IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MCHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In re:)	STANDING ORDER 2025-01	
The Procedures Governing Practice in Courtroom 359, Family Division Call III.)))	Hon. Mark R. Facchini	JAN - 6 2025
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STANDING ORDER

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The purpose of this Standing Order is to provide guidance to and set expectations for attorneys and selfrepresented litigants (SRLs) who practice in this courtroom. This Standing Order supplements Family Division Standing Order 24-01.

BE A PRO.

Professionalism is the standard. All who appear before the Court will conduct themselves in a professional manner in every respect. You may expect the same from the Court.

BE CIVIL.

All who appear before the Court will be courteous, respectful, and professional to others, even your opponent. The Court will do the same. No one has ever won a case with a rude comment, insult, slight, or bad attitude.

FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.

Seriously. Please follow all court orders, particularly those regarding discovery. Remember, they are court orders, not suggestions. If you agree to disregard discovery orders, you do so at your own risk.

HEARINGS AND TRIALS ARE IN PERSON.

Subject to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 45, all hearings, summary and evidentiary, and all trials shall occur with the attorneys, parties, and witnesses present in person in court.

PRETRIAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES ARE IN PERSON.

All pretrial conferences pursuant to Local Rule 11.07 shall occur with the attorneys/SRLs present in person in court. The attorneys/SRLs shall submit individual or joint pretrial memorandums forty-eight hours prior to the pretrial conference. No memorandum, no conference.

TRIAL CONFERENCES ARE IN PERSON.

All trial conferences pursuant to Local Rule 11.08 shall occur with the attorneys/SRLs present in person in court. The attorneys/SRLs shall submit individual or joint trial memorandums twenty-four hours prior to the trial conference. The attorneys/SRLs shall exchange all trial exhibits, in accordance with Family Division Standing Order 24-03, no less than seven calendar days prior to the trial conference.

HEARINGS AND TRIALS WILL PROCEED ON CONSECUTIVE DAYS UNTIL CONCLUDED.

The Court will effort to hear a matter on consecutive court dates until concluded to avoid intermittent hearing/trial dates. Consequently, other cases may be rescheduled, and we may have to adjust our schedules on the fly. Therefore, please give the Court an accurate estimate of the number of hearing or trial days necessary at the time of scheduling.

DATED: 1-6-2025

HON. MARK R. FACCHINI

ASSOCIATE JUDGE, FAMILY DIVISION.