago;
2. All other felony cases shall be continued to Friday, January 19, 2024;
3. All traffic and misdemeanor cases shall be continued to a date to be determined by the Presiding Judge; the circuit clerk shall notify all parties of the new court date;
4. Initial appearances in domestic violence cases shall be heard at the Leighton Criminal Courthouse in Chicago; new petitions for emergency civil protective orders shall be heard at the Domestic Violence Courthouse, 555 W. Harrison St., Chicago; assistance with emergency protective order hearings or information about a criminal order of protection shall be available at:
  - a. Connections for Abused Women and their Children: (773) 278-4566 (24-hour hotline);
  - b. Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline in Chicago: (877) 863-6338. The hotline is toll free and confidential;
5. All other domestic violence cases shall be continued to Wednesday, January 17, 2024; and
6. Unless already continued, all other civil cases shall be continued to Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

Dated this 12th day of January 2024.