

CALENDAR 86, ROOM 102– SIXTH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

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SPECIAL EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2020-08

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT, pursuant to the Illinois Supreme Court’s Policy on Remote Court Proceedings in Civil Cases, Illinois Supreme Court Rules 45, 46 and 241, and the General Administrative Orders of the Circuit Court of Cook County concerning COVID-19 Emergency Court Measures and the Resumption of Court Operations, including Chief Judge Evans’ General Administrative Order 2020-02, as amended, permitting the establishment of remote proceedings in order to facilitate proper social distancing to safeguard the health and welfare of the public, as well as to help alleviate congestion in the courthouses, and until further notice, Calendar 86, the Parentage Call (Courtroom #102) of the Markham Courthouse, will continue to conduct remote proceedings subject to the information set forth herein.¹ It is intended that these protocols and procedures comply with all applicable laws, Supreme Court Rules and local Circuit Court Rules, and remain consistent with any mandates and directives from the Illinois Supreme Court, the Governor of the State of Illinois, and the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Standing Order for Calendar 86, as well as the Special Emergency Order No. 2020-04 stand.

CASE SCHEDULE

Unless previously notified by the Court Coordinator, or unless a matter is rescheduled with her and approved by the Court, all cases scheduled on Calendar 86 will be heard as indicated on the Clerk’s Electronic Docket. If notified of a different date by the Court Coordinator, or directly by the Judge via a Zoom invitation, the date given by the Coordinator or Judge is your court date for a Zoom hearing/status, and any notices to the contrary shall be disregarded. If you did not obtain a Court date automatically when you filed your motion, or if the matter is an emergency as defined below, you must contact Ms. Fandrey to schedule or confirm the matter. If your court date is not confirmed with the Court Coordinator, your matter might not be heard on the date scheduled by the Clerk’s Office.

¹ GO 2020-02, as amended states in relevant part: “[E]xcept as provided below or as otherwise ordered by the judge presiding ... all matters ... shall be conducted by videoconference to the extent reasonably possible [and] except ... as directed by the chief judge ... all judges ... shall work remotely ... and conduct business ... by videoconference.”

SCHEDULING MATTERS TO BE HEARD

No matter will be heard unless it is first filed either electronically, or in person, with the Clerk's Office. **ALL SUBMISSIONS TO THE CLERK OR THE COURT MUST CONTAIN ALL PARTIES' CONTACT INFORMATION INCLUDING THE NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS OF THE SUBMITTING PARTY AND THEIR ATTORNEY, AND THE SAME OF THE OPPOSING PARTY AND THEIR ATTORNEY.** If your matter was not scheduled with the Court Coordinator prior to filing the matter with the Clerk's Office, the Court Coordinator should be notified immediately to confirm your court date. If your court date is not confirmed with the Court Coordinator, your matter might not be heard on the date scheduled by the Clerk's Office.

Additionally, as the Judge does not have the benefit of a Clerk handing him a file before a case is heard, as is done when operating in-person, in order that the Court can properly prepare to hear matters remotely, copies of all motions up for presentment, or all pleadings relevant to a matter at issue for hearing, are to be provided to the Court Coordinator Meghan Fandrey ([Meghan.Fandrey@cookcountyil.gov](mailto: Meghan.Fandrey@cookcountyil.gov) 708-232-4646) prior to the date of the status or hearing. If copies of the pleading(s) up for presentment or hearing are not provided in advance, your matter might not be heard on the date scheduled.

HOW CASES WILL BE HEARD

As has been the case for Calendar 86 since March 24, 2020, Court Proceedings shall continue to be conducted **via Zoom audio-video conferencing**. "Remote proceedings" as used in this Order shall refer to Zoom audio-video communication conferences with the Judge Presiding on Calendar 86. All motions and requests for cases to be heard must include that the movant seeks to present the motion via Zoom on a date and time first confirmed with the Court Coordinator ([Meghan.Fandrey@cookcountyil.gov](mailto: Meghan.Fandrey@cookcountyil.gov) 708-232-4646) and the Notice of Motion shall contain the proper meeting ID number, and Password if applicable, as well as the movant and recipient's (and their attorney's) email addresses and telephone numbers.

The Zoom meeting ID numbers and passwords for Room 102 are divided between **Child Support - State Cases** (Tuesdays and Fridays), **Child Support Non-State Cases** (as scheduled with the Hearing Officer), and **Non-Support Matters** (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday), unless otherwise notified by a Zoom Invitation:

Judge Bates (Room 102): **State Child Support** (Tuesdays and Fridays):
ID No. 984-2555-1477 Password 251765
Contact the Office of the Cook County State's Attorney [sao.csed@cookcountyil.gov](mailto: sao.csed@cookcountyil.gov)

Judge Bates (Rm 102): **Non-Child Support Matters** (M, W & Th).
ID No. 916 207 9659 Link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9162079659>
Please contact Meghan Fandrey, 708-232-4646 [Meghan.Fandrey@cookcountyil.gov](mailto: Meghan.Fandrey@cookcountyil.gov)

Judge Bates (Rm 102): **Non-State Child Support**
MUST BE SCHEDULED WITH HEARING OFFICER STOKAS
ID No. 988 205 4276 Password 8iNXXq
Hearing Officer Robert Stokas (708-232-4139) [Robert.Stokas@cookcountyil.gov](mailto: Robert.Stokas@cookcountyil.gov)

Individuals without access to a computer with camera or cell phone with camera may access Zoom from a landline telephone by dialing one of the below United States dial-in numbers:

Dial by your location
+1 312 626 6799 US

Meeting ID: See above
Password: See above

AGREED ORDERS

Agreed Orders are strongly encouraged, specifically including Orders setting briefing schedules like that which is set forth in the Domestic Relations Division Order 2020 D 13, which is NOT applicable to Calendar 86. The Court will enter any Agreed Order submitted to the Court Coordinator, Meghan Fandrey (Meghan.Fandrey@cookcountyil.gov 708-232-4646) via email (Word doc preferably) that either resolves a case and takes it off call, or sets a briefing schedules.

