

**IN THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
GENERAL ORDER 16-01**

**IN THE MATTER OF
SYNGENTA PROPERTY
DAMAGE LITIGATION**

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Master No. 16-L-2

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PRETRIAL MASTER FILE ORDER

WHEREAS, the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit has reviewed Kane County Case No. 15-L-505, *Jon Deredt v. Syngenta Seeds, Inc., et al.* and subsequent related actions and recognizes the potential for a high number of future related filings; and

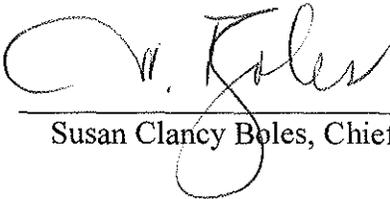
WHEREAS, these related civil actions involve one or more general common questions of fact and law and name the same thirteen defendants;

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. This civil litigation will hereinafter be referred to as the *In Re: Syngenta Property Damage Litigation*.
2. The Kane County Circuit Clerk will maintain a Master Docket case file under the name *In Re: Syngenta Property Damage Litigation* and the Master Case Number 16-L-2.
3. Any matters related to the *In Re: Syngenta Property Damage Litigation* shall be governed by this General Order.
4. In an effort to promote judicial efficiency regarding all future filings in the *In Re: Syngenta Property Damage Litigation*, for pretrial administrative purposes only, claims of more than one plaintiff are to be filed in a single Complaint, referred to as the "Lead Complaint." This process shall henceforth be referred to as "bundling" or the filing of "Bundled Complaints."
5. The following procedures shall be followed when filing a Bundled Complaint:
 - a. A Bundled Complaint shall be no more than 99 plaintiffs.
 - b. The case caption of the Lead Complaint shall identify *In Re: Syngenta Property Damage Litigation*, Master No. 16-L-2, and shall identify the complaint as a "BUNDLED COMPLAINT."

- c. In the section of the Lead Complaint entitled "Plaintiff Specific Allegations," each individual plaintiff shall be listed in consecutively numbered paragraphs, and each paragraph shall include subsections containing case-specific allegations for each plaintiff.
 - d. A civil cover sheet indicating that the Lead Complaint is related to the *In Re: Syngenta Property Damage Litigation*, Master No. 16-L-2, must be filed with the complaint.
6. Upon receipt of a Bundled Complaint related to the *In Re: Syngenta Property Damage Litigation*, the Kane County Circuit Clerk shall develop a procedure to track the case as related to Master No. 16-L-2.
 7. All orders and pleadings applicable to the *In Re: Syngenta Property Damage Litigation* shall be filed under the Master No. 16-L-2 and shall state: "This Document Relates to All Cases." When a pleading is intended to be applicable to less than all related actions, the Case Number for each individual case to which the document relates shall appear immediately after the words: "This Document Relates to _____."

Enter this 4th day of January, 2016



Susan Clancy Boles, Chief Judge