

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF COOK)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LAW DIVISION

**General Administrative Order 96-2
Creation of the Complex Litigation Case Management Section**

There is hereby created within the Law Division a Complex Litigation Case Management Section. The purpose of the section is to provide the judicial resources necessary to manage complex litigation consistent with the requirements of Supreme Court Rule 218.

For purposes of this order, complex litigation consists of cases requiring intensive judicial supervision and management, including, but not limited to, medical malpractice, mass tort litigation, common disasters such as commercial airplane crashes, class actions, actions involving multiple parties or other unusual fact situations which necessitate extensive pretrial activity or extended trial time as identified by the Presiding Judge of the Law Division.

In addition to managing the preparation of the complex litigation cases, the judges assigned to the Section shall also hear all motion activity relating to the assigned cases and may certify to the Presiding Judge the cases as ready for trial setting. Upon certification, the Complex Litigation Case Management Section judge shall set a status date on the respective 9:00 a.m. jury or 9:45 a.m. non-jury 2005 trial call. At that 2005 status, trial counsel are to appear before the Assignment Judge, who will set a trial date.

The creation of this Section shall not affect the Law Division Voluntary Mediation Pilot Project previously established by Circuit Court Rule 20.1, nor shall the transfer of a case to this Section prevent its subsequent transfer for voluntary mediation under that Project.

The Presiding Judge may transfer cases to this Section upon the court's own motion or motion of any party. A party shall schedule such motion for hearing in courtroom 2005. Master Calendar Motion Judges may also transfer cases to the Presiding Judge for possible assignments to the Complex Litigation Section. All transfers to this Section shall be by random computer assignment.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this order shall supercede General Administrative Order 96-1, "Creation of the Complex Litigation Case Management Section."

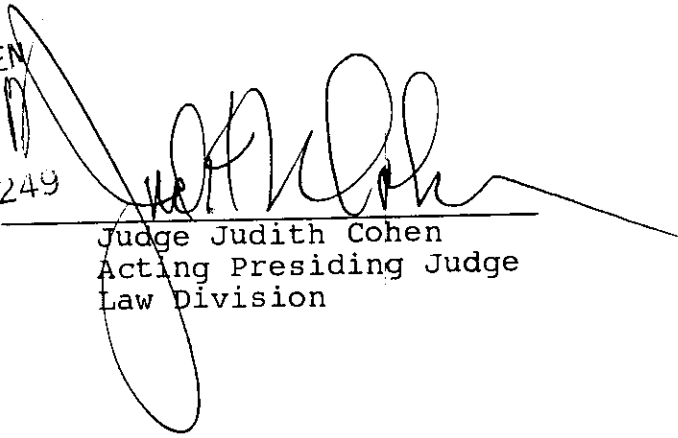
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order is effective October 17, 1996 and shall be spread upon the records of this court.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 16th Day of October, 1996.

JUDGE JUDITH COHEN

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Judge Judith Cohen
Acting Presiding Judge
Law Division