



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

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING)
LEGAL COUNSEL FOR DEFENDANTS) Administrative Order No. 26-2
WHO CLAIM INDIGENCY)

The Court being fully advised in the premises;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following guidelines be adopted for purposes of determining a defendant's eligibility for the appointment of legal counsel in criminal cases:

1. A defendant failing to complete an Affidavit of Indigency shall be ineligible.
2. A defendant whose Affidavit of Indigency discloses that income on an annualized basis is above 125% of the official Poverty Income Guidelines shall be found not indigent and therefore ineligible (see Addendum attached).
3. A defendant charged with an offense, where the penalty is punishable by fine only, shall be ineligible though indigent.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that when a defendant discloses income, that figure should include total family income including that of family members who work and share the burden of supporting the family. The value of assets should also be considered in addition to income when determining indigency.

This order shall take effect immediately and Administrative Order No. 25-4 is vacated.

ENTER:

Bonnie M. Wheaton
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Chief Judge

Dated: February 11, 2026
Wheaton, Illinois

Addendum to Administrative Order 26-2

Poverty: The state of one who lacks a usual or socially acceptable amount of money or material possessions.

Indigence: A level of poverty in which real hardship and deprivation are suffered and comforts of life are wholly lacking.

GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING POVERTY

Maximum Income Schedules – 125%

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Annually</u>
1	\$384	\$1,663	\$19,950
2	\$521	\$2,255	\$27,050
3	\$657	\$2,846	\$34,150
4	\$794	\$3,438	\$41,250
5	\$930	\$4,030	\$48,350
6	\$1,067	\$4,621	\$55,450
7	\$1,203	\$5,213	\$62,550
8	\$1,340	\$5,805	\$69,650

(Additional person – add \$7,100/year)

Special circumstances: If other eligibility criteria are met, indigency may be granted if the applicant's gross income does not exceed 200% of the national poverty level.

Maximum Income Schedules – 200%

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Annually</u>
1	\$614	\$2,660	\$31,920
2	\$833	\$3,607	\$43,280
3	\$1,051	\$4,554	\$54,640
4	\$1,270	\$5,500	\$66,000
5	\$1,488	\$6,447	\$77,360
6	\$1,707	\$7,394	\$88,720
7	\$1,925	\$8,340	\$100,080
8	\$2,144	\$9,287	\$111,440

(Additional person - \$11,360/year)