

In light of General Order 20-22 and Mitigation Efforts the following temporary procedures will apply to all Civil Cases including Evictions assigned to Courtroom 200.

Starting on November 30, 2020 and continuing through February 1, 2021, all civil matters including Evictions will be conducted remotely via Zoom using Courtroom 200's Zoom meeting ID number: 936 331 7877 and password: 12345. Any in-person hearings or trials previously scheduled to commence between November 30, 2020 and February 1, 2021, at the discretion of the assigned judge and after consultation with counsel and the parties, will either occur remotely via Zoom or be rescheduled to a date after February 1, 2021. All summonses and notices for motions after November 30, 2020 and before February 2, 2021 shall direct the opposing party to appear via Zoom using Courtroom 200's Zoom meeting ID number and password.

The increased reliance on remote proceedings in civil cases is consistent of the goal of General Order 20-22 to mitigate the spread of Covid-19. As stated by Presiding Judge Robbin Stuckert, "We have been successful in minimizing the spread of the virus in our courthouse but are mindful of changed circumstances in our community and want to ensure the continued safety and well-being of our community as well as courthouse personnel and employees. We have all become familiar with technology and by utilizing remote hearings, we can still move the cases toward resolution or future trial during this period of time. Thank you for your continued cooperation and consideration."

Joseph C. Pedersen
Associate Circuit Judge

In light of General Order 20-22 and Mitigation Efforts the following temporary procedures will apply to all cases assigned to Courtroom 210.

All jury trials are suspended effective November 30, 2020 and will not commence until February 1, 2021. All served subpoenas will be continued to the next trial date at the request of the parties.

All in person appearance by attorneys and litigants are suspended effective November 30, 2020 and will not recommence until February 1, 2021 or until further order of the court if and when mitigation protocols dictate the resumption of in person appearances.

Attorneys and litigants who are scheduled for in person dates in December of 2020 and January 2021 are expected to appear remotely during that period of time and attorneys are to provide their clients, to the best of their ability, appropriate information to appear virtually on their current scheduled court dates and times in an attempt to curtail unnecessary trips to the courthouse.

Bench trials and contested evidentiary motions currently scheduled in December, 2020 and January of 2021 are encouraged to be rescheduled. However, under limited circumstances, in-person proceedings may take place with prior approval of the court. Non-evidentiary hearings may proceed virtually on the set scheduled dates and time and plea agreements should proceed virtually as well.

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Swift, Certain and Fair sanction hearing that involve a jail sanction will require defendants to appear in person with their attorney.

Philip Montgomery

Associate Judge

In light of General Order 20-22 and Mitigation Efforts the following temporary procedures will apply to all cases assigned to Courtroom 220.

All jury trials are suspended effective November 30, 2020 and will not commence until February 1, 2021. All served subpoenas will be continued to the next trial date at the request of the parties.

All in person appearance by attorneys and litigants are suspended effective November 30, 2020 and will not recommence until February 1, 2021 or until further order of the court if and when mitigation protocols dictate the resumption of in person appearances.

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Robbin J. Stuckert

Circuit Judge

Pursuant to the discretion afforded and allowed by General Order 20-22, the following procedures shall apply to all cases assigned to Judge Bradley J. Waller.

1. Any and all cases that have a jury demand shall not be set for jury trial until further order of court.
2. No attorney or litigant self-represented or otherwise shall appear in open court until further order of court. Notwithstanding the aforesaid in the event the court determines in its sole and unilateral discretion that a matter is an emergency the court may allow in person appearance subject to appropriate health precautions and protocols being followed.
3. All status appearances shall be conducted telephonically. The telephone number is 815 217-0480. All arguments on contested motions shall also be conducted telephonically. Use of the Zoom platform shall only be allowed with the express consent of the court which must be obtained 3 days prior to the scheduled court hearing.
4. All in court bench trials or other evidentiary hearings shall be continued to February 1, 2021 for resetting. The court will consider hearing a bench trial via the Zoom platform pursuant to the spirit and intent of Illinois Supreme Court rules 45 and 241.
5. All attorneys and litigants shall appear remotely at the designated time that a matter is set.
6. Any and all orders that the court requires be drafted by counsel for a designated party shall first be circulated to all other counsel for approval as to form and then shall be emailed directly to the court at bwaller@dekalbcounty.org with all counsel being "CCd" on the correspondence with the court.
7. The aforesaid provisions shall remain in effect until further order of court.

Bradley J. Waller
Circuit Judge
815-895-7160

In light of General Order 20-22 and Mitigation Efforts the following temporary procedures will apply to all Family Court cases assigned to Courtrooms 330 and 200.

Starting on November 30, 2020 and continuing through February 1, 2021, all Family Court matters, including hearings and trials, will be conducted remotely via Zoom using the respective judge's courtroom Zoom meeting ID number. Any in-person hearings or trials previously scheduled to commence between November 30, 2020 and February 1, 2021, at the discretion of the assigned judge and after consultation with counsel and the parties, will either occur remotely via Zoom or be rescheduled to a date after February 1, 2021.

The increased reliance on remote proceedings in Family Court cases is consistent of the goal of General Order 20-22 to mitigate the spread of Covid-19. As stated by Presiding Judge Robbin Stuckert, "We have been successful in minimizing the spread of the virus in our courthouse but are mindful of changed circumstances in our community and want to ensure the continued safety and well-being of our community as well as courthouse personnel and employees. We have all become familiar with technology and by utilizing remote hearings, we can still move the cases toward resolution or future trial during this period of time. Thank you for your continued cooperation and consideration."

Ronald G. Matekaitis
Circuit Judge

Joseph C. Pedersen
Associate Circuit Judge