

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-16

22nd Judicial Circuit
McHenry County, Illinois

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Whereas, the Corona Virus known as COVID-19 has caused the 22nd Judicial Circuit to modify its operations as stated in previous administrative orders; and

Whereas, the Supreme Court entered an Order on May 20, 2020 authorizing each circuit court to return to hearing court matters on June 1, 2020, whether in person or remotely, according to a schedule to be adopted for each county by the chief judge in each circuit; and

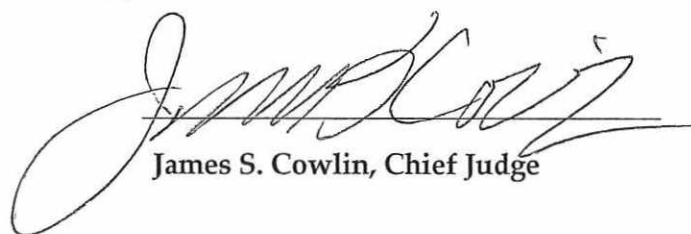
Whereas, the Supreme Court directed chief judges to consider *the Supreme Court Guidelines for Resuming Illinois Judicial Branch Operations During Covid 19* pandemic and the Chief Judge of the 22nd Judicial Circuit has considered said guidelines in drafting the *22nd Judicial Circuit McHenry County, Illinois Continuity of Operations Reestablishment Plan*; and

Whereas, the 22nd Circuit's Reestablishment Plan addressed the conditions relating to the performance of weddings at the Judicial Center allowing the parties to bring no more than four guests to the ceremony; and

Whereas, the McHenry County Department of Health reports an increase in the Covid-19 positivity rate and region 9 (Lake and McHenry Counties), along with the rest of the State, has been placed on certain additional restrictions by executive order for the health and safety of the citizens of the state, and the Chief Judge of the 22nd Circuit finds it is necessary to reduce the number of people entering the Michael J. Sullivan Judicial Center to prevent possible transmission of Covid-19;

Therefore, the Chief Judge hereby amends the 22nd Circuit Reestablishment Plan as it applies to weddings with no guests being allowed, with the exception for a required interpreter, until further order of the court. This order is effective commencing November 7, 2020.

It Is So Ordered, this 4th day of November, 2020.



James S. Cowlin, Chief Judge