

STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
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COUNTY OF COOK     )

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
LAW DIVISION

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-7**  
**Amendment to General Administrative Order 20-6, Section 1.9**

In an effort to address the ever changing landscape in the Law Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County caused by COVID-19 and in an effort to best keep cases proceeding to resolution,

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-6 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

This order only amends Section 1.9 of Law Division General Administrative Order 20-6. All other aspects of General Administrative Order 20-6 remain in full force and effect.

**1.9 Pre Trial and Mediation of Cases:**

Upon review of Circuit Court General Administrative Order 2020-02 Section 1n (ii) and 1n(iii); and, after discussion with Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans; and, to more fully comply with Cook County General Administrative Order 20-02 § 1n(ii) and 1n(iii),

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-6 § 1.9 IS VACATED AND HELD FOR NAUGHT.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDRED THAT :**

n(ii) There shall be mandatory pre-trial of cases that were ready for trial but were not permitted to proceed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as cases that cannot proceed after July 6, 2020, because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The above paragraph means that every case that had a jury trial date on or after March 17, 2020, is subject to a mandatory pre-trial conference.

n(iii) Mediation of cases by an agreement of the parties is an alternative to pre-trial of cases provided in provision n(ii) above;

A further General Administrative Order, explaining the procedures for assigning and conducting the mandatory pre-trials will follow.

Any case previously set for trial that had been transferred for pre-trial prior to the entry of this order shall remain before the agreed upon judge for the pre-trial conference only.

For pending cases that have not been set for trial, the parties may agree to the transfer of their case for pre-trial to any judge listed in Section 7.6 of this order.

The transfer order shall be submitted to the Presiding Judge pursuant to Section 2.11 of this order.

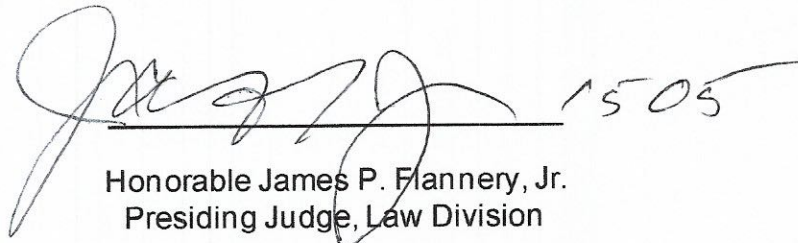
Pre-trials will be conducted remotely using whatever method the judge chooses.

If it is determine that an in person proceeding is the only way to provide access to the court, the proceeding will be conducted with proper social distancing and safety standards applied.

This order shall take effect immediately upon signing.

**JUDGE JAMES P. FLANNERY**  
**AUG 26 2020**  
**Circuit Court-1505**

ENTERED:

  
Honorable James P. Flannery, Jr.  
Presiding Judge, Law Division