

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO
COUNTY OF BOONE

AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULE 2

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE ABOVE ENTITLED LOCAL RULE IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

2. Judicial Administration

2.01 Chief Judge Selection of Chief Judge

~~The chief judge shall be a Circuit Judge elected by a majority of the Circuit Judges within the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit.~~

~~(a) — Term~~

~~The term of the chief judge of the 17th Judicial Circuit shall be for a period of three (3) consecutive calendar years, with the possibility of serving an additional consecutive three (3) year term by a majority vote of the circuit judges. Thereafter, a circuit judge may not succeed himself/herself. The chief judge shall be elected at a meeting of the circuit judges to be held on the second Monday in September of the year preceding the term of office.~~

~~(b) — Acting Chief Judge~~

~~The chief judge selected pursuant to the Illinois Constitution, Article VI, section 7, paragraph (c) may appoint one of the circuit judges to act as chief judge in the absence of the chief judge. The acting chief judge shall have the same powers and duties as the chief judge.~~

~~(c) — Vacancy~~

~~Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of chief judge, any two circuit judges may call a meeting of the circuit judges to select a circuit judge to fill such vacancy.~~

~~(d) — General Administrative Authority~~

~~In the exercise of general administrative authority pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 21 (b), the chief judge may enter general orders including, but not restricted to, orders providing for assignment of judges, selection and terms of juvenile and county division Presiding judges, general or specialized divisions, and times and places of holding court. Assignment of associate judges within the county division shall be rotated from time to time at the discretion of the presiding judge of the county division with the chief judge's approval.~~

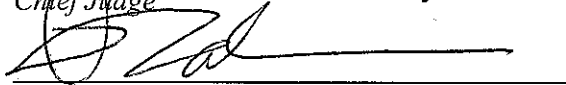
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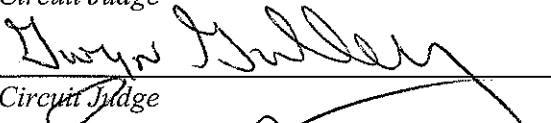
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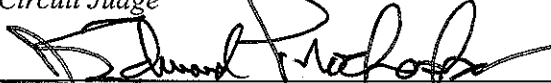
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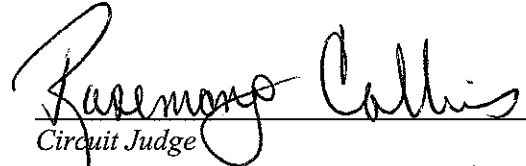
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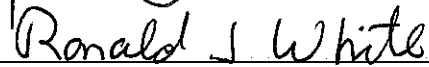
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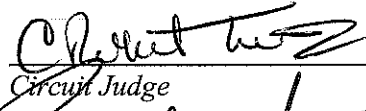
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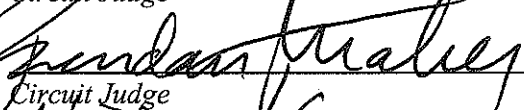
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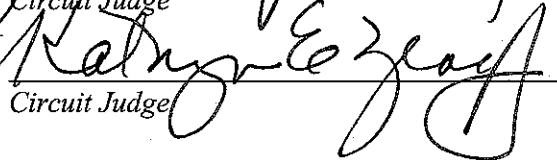
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LOCAL RULE 2.015

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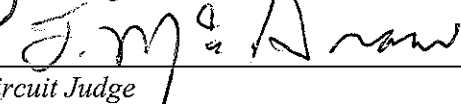
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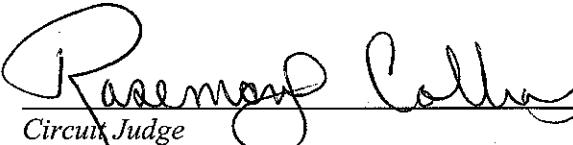
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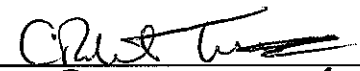
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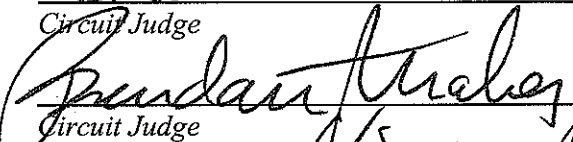
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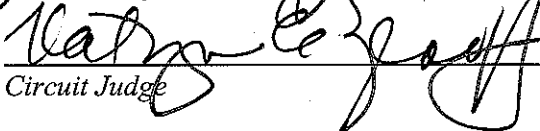
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2.02 Presiding Judge

The chief judge may appoint a circuit judge within each county of the circuit as presiding judge of that county. The presiding judge shall sit at the pleasure of the chief judge.

