

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
McHenry COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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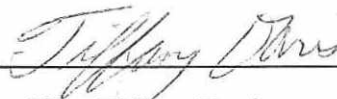
In the exercise of its inherent power to provide for the orderly disposition of all criminal pretrial and trial proceedings, the Court sua sponte ORDERS as follows:

1. The felony Criminal Court call in 304 will begin each business day at 9:00 am.
2. The assigned Assistant State's Attorneys and Assistant Public defenders with matters before the Court shall be in court by 8:45 am to meet with defense counsel/defendants before the Court call begins.
3. All persons may be subject to security screening at any time prior to entering the courtroom and during proceedings in the discretion of court security.
4. Seating in the courtroom gallery is on a first come, first served basis. The general public will not be allowed to stand or sit on the floor in the gallery during court proceedings.
5. A cap shall be set on the number of cases set for plea, status or trial on a given date.
6. When a litigant's case is called, they are to remove their hands from their pockets and keep them visible at all times, come forward and stand to the left side of their attorney. Podiums are for the use of the prosecutor and defense counsel only.
7. Gum chewing, food and beverages are strictly prohibited. Attorneys and courtroom personnel are permitted to have a clear bottle of water.
8. Attorneys and defendants may appear remotely in 304 pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 45 in cases set for arraignment, set preliminary hearing, or status without prior approval from the Court.
9. To appear remotely in Courtroom 304, use the link:
<https://zoom.us/my/mchenrycourtroom304>. Links also found on the McHenry County Circuit Clerks website.
10. All litigants appearing remotely via Zoom are expected to conform to local court rules on Zoom remote appearances, dress and behave appropriately for court as if they were appearing in person before the Judge. Zoom participants should not be roaming about, laying down, nor driving, but must be in a stationary location giving their full attention to the courtroom proceedings. Cameras should be off with the Zoom participants legal name displayed as it appears on the court docket. Zoom participants whose display name does not match the clerk's docketed name will be called at the end. If unable to rename, use chat feature to let the court know your legal name. For additional information concerning appropriate virtual court appearances please refer to the Guidelines for Virtual Courtroom Proceedings in the Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit.
11. Attorneys appearing remotely via Zoom are requested to put ATTY before their name and identify in the chat feature the name of their client as it appears on the court call to expedite their case being called once the attorneys in court have had their cases called. In order to minimize the number of people in the courtroom at a given time, the Court will first hear the cases of attorneys and litigants appearing in person. The court will then hear the cases of attorneys and/or defendants appearing remotely.

12. Status matters that involve the continuance of the case to a date certain will be called first before any negotiated pleas or contested hearings.
13. If the litigants have reached a negotiated plea agreement, all plea paperwork is to be first provided to the circuit clerks in court before asking to have the case called. The Judge in her discretion may wish to review the plea paperwork first. The clerk and/or judge may reject the plea paperwork if not in proper form.
14. Cell phones should be off and silenced. Cell phones will be confiscated by court security should they ring or be used to photograph or record proceedings. Telephone conversations are not permitted in the courtroom except by Court Security for the purpose of facilitating courtroom proceedings.
15. The use of cameras or video/audio recording devices of any kind including those on cellular telephones is prohibited inside Courtroom 304. Any prior authorized use in the discretion of the Judge shall be in accordance with local court rules,
16. All persons in the courtroom must remain silent during all proceedings unless at the podiums before the court when the criminal case is called. There will be no talking in the courtroom nor noise making. Attorneys are invited to use the hallway, vestibule, or conference rooms on the third floor to hold conversations. Conversations in the courtroom will not be allowed.
17. No members of the media or public shall be permitted beyond the railing separating the court gallery from the litigation area unless they are a named party to the proceeding whose case has been called or called as a witness.
18. All members of the media shall display official court or media credentials at all times while in the courtroom.
19. Approved Extended Media members are permitted to enter the courtroom gallery only before court convenes and during announced breaks in the proceedings and shall refrain from entering or leaving the courtroom while court is in session.
20. No media interviews shall be held in the trial courtroom at any time.
21. No member of the media or public shall attempt to communicate with a prospective or selected juror or alternate respecting the case prior to return of a final judgment or verdict in the trial on the merits. Any such communication or attempt by anyone to communicate with or influence a potential juror or selected juror or alternate in violation of this ORDER may be punished as a criminal cause of action and as criminal contempt of court subject to monetary and incarceration penalties.
22. The names and identities of the jurors are confidential such that no member of the media, the parties, nor the public may release or publicize the names of prospective or selected jurors. The photographing, videotaping or sketching of jurors is strictly prohibited.
23. There will be no sleeping, lying down, or reading of news media, newspapers, books, magazines or other materials in the courtroom.
24. No prejudicial or inflammatory logos, insignia or paraphernalia of any kind shall be worn on any person or clothing items while in the courtroom. The violator will be asked to turn garments inside out to hide the offensive writing or logo. Failure to do so will subject the violator to contempt of court proceedings.

25. Cellular telephones and computer devices including tablets and laptops cannot be used by the general public in the courtroom unless permission to do so is first sought and allowed by the Judge and/or Court Security officials.
26. The atmosphere in the courtroom shall be quiet, calm, and deliberative.
27. No disruptions, interferences, outbursts, public demonstrations, loud or repetitive intrusive noises or distractions shall be permitted in the trial courtroom at any time. Anyone who fails to comply with this condition shall immediately be removed from the courtroom and may forfeit access for the duration of the case and/or court call in the discretion of the Court.
28. There are no warnings. This order is not exhaustive of all conduct not allowed in the courtroom. Anyone who is unclear as to whether their conduct would be in violation of this Order should exercise precaution and leave the courtroom.
29. Any violation of this Order or other Local Court Rules or any other conduct the Court finds disruptive or interrupts the proceedings before the court may result in any or all of the following in the judge's discretion:
 - A. An Order of temporary or permanent exclusion of the violator from the courtroom and secure areas.
 - B. Contempt of Court sanctions which may carry with them the possibility of incarceration in the McHenry County Jail for up to six months and/or a fine not to exceed \$500 for each offense.
 - C. Such other sanctions as deemed necessary by the Court to ensure the due and proper administration of justice.
30. Notice of this Order shall be given by its posting on the 22nd Judicial Circuit court website and/or posting in the courtroom gallery. The lack of actual notice of this Order shall not be an excuse nor a defense to the imposition of sanctions by the Court or court security.

ENTERED:



Hon. Tiffany Davis

Presiding Circuit Judge of the McHenry County

Criminal Division

DATED: 2-17-2023