

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2024-17

**22nd Judicial Circuit
McHenry County, Illinois**

(Special Appointed Counsel)

FILED

JUL 11 2024

**KATHERINE M. KEEFE
McHENRY CTY. CIR. CLK.**

WHEREAS, under law, parties in certain case are entitled to appointed counsel – an attorney – when they are not able to provide for their own, along with certain other cases in which the Court is required to appoint an attorney, as with, for instance, a Guardian *Ad Litem* in child protection (JA) cases;

WHEREAS, the McHenry County Public Defender (the “PD”) is typically appointed by the Circuit Court of the 22nd Judicial Circuit to serve as counsel in such cases, but under the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct of 2010, the PD cannot serve as counsel in certain cases due to conflicts of interest or other reasons;

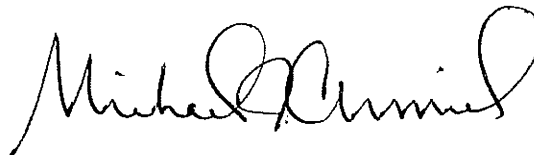
WHEREAS, from time to time, the Circuit contracts with certain attorneys to be available for such appointments and has contracted with Thomas Carroll, Camille Goodwin, Gran McKerlie, Brian Stevens, William Petsche, and Robert Windon, to serve as Special Appointed Counsel (“SAC”)¹ in various cases pending in this Circuit; and

WHEREAS, effective July 10, 2024, Elizaebth Maine Ellis has entered into a contract with the Circuit to serve as SAC and is being assigned to take cases such cases which may be assigned to her;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that this Administrative Order shall take effect this day to provide for the assignment of Elizaebth Maine Ellis to serve as Special Appointed Counsel for the 22nd Judicial Circuit.

DATED: July 10, 2024

ENTERED:



**MICHAEL J. CHMIEL
Chief Judge**

¹ This position formerly was known as Special Public Defender (“SPD”).