ORDERS OF PROTECTION

Emergency Orders of Protection for cases on Calendar 86 should be obtained from Judge Bates via Zoom when the filing is completed, and the matter is scheduled by the Clerk's Office with the Court Coordinator. Emergency Orders of Protection for cases on Calendar 86 may also be obtained from the Domestic Violence Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County located at 555 West Harrison in Chicago, or in Markham from Room 104 or from the duty Judge in Room 101 if the filing is completed by 4:00pm, as scheduled by the Clerk's Office in Markham, if Judge Bates is unavailable. Plenary OP hearings, or hearings on matters that are "petition only" for cases on Calendar 86 are being heard Judge Bates via Zoom. Please submit the Petition and Emergency Order of Protection to the Court Coordinator, Meghan Fandrey (Meghan.Fandrey@cookcountyil.gov 708-232-4646).

EMERGENCY MOTIONS -- VERY LIMITED

Contact Judge Bates' Court Coordinator, Meghan Fandrey (Meghan.Fandrey@cookcountyil.gov 708-232-4646) if you have an emergency as defined below. The motion must be about a true emergency, or it will be stricken. Cook County Circuit Court Rule 13.4(a)(ii)(b) will be enforced, and states as follows:

"Facts identifying the nature of the sudden or unforeseen circumstances which give rise to the emergency and the reason why the matter should take precedence shall be stated with particularity in an affidavit or verification in support of the emergency motion."

Generally, **an emergency is some circumstance that could lead to irreparable damage if relief is not procured** prior to the time a party could be heard on the regular motion call. Motions to extend or compel discovery or other judicially set deadlines are not normally emergencies. A courtesy copy of the motion marked, "EMERGENCY MOTION" and all supporting documents or exhibits must be delivered to the Court Coordinator via e-mail if at all possible before 4:00 p.m. on the preceding day. If at all possible, the opposing party (and attorney if applicable) shall be

provided notice, therefore **the Court Coordinator should be provided the e-mail addresses of all parties and the attorneys when scheduling the hearing.**

PRE-TRIAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES

The Court will conduct pre-trials via Zoom on any matter where the parties believe that they are close to reaching an agreement that, with guidance from the Court, will either resolve a case and take it off call. The Court Coordinator MUST have email addresses and cell phone numbers for the attorneys and parties in order to schedule a matter via Zoom. Please contact the Court Coordinator, Meghan Fandrey (Meghan.Fandrey@cookcountyil.gov 708-232-4646).

MEDIATION

If the parties have a case that would benefit from mediation, please contact Meghan Fandrey, the Court Coordinator, (Meghan.Fandrey@cookcountyil.gov 708-232-4646) to obtain available dates. If you present a completed referral Order and email it to her.

PLATFORM

While the Judge Presiding in Room 102 is willing to consider other platforms, and reserve the right to use another platform at any time, all remote proceedings shall be conducted utilizing the "Zoom" platform (www.zoom.us) until further Order of Court.

ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES FOR REMOTE PROCEEDINGS

This Courts Special Emergency Order No. 2020-04 stands. RECORDING OF THESE MATTERS BY THE PARTICIPANTS IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN, INCLUDING ANY PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE ZOOM SCREEN. Additionally, the following are the required procedures for all remote proceedings:

- a. The Judge shall initiate and/or host the remote proceeding.
- b. The parties and/or their attorney shall be present and available at the appointed time and date of the remote proceeding. All participants will be placed in the waiting room upon their connection to the zoom meeting. If a party or his/her/its attorney does not appear, the hearing may be conducted in their absence or the matter may be stricken and reset for a future status date in the Court's discretion.
- c. Upon entry to the Zoom conference room all parties and attorneys will be muted until their case is called. When their case is called, the party/attorney must identify their need to become unmuted by utilizing the notification icon on their device. Once the Court identifies which attorneys and parties are needed for the called case, the Court will unmute the attorneys and parties. It is the attorney/party's responsibility to continue attempting to notify the court to unmute your device. All other non-participants will remain muted until their case is called and then the process above will repeat itself. At the conclusion of your court case, please exit the conference room to provide an opportunity for others to enter. If you remain in the conference room, please mute your audio while you wait for your next case to be called.
- d. The court will not provide a court reporter for these proceedings.

General Zoom instructions and admonishments may be also found on the Cook County Court's website (www.cookcountycourt.org).

Evidentiary and Non-Evidentiary Hearings.

The manner in which a remote hearing will be conducted (via audio-video or telephone) remains within the discretion of the judge presiding over the individual case. This Court's Calendar 86 Standing Order regarding Trials and Pre-Trials stands.

INCONSISTENCIES

In the event of any inconsistency between this or any prior Special Emergency Order issued by this Court, and any Order **entered after March 17, 2020** in a particular case, **the Order entered in the case after March 17, 2020 controls.**

CHIEF JUDGE'S GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS


All attorneys and self-represented litigants are advised to review Chief Judge Evans' Orders regarding court operations during the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic by visiting the Court's website at www.cookcountycourt.org

This Order is effective Immediately.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County shall spread this Order of record in all cases to which it applies (Calendar 86, Judge Fredrick H. Bates), and the Order shall be entered into LEADS.

Signed & Entered this 26th day of October, 2020

Judge Fredrick H. Bates
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Circuit Court - 2148


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