

SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SUPPLEMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
-- MISDEMEANOR/TRAFFIC DIVISION --
BRANCH COURTS

Effective May 17, 2021

IN THE MATTER OF COVID-19)
MISDEMEANOR/TRAFFIC COURTROOM) **BRANCH COURTS**
AND TRIAL PROCEDURES)

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus pandemic is ongoing and in order to protect the health and safety of the general public, circuit court judges and circuit court employees, and pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 21(b) and the Court’s inherent authority; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Illinois entered Order M.R. 30370 on May 20, 2020, authorizing each Circuit Court to return to hearing court matters, whether in person or remotely, according to the schedule to be adopted for each county by the Chief Judge of each Circuit. The Order recommends that Circuit Courts shall continue, to the extent possible, to allow for appropriate social distancing; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of all of the above-named parties and individuals to limit the number of people in the Kane County Judicial Center and the Branch Courts to as few as needed to accomplish critical tasks; and

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge of the **MISDEMEANOR & TRAFFIC** Division and the Chief Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit have determined that additional temporary restrictions are necessary at this time,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following temporary procedures will apply to all **MORNING** cases assigned to the **TRAFFIC** Division (Elgin Branch Court, Kane Branch Court, Aurora Branch Court):

1. **All appearances by attorneys and litigants** at the Aurora Branch Court (**ABC**), Kane Branch Court (**KBC**) and Elgin Branch Court (**EBC**) shall be ***In Person*** (abiding by all social distancing guidelines) from 9:00am to 10:30am and ***Remote*** via Zoom from 10:30am-12:00pm.

2. All prior Administrative Branch Court Orders, remain in full force and effect.

Entered this 13th day of May, 2021

Honorable René Cruz
Presiding Judge, Misdemeanor & Traffic
Division