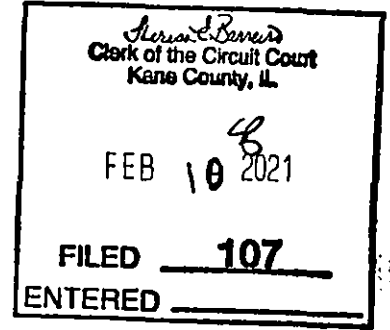


IN THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
GENERAL ORDER 21-03
effective February 10, 2021



IN THE MATTER OF
TEXT MESSAGE
NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

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WHEREAS, the Illinois Supreme Court has entered Supreme Court Rule 14 pertaining to text message notification programs and the rule provides in part:

"Rule 14. Text Message Notification Programs."

(a) Any court or clerk of court may implement a text message notification program(s). Any text message notification program developed within a judicial circuit shall be approved by the Chief Circuit Judge prior to implementation." (Supreme Court Rule 14); and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Clerk of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit implemented a text message notification program that utilizes text messaging and email notification for court dates for court patrons who voluntarily apply or sign up for the program; and .

WHEREAS, the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit text messaging notification program is designed to be a courtesy reminder of pending court dates and not a substitute for any notification required by Supreme Court Rule or statute to appear in court; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge having examined the text messaging program finds the text messaging program implemented by the Circuit Clerk of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit to be in compliance with Supreme Court Rule 14.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Circuit Clerk of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit may continue to operate its text messaging program in its current form as a courtesy reminder program and said program is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no default, warrant or other adverse action may be taken against any party based on a claim that the party received or participated in the text messaging program.

Entered this 10th day of February 2020 and effective February 10, 2020.


Clint Hull, Chief Judge