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V. CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

ARTICLE 19. GENERAL

19.00 APPLICABILITY OF RULES

- (a) Except where clearly indicated otherwise, the rules contained in this Article 19 shall be applicable to all cases assigned to the Criminal and Traffic Courts.
- (b) Rules contained in this Article shall be read in conjunction with applicable rules contained in this and other Articles, Illinois Compiled Statutes, and the Illinois Supreme Court Rules, and where conflicts exist, the Illinois Supreme Court Rules and the Illinois Compiled Statutes shall control.

19.01 COURTROOMS, CASE AND TRIAL CALL ASSIGNMENTS

- (a) Courtroom designations within the Criminal and Traffic Courts shall be regulated by General Order issued by the Chief Judge.
- (b) Felonies are to be assigned by the Circuit Clerk's computer random assignment system among the designated felony courtrooms. The Chief Judge or designee shall retain the authority to directly assign a case, certain cases or class of cases to any court room outside of the random assignment where warranted for reasons of justice, efficiency or other circumstances.
- (c) A case shall be considered as being placed upon the trial call of a Judge the date of the defendant's first appearance, before the assigned Judge whether that appearance is in open court or by video.

19.02 CONSOLIDATION OF OFFENSES

- (a) When more than one (1) felony case is filed against the same defendant, all such cases shall be assigned to the Judge to whom the earliest filed of all the cases was assigned, unless specifically exempted by order of the Chief Judge.
 - (1) For purposes of determining the earliest filed case, only pre-judgment felony cases shall be considered.
 - (2) If the granting of a motion for substitution of Judges as a matter of right causes fewer than all of the felony cases pending against a defendant to be transferred to a different Judge, the unaffected case or cases shall remain on the docket of the substituted Judge. This rule is limited by [725 ILCS 5/114-5\(b\)](#) which addresses the rights of all co-defendants when one of the co-defendants is granted an automatic or ten (10) day substitution.
- (b) Cases of defendants charged with acting together to commit a felony shall be assigned to the Judge to whom the lowest numbered case is assigned. However, if a co-defendant has an earlier filed pre-judgment felony case pending, that defendant's case shall be

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assigned instead to the Judge to whom the earlier filed felony (or felonies) has been assigned.

- (c) If a motion for joinder is filed involving defendants whose cases are pending before different Judges, the motion shall be heard by the Judge to whom the lowest numbered case is assigned.
- (d) If a co-defendant's motion for substitution of Judge results in reassignment, the remaining co-defendants' cases shall not follow unless a motion for joinder is granted.

19.03 SUBSTITUTION OF JUDGE

- (a) If a motion for substitution of Judge, under [725 ILCS 5/114-5\(c\)](#) is granted, the case shall be reassigned by random computer assignment through the Circuit Clerk. The assignment will be from the pool of eligible felony Judges, other than those named in the motion. The Judge substituted from shall enter an order placing the case on the randomly selected Judge's court call.
- (b) If a motion for substitution of Judge is filed under [725 ILCS 5/114-5 \(a\)](#), the Judge should proceed no further and send the file immediately to the Presiding Judge for hearing on the defendant's motion. The Presiding Judge may assign the hearing to another felony judge for hearing if warranted by circumstances. If the motion is denied the case shall return to the judge to whom it was assigned before the motion for substitution was filed. If the motion is granted the Presiding Judge will reassign the matter for further proceedings through the Circuit Clerk's random computer assignment system. The pool for re-assignment will consist of all eligible felony assignment judges other than the substituted Judge or Judges.
- (c) The Chief Judge or designee shall retain the authority to directly assign a case upon a motion for substitution to any Judge for hearing on further proceedings for reasons of justice, efficiency or other circumstances.

19.04 SPECIALTY COURTS

- (a) A defendant seeking to enter Pre-Trial Diversion (PTD), Drug Rehabilitation Court (DRC), Treatment alternative court (TAC), or any other specialty court must make application in the courtroom his/her case is currently assigned.
- (b) If a defendant is terminated from a Specialty Court the specialty court will set the defendant's case back to the originally assigned court room for further proceedings.
- (c) At any time prior to entering final judgement on the conviction and sentence the assigned court judge may permit the defendant to apply to a specialty court. The court cannot consider a specialty court if prohibited by statute or specialty court rules.

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19.05 APPOINTED COUNSEL

Traffic, misdemeanor, and ordinance violation cases (other than DUI and Domestic Violence) where the Public Defender, MDD, Conflict Counsel, or other Court Appointed Counsel is appointed to represent a defendant shall be heard in the Kane Branch Court. Upon initial appointment of counsel in the Aurora, or Elgin Branch Courts, the case shall be transferred to the Kane Branch Court at 9:00 a.m. on the first available Monday court is in session for all further proceedings. Any failure to appear warrant issued thereafter in any such transferred case shall remain returnable to the Kane Branch Court.

19.06 BRANCH COURT JURY DEMANDS

Any demand for a jury trial made in a Branch Court shall be set for trial setting before the Presiding Judge of the Traffic or Misdemeanor Division. No case shall be sent to the Presiding Judge for trial setting until all pre-trial motions, including motions in limine are heard and decided by the Branch Court Judge.

19.07 PETITIONS TO EXPUNGE RECORDS OF ARREST

Any petition to expunge records of felony or misdemeanor arrest pursuant to [20 ILCS 2630/5](#), [20 ILCS 2630/5.2](#), or [730 ILCS 5/5-6-3.1](#) shall be in writing and shall be brought before the Chief Judge of the Circuit or any Judge designated by the Chief Judge.