

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVISION**

JUDGE SABRA EBERSOLE
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Judge Sabra Lynne Ebersole
MAR 07 2024
Circuit Court-2296

STANDING ORDER

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE DUE TO GENERAL ORDERS FROM THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY AND THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVISION.

Please check the Cook County Court Website, www.cookcountycourt.org, for more current information.

1. Communications

- a. All communications with the Judge should be by filing of pleadings, motions, or agreed orders. Communications with Court Coordinator, or if she is not available, with the Presiding Judge's staff, are allowed only on administrative, procedural or scheduling matters.
- b. If necessary, you may contact the Presiding Judge's staff at 555dv.courthouse@cookcountyil.gov or (312) 325-9000.

2. General Procedures for Remote appearances

- a. Please be advised that all Courtroom 201 proceedings before Judge Ebersole on Calendar 71 will be heard remotely via Zoom until further order of court and/or unless scheduled and ordered otherwise by the Judge.
- b. Effective May 15, 2023 all hearings for plenary Orders of Protection, unless otherwise ordered, will be heard in person at 555 W. Harrison St., at 2:00 p.m.
- c. **YOU MUST APPEAR ON TIME FOR YOUR SCHEDULED COURT DATE.**

FAILURE TO APPEAR ON TIME WILL RESULT IN YOUR CASE BEING DISMISSED. Due to the high volume of cases set on these calls you may be subject to a lengthy wait time. Please be patient and do not disconnect from the meeting. Also, do not sign-in on multiple devices.

- d. When you join the Zoom meeting please make sure you are renaming yourself with your first and last name so that the court manager may identify you and may help your case get called sooner. Attorneys, advocates, and interpreters must also identify themselves as such.
- e. While your appearance is via Zoom you are still required to conduct yourself in a civil and cordial manner before the Judge. You must be dressed, and if possible somewhere where it is quiet and where you have good service connection to avoid internet connectivity issues. If at all possible, please avoid walking about or being outside, which causes you to lose signal. For additional guidance on courtroom decorum, see Cook County G.A.O 2023-03.
- f. Attorneys, advocates, and cases requiring an interpreter take priority. Please make sure you are on time and ready to proceed when your case is called.
- g. Calendar 71 — Courtroom 201 Zoom Information
 - i Meeting ID: 957-3987-5125
 - ii Password: 322709
- h. Video appearance is strongly preferred. However, if you do not have access to a computer or device with video capability, telephone conference is available for Zoom status proceedings only. Unless explicitly ordered otherwise, you are required to appear in person for any scheduled contested hearing, i.e., plenary order of protection hearing.
 - i Zoom Dial-In Number for Tele-Conference: (312) 626-6799.

3. General Structure of Daily Call

- a. 9:00 a.m. — First Returns of EOP's Status Call
- b. 10:00 a.m. — Second and Third Returns of EOP's Status Call
- c. 11:00 a.m. — Status Call/Routine Motions/Default Plenary Hearings/In-custody Zoom appearances
- d. Lunch for 201 court personnel is from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

4. Local Rules on Consolidation and Transfer of Orders of Protection to Domestic Relations

- a. Please refer to Circuit Court Local Rule 22.4.

5. Appearances

- a. Each party and/or attorney must have an appearance on file prior to appearing before the Judge, unless otherwise allowed by the Judge. See Illinois Supreme Court Rule 13 (c)(1).
- b. Any questions regarding such procedure may be addressed with the Clerk's Office of the Domestic Violence Courthouse at (312) 325-9501.

6. Courtesy Copies

- a. Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, courtesy copies of any documents or filings intended to be used for presentment and use at hearing shall be hand-delivered or mailed to the Court at least seven (7) days in advance.
- b. When a party e-files any pleading or papers through the Clerk's electronic filing procedure, the Court only receives notice and copies of that which has been filed if the e-filing was accepted and a presentment date was scheduled. Therefore, when a party desires the Court to have seen the pleading before presentment, it is incumbent on the filing party to actually provide a paper copy of the pleading to the Court at least three (3) days before presentment.

7. All Motions Will Be Heard at 11:00a.m.

8. Notice and Proof of Service of Pleadings & Motions

- a. All pleadings and motions shall be served in compliance with the Illinois Supreme Court Rules. All motions must be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court prior to presentment. The Court will not generally entertain oral motions, nor will the courtroom clerk file motions.
- b. Notice of Motions must be accomplished by delivery through regular USPS mail and or email if feasible and appropriate. See Illinois Supreme Court Rule 1 1: Cook County Circuit Court Rule 2. I (c) (i).
- c. On all motions, the moving party must present proof that they have served the motion on the opposing party. Such proof may include proof of service by Regular Mail (USPS Certificate of Mailing), Certified Mail with a printout of the USPS Tracking Receipt showing proof of delivery, special process server receipt, affidavit of service, attorneys Certificate of Service, etc., or otherwise provide proof of notice as set forth in Circuit Court Rule 2.1, or in compliance with section 5/1-109 of the Illinois Rules of Civil Procedure.

9. Service of Pleadings

- a. Petitioners are required to make a diligent effort to provide an address for service on the respondent. This is necessary to complete Aliases for Summons.

10. Publication Requirements

- a. Before a case can go to Service by Publication, attorneys/self-represented petitioners must provide an affidavit of due diligence or petitioner must be present to testify regarding any reasonable efforts made in an attempt to provide an address for service of pleadings on the respondent.

11. Agreed Orders

- a. Proposed agreed orders may be hand-delivered, mailed or emailed. Please refer to the Court Coordinator's email above.
- b. Any case that has been settled or otherwise resolved between the parties does require a court appearance on a scheduled court date to ensure all necessary orders are in proper form and submitted for signature.
- c. ALL Agreed Orders shall bear the heading: "AGREED ORDER SUBMITTED BY ELECTRONIC MEANS";
- d. ALL Agreed Orders shall contain, when feasible, the electronic signature of all counsel of record and self-represented litigants in the cause;
- e. ALL Agreed Orders shall contain the email address and contact telephone number of each counsel of record and self-represented litigant in the cause;
- f. ALL Agreed Orders approved by the Court shall be sent by electronic means to counsel of record and self-represented litigants within forty-eight hours by the Clerk of the Circuit Clerk;
- g. The party submitting the proposed agreed order shall include all counsel of record and all self-represented litigants as recipients of the email;
- h. If the Court declines to enter any Agreed Order, the Court shall have the court coordinator contact the parties and ask them to appear via Zoom so that the Court may communicate the reasons for the same to the parties;
- i. After review and approval by the Court, the Clerk of the Court shall send a copy of the Agreed Order to all counsel of record and self-represented litigants, however, no Agreed Order shall be entered by the Court unless all counsel of record and self-represented litigants are included as recipients of the email containing the proposed order;
- j. For purposes of this order, the term "Agreed Order" shall mean any order, including, but not limited to, temporary order and plenary order.

12. Hearings

- a. Hearings for Plenary Orders of Protection are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. by the Judge.
- b. Hearing dates are firm and will not typically be re-scheduled absent compelling circumstances. Parties who seek a continuance are to motion up the case well in advance of the hearing date and state the reasons for seeking a continuance.
- c. Parties shall make arrangements with the Court if they need an interpreter or special accommodations.
- d. All parties shall exchange any exhibits and witness lists with each other seven (7) days prior to the set hearing date, unless otherwise ordered. All witnesses must be available for hearing.

13. Inconsistencies

- a. In the event of any inconsistency between this Standing Order and any Order entered in a particular case, any specific Order entered in the case controls.

This Order is entered on this 7th day of March, 2024 and shall be spread of record and published.

ENTERED:



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