

**IN THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
GENERAL ORDER 22-16**

Effective November 14, 2022

**IN THE MATTER OF
AMENDING LOCAL RULE 14.01
RE: ASSIGNMENT OF NEW CASES**

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Theresa E. Barreiro
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Kane County, IL
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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that by a majority vote of the Circuit Judges of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, the attached Article 14, Section 14.01, Assignment of Cases, is adopted in and for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

Enter this 14th day of November 2022.

Clint Hull

Clint Hull, Chief Judge

A true copy of the original of this document is on file in my office
Attest: Nov 14 20 22
Theresa E. Barreiro
Circuit Court Clerk, Kane County, Illinois
By: *Theresa E. Barreiro*



III FAMILY

ARTICLE 14: FAMILY

14.00 GENERAL

For purposes of these Rules, a Family Division case is defined as any proceeding arising under the provisions of Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act (IMDMA), Illinois Parentage Act (IPA), or applicable proceedings for Orders of Protection (OP).

14.01 ASSIGNMENT OF CASES

- (a) All newly filed Dissolution with Children (DC), Dissolution No Children (DN), and Family (FA) designated cases shall be randomly assigned by the circuit clerk to a Family Division judge pursuant to the General Order of Assignments of Judges then in effect. When more than one (1) party files a Family Division case involving the same parties and issues, all such cases shall be consolidated into the earliest filed case to be heard by the judge assigned to that case.
- (b) Cases that are reinstated after having been dismissed or non-suited shall be assigned to the judge hearing the case at the time of dismissal. Cases that are re-filed following a dismissal or non-suit, which involve the same parties and subject matter regardless of party designation, shall likewise be assigned to the judge hearing the case at the time of dismissal.
- (c) Whenever possible and appropriate, all proceedings involving the parenting, allocation of parental responsibilities, guardianship or custody of an individual child shall be conducted by a single judge.
 - (1) When cases involving the same minor child or children are pending in both the Family Division and the Probate Division, the judges assigned to each case shall consult with each other to determine if the probate case(s) should be transferred to the Family Division to resolve any issues related to the child(ren).
 - (2) Private adoptions involving children that are the subject of any pending proceedings in the family division shall be assigned to and heard by the Judge presiding in the Family matter.
 - (3) In any case pending in the Family Division involving a minor child or children who is the subject of a Juvenile Court Act petition, the family court judge shall stay all or part of the proceedings pending the outcome of the Juvenile Court proceedings.
- (d) From time to time, the Chief Judge or the Presiding Judge of the Family Division may reassign cases to promote equity and manage caseloads within the division.

14.02 SETTING OF CASES ON COURT CALLS

Unless otherwise set forth in these rules, all pre-decree motions shall be heard by the judge assigned to the case. All post-decree actions shall be assigned pursuant to a list created by the presiding judge of the Family Division, and updated periodically. See