

IN THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
GENERAL ORDER 23-24
Effective September 8, 2023

Alicia L. Bennett Clerk of the Circuit Court Kane County, IL	
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IN THE MATTER OF)
AMENDING GENERAL ORDER 23-12)
AND LOCAL COURT RULE 1.05)
SELECTION OF A CHIEF JUDGE)

WHEREAS, the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit has elected to amend the Kane County Local Court Rule 1.05, Selection of a Chief Judge;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that by a majority vote of the Circuit Judges of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit that attached Local Court Rule 1.05 Selection of a Chief Judge is adopted in and for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, effective September 8, 2023, replacing the current version.

Entered this 6th day of September 2023, and effective September 8, 2023.



Clint Hull, Chief Judge

Kane County Local Rule

1.05 SELECTION OF A CHIEF JUDGE

- A. Effective September 8, 2023, a majority of the Circuit Judges shall select, by secret ballot and pursuant to Article VI, Section 7(c) of the Illinois Constitution, one of their members to serve as Chief Judge for a three-year term commencing the first Monday in December 2023. In the event that there are more than two (2) candidates and none of the judges running for Chief Judge receive a majority of the votes, the two (2) Judges receiving the highest number of votes shall be deemed finalists, and all others shall be eliminated. If more than two (2) candidates tie for the top two (2) spots, any other candidate(s) would be eliminated, and another vote shall be taken. This process shall continue until two (2) finalists are selected, or a single candidate receives a majority of the votes. This selection shall take place at a time designated by the Chief Judge prior to the first Monday in December 2023. Thereafter, a Chief Judge shall be selected for three-year terms in like manner in September of the year the term is to begin. The term will commence the first Monday in December, and every three (3) years thereafter. In no event shall a Circuit Judge serve consecutive three-year terms. Although a Circuit Judge may serve more than one three (3) year term, said terms of service as Chief Judge shall not be consecutive.
1. **Acting Chief Judge:** The Chief Judge shall appoint one of the Circuit Judges to act as Chief Judge in his or her absence, which shall have the same powers and duties as the Chief Judge. In the event the acting Chief Judge is also unavailable, the most Senior Circuit Judge on the premises shall act as Chief Judge.
 2. **Removal:** At any time by written request directed to the Chief Judge, a majority of the Circuit Judges may call a meeting at a time and place stated therein. A copy of such request shall be mailed or delivered to each Circuit Judge not joining therein at least five (5) days before the time fixed for such meeting. If a majority of all the Judges shall at such meeting vote for removal of the Chief Judge, the Judges shall proceed immediately to elect a new Chief Judge to take office at once.
 3. **Vacancy:** Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of the Chief Judge, any two (2) Circuit Judges may call a meeting of the Circuit Judges to select a Circuit Judge to fill such vacancy to take office at once in the same manner as in paragraph A. The newly seated Chief Judge may, if eligible, be a candidate for Chief Judge at the end of the previous Chief Judge term.
- B. When a vacancy arises in the office of the Chief Judge by virtue of the resignation, death or removal of a Chief Judge the election or selection called for in paragraphs (A)(2) and (A)(3) herein shall be for the balance of the elected term of the Chief Judge who has resigned, died, or has been removed.

A true copy of the original of this document is on file in my office
Attest: September 6th 2023
Theresa E. Barreiro
Circuit Court Clerk, Kane County, Illinois
By: Theresa E. Barreiro #12
Deputy Clerk