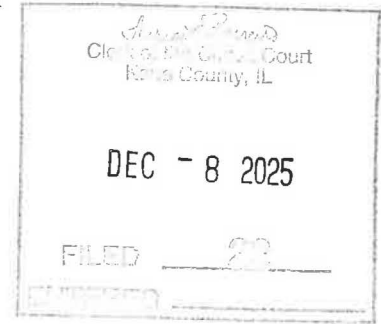


IN THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
GENERAL ORDER 25-14
Effective January 5, 2026



IN THE MATTER OF
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL
FOR MENTAL HEALTH HEARINGS
VOIDING GENERAL ORDER 23-36

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED pursuant to 20 ILCS 3955/10, 11, 12, 13 and 405 ILCS 5/3-805 that the Guardianship and Mental Health Advocacy Commission is hereby appointed to represent Respondents in any case bearing an MH designation for both involuntary commitment proceedings and enforced treatment/medication petitions, Utilization Review Hearings, and any other matter filed pursuant to the Illinois Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that General Order 23-36 is hereby stricken and deemed void after January 5, 2026 and that the Guardianship and Mental Health Advocacy Commission shall be substituted as the attorney of record for Respondent.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order pertains to cases filed on or after January 5, 2026, or hearing dates scheduled on or after January 9, 2026, until further order of court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the attorneys representing the Guardianship and Mental Health Advocacy Commission shall have access to court files and records.

Entered this 8th day of December, 2025 and effective January 5, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert K. Villa".

Robert K. Villa, Chief Judge