

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

STANDING ORDER WITH REGARDS TO PANDEMIC

FOR COURTROOM 204

The Governor and the Supreme Court have instructed the Circuit Courts to minimize persons entering the courthouse in order to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID 19 infection. Toward that end, the Twenty-First Circuit has suspended in person appearances in Courtroom 204 until the end of March. Circumstances will dictate what actions are needed after that.

In order to reduce the inconvenience to the litigants, the Court will conduct business through electronic document submission whenever possible. Any hearings already scheduled for oral argument will be decided based on the briefs which have been submitted. New motions should be accompanied by proposed briefing schedules with courtesy copies supplied to the court consistent with the Standing Order. Requests for extensions of discovery deadlines must be made in writing with the opposing counsel responding in writing. Please be reminded that all parties of record must be included in the e-mail submitting courtesy copies.

At this time, it is absolutely essential that all parties include an e-mail address for purposes of service of documents on all of their pleadings as required by Illinois Supreme Court Rules. The Court notifies parties of rulings and dates exclusively by sending an e-mail to the address listed on the most recently filed pleading. Because of the closing of schools and instructions to stay home if not well, we anticipate that the Circuit Clerk's office will be shorthanded. The telephone lines may become overloaded or unanswered. Your patience and kindness will be greatly appreciated in this unprecedented emergency.

Here at the Twenty First Circuit, we are attempting to act responsibly in order to slow the spread of the COVID 19 pandemic with the least amount of disruption to the litigants and to the public.

Adrienne W Albrecht
Kankakee County Circuit Judge