STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF COOK)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS LAW DIVISION

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 10-3 TRIAL SECTION

IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ACTIVE CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR TRIAL JUDGES

Effective September 1, 2010, a pilot program for Active Case Management will be implemented for all Law Division Trial Judges.

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- 1. The Presiding Judge of the Law Division shall identify and designate cases for participation in the Active Case Management Program.
- 2. The Presiding Judge of the Law Division shall assign cases to the Trial Judges for all purposes <u>excluding trial</u>. All motions on cases assigned for Active Case Management shall be noticed for and heard on the dates the cases are set for case management.
- 3. The assignment of cases for Active Case Management shall serve to vacate all future case management dates and any discovery orders that extend more than 30 days beyond the initial Active Case Management date.
- 4. Cases selected for Active Case Management shall be mandated to appear for continued case management before their assigned judges no more than 30 days following the entry of each case management order.
- 5. Discovery will be conducted in stages using each court appearance to monitor completion and closure of each stage prior to proceeding to the next stage. Judges shall ensure that each stage of discovery is completed or that a sanction has been imposed for failing to comply with the Court's previous orders. This process will be repeated until all stages of discovery are completed and closed, and the cases are ready for trial.

6. Upon completion and closure of all discovery, including evidence depositions, the Trial Judges shall certify each case "ready for trial." These cases will be placed on the Room 2005 Trial Setting Call by entry of the designated certification order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Order be spread upon the records of this court.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 20th day of August, 2010.

ENTERED:

WILLIAM D. MADDUX

Presiding Judge, Law Division

JUDGE WILLIAM D. MADDUX-1559

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT