

STATE OF ILLINOIS        )  
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COUNTY OF COOK         )

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
LAW DIVISION

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 24-1  
PROCEDURE FOR ADVANCED RANDOM ASSIGNMENT  
OF COMPLEX CASES FOR TRIAL**

**This order amends and supersedes Section 5 of Law Division  
General Administrative Order 16-4**

The Court recognizes the difficulty of scheduling witnesses, especially expert witnesses, in complex cases and the importance of trials starting on a date certain, therefore, as an accommodation to the attorneys, parties, and witnesses,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

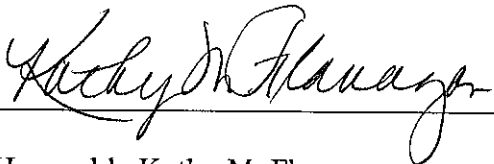
1. The procedure for advanced random assignment of complex cases for trial is hereby established.
2. To be considered for the advanced random assignment for trial, the selected case must be of a complicated nature with extensive expert witness testimony and numerous scheduling issues.
3. All cases must be set for trial at the time the parties present the motion or letter for assignment and the trial date shall be maintained upon assignment.
4. All parties must agree to **five (5) Judges** assigned to the Trial Section of the Law Division.
5. Parties who wish to utilize this type of trial assignment can present a motion before the Presiding Judge of the Law Division on the 10:30 am Daily Motion Call (MI) or present a letter to the Presiding Judge asking for this type of assignment. **The verification of availability of the 5 agreed judges will be processed solely through personnel in Room 2005. Attorneys will no longer contact the judges to determine availability.**
6. The parties must agree to waive their statutory right, pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-100I (a)(2), for substitution of Judge as a matter of right.
7. The motion or letter must contain the following:
  - a. That All parties have agreed to seek this type of trial assignment.
  - b. That All parties have agreed to the five (5) Judges selected for this type of Assignment. (The motion or letter must list the five agreed upon Judges.)

8. Any motion or letter requesting this type of assignment **must** be presented to the Presiding Judge of the Law Division **at least** 30 days before the currently set trial date.
9. This type of assignment will be made randomly by the Court's computer and will be for trial **only**. All pre-trial discovery and motion practice shall remain before the assigned Motion Calendar Judge.
10. Once the Court's computer has generated a random assignment an agreed order will be entered indicating that all parties have agreed to and are in compliance with the provisions addressed in this General Administrative Order.
11. The advanced random trial assignment is different from and does not impede the authority of the Presiding Judge of the Law Division to assign pending and future filed cases to one (1) Judge when they arise out of the same incident or are deemed to be related. The current practice is to refer to the order authenticating this type of assignment as a "Sweep Order."

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

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 8th day of February, 2024.

ENTERED:



Honorable Kathy M. Flanagan  
Acting Presiding Judge, Law Division



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