

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF COOK)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
LAW DIVISION

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 16-2
TRIAL SETTING CALL**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: Effective April 1, 2016, the Black Line Call currently heard in Courtroom 2006 will be replaced by a Trial Setting Call, that will also be heard in Courtroom 2006.

- I. The following Law Division Black Line Call General Administrative Orders are hereby vacated: 03-1, 04-2, 05-1, 05-2 and 06-1.

- II. Law Division Master Calendar System:
 - A. Cases included in the Master Calendar System:
 - 1. All cases currently assigned to the Motion Calendar Section of the Law Division as designated by the Presiding Judge of the Law Division.

 - B. Cases excluded from the Master Calendar System:
 - 1. All cases currently assigned to the Individual General Calendar Section, Individual Commercial Calendar Section, or the Tax and Miscellaneous Remedies Section of the Law Division, unless designated by specific order.

 - C. The Master Calendar System consists of the following:
 - 1. Motion Calendars as designated by the Presiding Judge of the Law Division.
 - 2. (Courtroom 2006) Trial Setting Call.
 - 3. (Courtroom 2005) Trial Call, Trial Setting Status Call, Prove-up Call and Motion Calls.
 - 4. Trial Rooms as designated by the Presiding Judge of the Law Division.

- III. This General Administrative Order will apply to all cases currently assigned to the Law Divisions Master Calendar System and all cases filed in the future assigned to the Master Calendar System as designated by the Presiding Judge of the Law Division.

- IV. Master Calendar Case Designations:
 - A. **Category 1 Case Type: All cases assigned to the Master Calendar excluding: Medical Malpractice, Legal Malpractice, Product Liability and Construction Injury.**

1. Trial Setting Date will be approximately **15 months from the filing date of the lawsuit.**
2. Trial Setting Date: Electronic or postcard notice will be sent by the Clerk of the Circuit Court to all parties of record or *pro se* litigants approximately twelve (12) months from the filing date of the Lawsuit.
3. Trial Setting Date will be approximately 90 days from the date electronic or postcard notice is sent out.

B. Category 2 Case Type: Medical Malpractice, Legal Malpractice, Product Liability and Construction Injury Cases.

1. Trial Setting Date will be approximately **28 months from the filing date of the lawsuit.**
2. Trial Setting Date: Electronic or postcard notice will be sent by the Clerk of the Circuit Court to all parties of record or *pro se* litigants approximately twenty-four (24) months from the filing date of the Lawsuit.
3. Trial Setting Date will be approximately 120 days from the date electronic or postcard notice is sent out.

V. **All cases appearing on the Trial Setting Call will receive Trial Dates. All parties should discuss, prior to appearing for Trial Setting, reasonable Trial Dates to suggest to the Court on the Trial Setting Date.**

VI. Motion Procedure for Master Calendar Cases:

- A. The assigned Motion Judge will address all discovery issues and hear all motions **excluding** motions to continue a trial, motions to vacate, alter, modify, or reconsider orders entered in Courtroom 2005 or 2006 and those motions that must be presented to the Presiding Judge of the Law Division by Circuit Court General Order. **These excluded motions should be presented on the appropriate Courtroom 2005 Motion Call.**
- B. All motions to continue trial on a case assigned to the Master Calendar Section must be presented to the Presiding Judge of the Law Division or his or her designee on the appropriate Courtroom 2005 motion call. **Motion Judges may not set or continue a case for trial.**
- C. If all discovery is complete and all pending motions ruled upon, the assigned Motion Judge shall enter a Trial Certification Order. This order shall be entered **prior** to any assigned trial date. If the certified case has no assigned trial date, the case shall be placed on the Trial Setting Status Call in Court room 2005, fourteen (14) days from the entry date, for the attorneys to appear and receive a trial date. Failure to have a trial certification order entered **will not** serve as a basis to continue the trial date.

D. If at any time **All Parties Agree** that their case is ready for trial they may present a motion in Courtroom 2005 **for Immediate Trial Assignment** and the case will be assigned by random computer assignment for the trial to begin instanter.

VII. The Transition from the Black Line Trial Call to the Trial Setting Call:

- A. Commencing April 1, 2016, Master Calendar Cases will no longer enter the Black Line Pool of cases.
- B. Cases will no longer be categorized or re-categorized, removed from the Black Line Pool or re-sequences within the Black Line Pool.
- C. The Black Line Call will continue in Courtroom 2006, until all cases currently in the Black Line Pool have been assigned a trial date.
- D. Cases not currently in the Black Line Pool will be identified as Transition Cases.
 - 1. The Transition Trial Setting Call shall be conducted from May 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016, in Courtroom 2006, with the oldest cases appearing first.
 - 2. The cases identified for transition will begin appearing in Courtroom 2006 at a rate approximately 60 per day for Trial Setting.
 - 3. Electronic or postcard notice will be sent out to attorneys and all *pro se* litigants to appear in Courtroom 2006 on the Transition Trial Setting Call, at least thirty (30) days prior to the court date.
 - 4. Parties shall be assigned a trial date on the Transition Trial Setting Call, and should discuss an agreed upon trial date, **prior** to their appearance on the Transition Trial Setting Call.
 - 5. Effective July 31, 2016, the transition process shall be completed.

VIII. Trial Setting Call

A. Effective August 1, 2016, the Trial Setting Call will commence in Courtroom 2006 with up to thirty (30) cases appearing per day, based on case type and filing date.

IX. Nothing in this order will limit the inherent power and discretion of any Judge to enter an order the Judge feels is appropriate.

It is further ordered that this Order be spread upon the records of this Court.

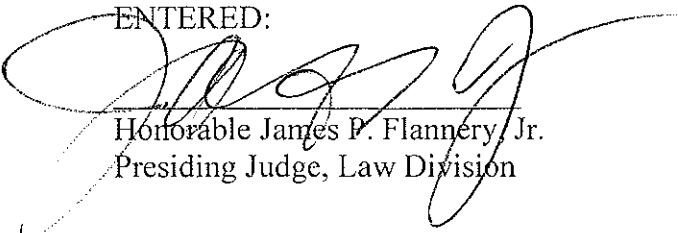
Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 23rd day of March, 2016.

JUDGE JAMES P. FLANNERY

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ENTERED:


Honorable James P. Flannery, Jr.
Presiding Judge, Law Division