

SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
FELONY DIVISION

Effective September 7, 2021

<i>Alicia E. Barnes</i> Clerk of the Circuit Court Kane County, IL	
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IN THE MATTER OF)
FELONY COURTROOM SCHEDULE)

WHEREAS, due to measures implemented by the State of Illinois and the Kane County Health Department including but not limited to the availability of vaccines, the Coronavirus pandemic infection rates have decreased to such a degree that many Court Operations which have been modified may resume while still protecting the health and safety of the public, Circuit Court Judges and Circuit Court employees, and pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 21(b) and the Court’s inherent authority; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Illinois entered Order M.R. 30370 on June 30, 2021, authorizing the Chief Judge of each Circuit Court to relax or eliminate social distancing as had been required by Supreme Court Order dated May 20, 2020, which allowed a return to hearing court matters, whether in person or remotely, according to the schedule adopted by the Chief Judge of each Circuit; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all of the above-named parties and individuals to resume many pre-pandemic court operations in the Kane County Judicial Center, Kane County Courthouse, Kane County Juvenile Justice Center, and Kane County Branch Courts in order to provide increased access to the Courts and to address delays caused by the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit to incorporate, retain, and balance in-person and remote court for the benefit of all court users.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that effective September 7, 2021, the following procedures will apply to all cases in the Felony Division:

1. All felony jury trials will proceed under the protocol described in the Administrative Order dated June 7, 2021, titled “In the Matter of Jury Trial Procedures.”

2. Felony court calls will be divided into morning and afternoon sessions. Morning sessions from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; afternoon sessions from 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
3. Felony courtrooms 319, 313, 311, 305, and 211 will be remote every Wednesday and Fridays morning. No in-person cases will be scheduled.
4. Felony courtrooms 319, 313, 311, 305, and 211 will be in-person every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday morning. Remote appearances will be allowed at the discretion of the trial judge.
5. Felony courtrooms 319, 313, 311, 305, and 211 will be in-person every afternoon. Remote appearances will be allowed at the discretion of the trial judge.
6. Drug Rehabilitation Court (DRC), Treatment Alternative Court (TAC), and Veteran's Court (VET) will be in-person in courtroom 123 on Monday afternoon (VET), Wednesday morning (DRC), Wednesday afternoon (DRC), Wednesday night court (DRC), Thursday afternoon (TAC), and Friday morning (DRC). Remote appearances will be allowed at the discretion of the trial judge.
7. Violation of Probation cases will be heard in courtroom 123 on Monday and Thursday mornings. Both remote and in-person appearances will be permitted on these mornings.
8. Trials and evidentiary motions may be heard remotely or in person at the discretion of the defendant and scheduled by the respective Judge. If an evidentiary matter is to proceed remotely, the defendant must complete a Waiver of In-Court Proceedings or be present when the matter is scheduled so there is a waiver of the defendant's presence on the record.

Entered this 12th day of July, 2021



Honorable John Barsanti

Presiding Judge, Felony Division