IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT WILLIAMSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

STANDING ORDER FOR JURY TRIALS ASSIGNED TO JUDGE GOFFINET

Effective November 1, 2022, the Court adopts the following standing orders for jury trial:

- 1. The deadline to file motions in limine is 7 days prior to the final pretrial. All motions in limine will be argued at the final pretrial. A statement of the case and a list of witnesses shall be efiled with the Court prior to the final pretrial.
- 2. The proponent of any evidence deposition and/or exhibits shall file the same with the Court at least 14 days prior to the final pretrial. All objections will be argued at the final pretrial.
- 3. All evidence depositions and exhibits are to be submitted electronically through the Court's efile system. The proponent, of any exhibit requested to go to the jury during deliberations, shall provide the Court a paper copy of the same.
- 4. Exhibits shall be marked and not use duplicative numbering.
- 5. If a witness is going to be brought to testify via zoom, the proponent of the witness shall confirm connectivity between the Court's Zoom and the remote witness in advance.
- 6. In its discretion, the Court will allow limited, non-repetitive COVID questioning of jurors; provided, no personal medical questioning will be allowed.
- 7. The Court limits opening statements to 1 hour per party. Depending on the complexity of the case, the Court may limit closing arguments.
- 8. Requests for daily transcripts must be made not less than 14 days prior to the first day of jury selection.
- 9. At this time, the Court suspends the mandatory wearing of masks. Any person wishing to wear a mask is permitted to do so.
- 10. The Courtroom is wi-fi enabled and supports trial pad and similar programs. If counsel intend to take advantage of the same, arrangements must be made in advance.

So Ordered.

10/18/22

Soffinet, Associate Jud