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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JUL 20 2023

DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023 – 1

William Pristine
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Re: Remote Proceedings Under ILSC Rule 45

WHEREAS Administrative Order 2022-5 of the Sixth Judicial Court requires the Presiding Judge of each county is to determine which case types and proceedings are temporarily exempt from Illinois Supreme Court Rule 45 under paragraph (b)(2) until a Local Rule is adopted; and

WHEREAS Illinois Supreme Court Rule 45 allows for case participants to attend via the circuit court's available remote appearance technology without advance approval for certain court proceedings; and

WHEREAS the administration of justice in Douglas County, Illinois, is best served by requiring in-person appearances for certain case types and proceedings for many reasons, including but not limited to, large court calls, when paperwork is likely to be exchanged and where in-person communication with other case participants is necessary.

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the following case type and proceedings require in-person appearances unless judicial approval is received prior to a court proceeding:

CIVIL – CH, EV, FC, MH, SC (for Rules and citations only), AD, OP, guardianship cases filed either as a GR or P and contempt proceedings in DN, DC and FA cases.

CRIMINAL – CF, CM, DT, DV, MT, OV, QC, TR and CC (in all these case types, except in first appearances when the defendant is in custody).

JUVENILE MATTERS – JD (except first appearances for a parent or minor who is in custody), J, JA, JV (except admonishment hearings where the litigant is in custody).

DATE: 7-20-23

ENTER: *Kate Watson*

Presiding Judge Kate D. Watson

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