2.03 Judicial Meetings

(a) Circuit Judges

The circuit judges of the 17th judicial circuit shall meet on an as needed basis on notice at a time and place designated by the chief judge.

(b) Associate Judges

The associate judges of the 17th judicial circuit shall meet at least once per month on notice at a time and place designated by the presiding judge of the county division.

(c) Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called at anytime by the chief judge, or by any two circuit judges, upon three (3) days notice in writing to all circuit judges. which notice shall state the business to come before such meeting.

(d) Combined Meetings

At the discretion and call of the chief judge there may be a meeting of all circuit and associate judges.

2.04 Appointments

No appointment of a person to office or employment may be made by the chief judge without prior consideration thereof at a meeting of the circuit judges held for such purpose.

2.05 Jurors

(a) General Jury List

Once each year, the jury commission shall in accordance with the provisions of 705 ILCS 305/310/315 prepare a jury list to be known as the general jury list to consist of all registered voters and Illinois drivers license holders possessing the necessary legal qualifications for jury duty.

(b) Active Jury List

An active jury list shall be drawn from the general jury list via computer as provided by 705 ILCS 305/310/315.

(c) Examination of Electors

The jury commissioners shall examine questionnaires completed by electors as defined by 705 ILCS 305/310/315 having been randomly selected from the active jury list. The jury commissioners shall have the power to summon electors to appear before them and to examine them regarding their qualifications for jury service, and such notice shall be sent by mail. The name of each elector approved by the commissioners for jury duty shall be placed on a qualified jury list.

(d) Drawing of Venire and Summonses

Upon order of the court, venires shall be randomly drawn from the qualified jury list via computer, as provided by 705 ILCS 310/8 (c).

(e) Manner of Serving Summonses

The Summoning of jurors, grand and petit, shall be performed in compliance with 705 ILCS 305/310/315.

(f) Media

Names of jurors, grand and petit, may be provided to the media upon the completion of the juror's service.

(g) Grand Jurors

Pursuant to 705 ILCS 35/4, the circuit judges prescribe that grand jurors be called to serve in Winnebago County on the third and fourth Fridays of January and July of each year, and in Boone County on the first Thursday of January of each year.

Pursuant to 725 ILCS 5/112-3, Grand Jurors shall be summoned to appear at an appointed time. After being impaneled, sworn and instructed by the court, the grand jury shall sit at such times as the court may order, and may be recessed from time to time to a day certain or subject to recall, provided no grand jury shall be called to serve after a period of six (6) months following the day called to serve in Winnebago County and one (1) year in Boone County.

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(h) Petit Jurors

1. Pursuant to 705 ILCS 35/4, unless otherwise ordered by the circuit judges in both Winnebago and/or Boone Counties, not less than thirty-five (35) petit jurors shall be summoned to appear in the specified division of the 17th Judicial Circuit at the respective time, and such other days as may be designated by the chief judge or designate:

a. Boone County

General and County Divisions - Monday and Wednesday of the first and third full weeks of each month.

b. Winnebago County

Civil Division - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the first and second weeks of each month.

Criminal Division - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each designated jury week of the month.

2. The judges of the 17th Judicial Circuit have by joint action determined that the number of persons to serve as petit jurors each year in counties not having a jury commission in the 17th Judicial Circuit, shall be as follows:

Six-thousand (6,000) in Boone County. The circuit clerk in said county shall certify the number of jurors so determined to the county board of such county for selection by the board from the jury list at the September meeting of each year.

(i) Excuse

The chief judge or designate shall have charge of excusing summoned jurors from serving and regulating their assignments to the various judges of the 17th Judicial Circuit.