

# 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit County of Kane

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**Rene´ Cruz, Judge**  
*In Chambers*

April 3, 2020

Re: Procedures Regarding Parenting Time Issues (CR001, CR111, CR113, CR201, CR211)

Family Division Lawyers,

The Judges of the Kane County Family Division share your interests in having all pending Family Division cases continue to progress towards resolution. With that in mind, and having limited accessibility to the courthouse by both Judges, Attorneys and Self-Represented Litigants in issues involving Parenting, the Family Division Judges would like to express the following with respect to Parenting Issues during this period:

1. All existing Parenting Orders/Agreements remain in full force and effect and should be strictly followed absent a written agreement by the parties to modify the same;
2. In any matter where no Order regarding parenting currently exists, the parties shall continue with the status quo for parenting time and decision-making regarding their minor children.
3. Please refer to Kane County [Local Rule 14.04](#) with respect to what constitutes an Emergency Family Division Matter for which access to appear in person before the Court shall be permitted.
4. Parties may continue to seek Emergency Orders of Protection pursuant to [Local Rule 14.05](#) as well where appropriate;
5. Petitions to Enforce Parenting Time are covered in [Local Rule 14.07](#) and are to be pursued by filing a Criminal Contempt Petition and giving notice to the appropriate party pursuant to said Rule;
6. Parties found to be acting in bad faith with respect to Parenting issues during this time shall be subject to sanctions to include reimbursements of attorney's fees, and any other relief permitted by law.
7. Parties may continue to request a conference to address Parenting issues by email at [FamilyDivision@16thCircuit.IllinoisCourts.gov](mailto:FamilyDivision@16thCircuit.IllinoisCourts.gov) and including the opposing party in said email. The respective Judge will then coordinate said conference;

Any party wishing to select Agreed Dates (preferably into May 2020) on Family Division matters may also continue to submit Agreed Orders to the above email address for entry subject to the Court's discretion to modify.

It is our hope that the above protocols will allow counsel to move cases towards resolution while allowing your clients to focus on the health, safety and well-being of their families.

Please refer any questions to the above email address.