

**IN THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
**GENERAL ORDER 22-18**  
*effective December 21, 2022*

<i>Theresa E. Barreiro</i> Clerk of the Circuit Court Kane County, IL	
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**IN THE MATTER OF** )  
**THE PHYSICAL CLOSURE OF** )  
**COURTHOUSES DUE TO** )  
**INCLEMENT WEATHER** )

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service and the Kane County Emergency Management Office predict severe winds, blowing and drifting snow creating near whiteout conditions, and temperatures will be in the single digits and below throughout the day on Friday, December 23, 2022,

**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, County Board, 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 Friday, December 23, 2022.

**THEREFORE**, it is ordered by the Chief Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit that on Friday, December 23, 2022, the Kane County courthouses, including Aurora Branch Court, Elgin Branch Court, Juvenile Justice Center, and Kane County Branch Court, will be physically closed, court staff will work from home where possible, and all scheduled court cases will be heard via Zoom. 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.

ENTERED this December 21, 2022 and effective December 21, 2022

A true copy of the original of this document is on file in my office	
Attest: <u>December 21<sup>st</sup> 20 22</u>	
<i>Theresa E. Barreiro</i>	
Circuit Court Clerk Kane County, Illinois	
By: <u>Theresa E. Barreiro/22</u> Deputy Clerk	

  
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 Clint Hull, Chief Judge