



ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT FIRST DISTRICT

For Immediate Release:
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FIRST DISTRICT APPELLATE COURT TO REMAIN OPEN

The Honorable Maureen E. Connors, Chair of the Executive Committee of the First District Appellate Court, announced that, until further notice, the court will remain open.

In all civil cases, and criminal cases where the defendant/petitioner is represented by private counsel or is self-represented, the court will allow a brief due date extension of 30 days. This extension applies to all appellant and appellee briefs due on or before April 17, 2020.

Further, the requirement of First District Appellate Court Rule 39, that six duplicate copies of briefs shall be filed with the Court is waived through April 17, 2020.

The March oral argument settings have been revised and all cases previously scheduled for oral argument will now be rescheduled or taken as non-oral cases.

The clerk's office will remain open for business during regular business hours.

When oral arguments are scheduled by the court, entry to the building will be restricted and attorneys and members of the public should not enter the building if they:

- Have been in any of the following countries within the last 21 days: China, South Korea, Italy, Japan, or Iran; or
- Reside or have close contact with anyone who has been in one of those countries listed above within the last 21 days; or
- Have been directed to quarantine, isolate, or self-monitor at home for the coronavirus by any medical provider; or
- Have been diagnosed with, or have had close contact with anyone diagnosed with, COVID-19; or
- Have flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, or shortness of breath.

These procedures are effective immediately. Modifications to the above procedures may become necessary on short notice.

Anyone seeking further information may contact the clerk's office at (312) 793-5484.