

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF COURT OPERATIONS IN THE)
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PURSUANT TO)
COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND IMPACT ON TRIALS)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-9

WHEREAS, in light of the global COVID-19 pandemic, and in order to protect the general health and well-being of the general public, there has been declared both a state of emergency in Illinois and a national emergency in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Illinois issued Order M.R. 30370 dated March 20, 2020 (attached); and

WHEREAS, said order directs that “the Chief Judges of each circuit may continue trials for the next 60 days and until further order” of the Supreme Court of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, said order further directs that “in criminal proceedings, any delay resulting from the emergency continuance order shall not be attributable to the State and the defendant for purposes of section 103-5 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 (725 ILCS 5/103-5 (West 2018))”; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit specifically finds that the interests of justice so require the continuance of these matters due to the state and nationally recognized public health dangers of summoning a jury and/or conducting trials and that the ordering of these continuances is in the best interests of the public, including parties, witnesses, and all court personnel in order to follow the emergency declarations of our state and national authorities; and

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of Illinois that all matters set for trial in the Second Judicial Circuit of Illinois are continued for a period of 60 days from the entry of M.R. 30370 issued by the Supreme Court of Illinois dated March 20, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all criminal matters set for trial in the Second Judicial Circuit of Illinois are continued for a period of 60 days from the entry of M.R. 30370 issued by the Supreme Court of Illinois dated March 20, 2020 and that any delay resulting from this emergency continuance order shall not be attributable to the State and the defendant for purposes of section 103-5 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 (725 ILCS 5/103-5 (West 2018)).

THIS ORDER is effective March 20, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 22nd day of March, 2020.

ENTER:



Thomas J. Tedeschi THOMAS J. TEDESCHI
Chief Judge

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CHIEF JUDGE

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

In re:)
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 Illinois Courts Response to) M.R. 30370
 COVID-19 Emergency/)
 Impact on Trials)

Order

In the exercise of the general administrative and supervisory authority over the courts of Illinois conferred on this Court pursuant to Article VI, Section 16 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 (Ill.Const.1970, art. VI, sect. 16), and in view of the state of emergency that has been declared by the Governor of the State of Illinois in order to prevent the spread of the coronavirus;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Chief Judges of each circuit may continue trials for the next 60 days and until further order of this Court. In the case of criminal proceedings, any delay resulting from this emergency continuance order shall not be attributable to either the State or the defendant for purposes of section 103-5 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 (725 ILCS 5/103-5 (West 2018)).

Order entered by the Court.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
subscribed my name and affixed the
seal of said Court, this 20th day of
March, 2020.

Carolyn Taft Gosbell Clerk,
Supreme Court of the State of Illinois