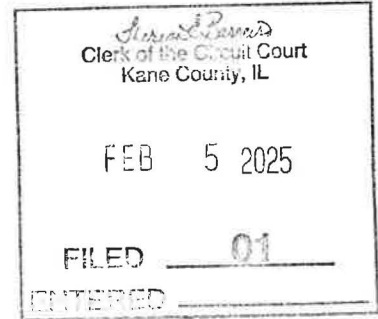


IN THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
GENERAL ORDER 25-01
effective February 6, 2025



IN THE MATTER OF)
THE PHYSICAL CLOSURE OF)
COURTHOUSES DUE TO)
INCLEMENT WEATHER)

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service predicts freezing rain, sleet, snow, and ice accumulation throughout the evening of Wednesday, February 5, 2025 and continuing into the morning of Thursday, February 6, 2025,

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health and safety of the general public, circuit court judges, and circuit court employees, and after consultation with the offices of the Kane County State's Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff, Circuit Clerk, and representatives of the private bar, and pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 21(b) and the Court's inherent authority,

WHEREAS, the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit has the capability to hold court remotely using the technology provided to it by the State of Illinois and the Kane County Board,

WHEREAS, the Kane County State's Attorney, Public Defender, Circuit Clerk, and representatives of the private bar have the ability to appear in court representing their respective parties remotely,

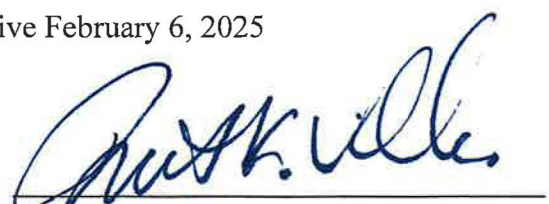
WHEREAS, the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, through the library and self-help center, provides information to the public through its websites and through telephone assistance on how to appear in court remotely,

WHEREAS, it has been mutually determined that it is in the best health and safety interest of court staff and court-goers not to travel, if at all possible, on Thursday, February 6, 2025.

THEREFORE, it is ordered by the Chief Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit that on Thursday, February 6, 2025, the Kane County courthouses, including Aurora Branch Court, Elgin Branch Court, Juvenile Justice Center Court, Kane County Branch Court, Kane County Courthouse, and Kane County Judicial Center will be physically closed. Court staff will work from home where possible, and all scheduled court cases will be heard via Zoom as needed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Chief Judge that the Kane County Circuit Clerk's Office, including all Circuit Clerk's Office satellite locations, will be physically closed on February 6, 2025.

ENTERED this 5th day of February, 2025 and effective February 6, 2025


Robert K. Villa, Chief Judge