STATE OF ILLINOIS)
(SS)
(COUNTY OF DU PAGE)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFICATIONS AND) Administrative Order 25-27 ADDITIONS TO THE CIRCUIT COURT RULES)

WHEREAS, the Circuit Judges of the 18th Judicial Circuit adopted local Circuit Court Rules on November 16, 2004; and

WHEREAS, from time to time the Circuit Judges find it necessary to ratify and codify certain revisions, amendments and additions to said local Circuit Court Rules; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2025, Circuit Court Rule 17.07 was amended and attached as Exhibit A.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that these changes, shown as adopted in the exhibit attached hereto, was adopted into the local Circuit Court Rules to be effective immediately.

ENTER:

Bonnie M. Wheaton

Chief Judge

Dated: November 25, 2025 Wheaton, Illinois

- (i) Shelter care/temporary custody hearings;
- (ii) Adjudication hearings;
- (iii) Disposition hearings;
- (iv) Permanency review hearings;
- (v) Termination of parental rights;
- (vi) Any contested or evidentiary hearing.
- (e) If a party is ordered to appear in person and fails to do so without justification, the court may enter appropriate orders, including findings of default or continuance.

17.07 APPEALS - CHILD PROTECTION

- (a) Appointment of Counsel.
 - (1) Upon the filing of a Notice of Appeal in a juvenile abuse and neglect case, or any other case except delinquency, a respondent who has been found indigent may be appointed appellate counsel by the court.
 - (2) The Office of the Chief Judge shall maintain a list of qualified appellate attorneys approved for appointment in juvenile cases, or one will be selected from the registry maintained by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts-Courts, Children and Families Division.
 - (3) Counsel appointed for appeal shall continue representation until the appeal is fully resolved or counsel is granted leave to withdraw by the reviewing court.
- (b) Transcript and Record on Appeal.
 - (1) Upon finding of indigency, the court shall authorize the preparation of the record and transcripts necessary for appeal at no cost to the minor or respondent, as governed by IL Supreme Court Rule 607.
- (c) Compensation of Appointed Appellate Counsel.
 - (1) The compensation of court-appointed appellate attorneys shall be set by the Chief Judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit consistent with IL Supreme Court Rule 299.

17.08 RELEASE OF INFORMATION

(a) Release of Records. Requests for law enforcement or Juvenile Court records held confidential under the Juvenile Court Act may be heard by a Juvenile Court Judge.