



For Immediate Release

Date: December 21, 2022

All Kane County court cases will be by Zoom on Friday due to winter storm

All Kane County court cases will be heard remotely by Zoom on Friday, December 23 due to the predicted winter storm. All Sixteenth Judicial Circuit court and Circuit Clerk's Office locations will be physically closed per General Order for the safety of court-goers and staff. To attend court, go to www.kanecourt.org and click on "Join Zoom Hearing." You must download the free Zoom app to your smartphone, computer, or tablet. People needing assistance may call the Kane County Law Library at 630-406-7126 for help from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The Sixteenth Judicial Circuit building closures include the Kane County Judicial Center, the Kane County Courthouse (3rd Street Courthouse), Kane County Branch Court, Elgin Branch Court, Aurora Branch Court, the Kane County Circuit Clerk's Office (including satellite offices), and the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center.

All Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Courts will be closed in their entirety on Monday, December 26, in observance of the holidays. Regular operations will resume on Tuesday, December 27.

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IN THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
GENERAL ORDER 22-18
effective December 21, 2022

IN THE MATTER OF)
▷ **THE PHYSICAL CLOSURE OF**)
COURTHOUSES DUE TO)
INCLEMENT WEATHER)

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service and the Kane County Emergency Management Office predict severe winds, blowing and drifting snow creating near whiteout conditions, and temperatures will be in the single digits and below throughout the day on Friday, December 23, 2022,

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health and safety of the general public, circuit court judges, and circuit court employees, and after consultation with the offices of the Kane County State’s Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff, Circuit Clerk, County Board, and representatives of the private bar, and pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 21(b) and the Court’s inherent authority,

WHEREAS, the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit has the capability to hold court remotely using the technology provided to it by the State of Illinois and the Kane County Board,

WHEREAS, the Kane County State’s Attorney, Public Defender, Circuit Clerk, and representatives of the private bar have the ability to appear in court representing their respective parties remotely,

WHEREAS, the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, through the library and self-help center, provides information to the public through its websites and through telephone assistance on how to appear in court remotely,

WHEREAS, it has been mutually determined that it is in the best health and safety interest of court staff and court-goers not to travel, if at all possible, on Friday, December 23, 2022.

THEREFORE, it is ordered by the Chief Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit that on Friday, December 23, 2022, the Kane County courthouses, including Aurora Branch Court, Elgin Branch Court, Juvenile Justice Center, and Kane County Branch Court, will be physically closed, court staff will work from home where possible, and all scheduled court cases will be heard via Zoom. It is further ordered by the Chief Judge that the Kane County Circuit Clerk’s Office, including all Circuit Clerk’s Office satellite locations, will be physically closed.

ENTERED this December 21, 2022 and effective December 21, 2022

Clint Hull, Chief Judge