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STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Administrative Order 2026-7-13 - AMENDED 7-24-2026
(Amendments to Administrative Order 2025-10-2)

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 3, 2026, AS FOLLOWS:

Administrative Order 2025-10-2, Judicial Assignments in the First Circuit, is amended in the following ways:

1. Judge Jonathan Mitchell's standing assignment in Jackson County is vacated, and he is reassigned to Williamson County, Illinois. He is hereby assigned to preside over any and all cases filed in the Court of Williamson County, Illinois, subject to the supervision of the Presiding Judge of Williamson County.

2. Notwithstanding Judge Mitchell's standing reassignment to Williamson County, Illinois, he is further assigned to Jackson County, Illinois each Monday and Friday. He is hereby assigned to preside over any and all cases filed in the Court of Jackson County, Illinois, subject to the supervision of the Presiding Judge of Jackson County.

3. Judge Jeffery Farris is assigned to Jackson County, Illinois on the second Wednesday of August, 2026, and on the first Wednesday of each month thereafter. He is hereby assigned to preside over any and all cases filed in the Court of Jackson County, Illinois, subject to the supervision of the Presiding Judge of Jackson County.

4. Judge William Thurston is assigned to Jackson County on the first and third Wednesday afternoons of each month. He is hereby assigned to preside over any and all cases filed in the Court of Jackson County, Illinois, subject to the supervision of the Presiding Judge of Jackson County.

5. Judge Jonathan Mitchell's standing assignment to Union County is vacated.

6. Judge Steve Green's standing assignment to Johnson County is vacated.

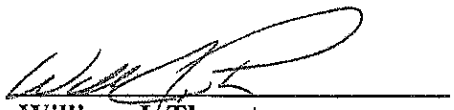
7. Judge Timothy Denny is assigned to Johnson County, Illinois on the first Monday of each month. He is hereby assigned to preside over any and all cases filed in the Court of Johnson County, Illinois, subject to the supervision of the Presiding Judge of Johnson County.

8. Judge William Thurston is assigned to Johnson County, Illinois on the fourth Monday of each month. He is hereby assigned to preside over any and all cases filed in the Court of Johnson County, Illinois, subject to the supervision of the Presiding Judge of Johnson County.

9. Judge Amanda Byasse Gott's standing assignment to Saline County, Illinois, covering juvenile cases remains in place. Notwithstanding that standing assignment, should cases arise in Saline County that create conflict or appearance of impropriety with currently assigned judges in Saline County, those cases will be pulled for her review and assigned to her upon her determination that her assignment to preside over such cases do not create a conflict or appearance of impropriety. The purpose of this provision is to reduce the number of Judicial Assignment Orders submitted to the Chief Judge's Office when conflicts/appearances of impropriety arise in Saline County.

This Order supersedes any and all previous or conflicting Administrative Assignment Orders. The remaining portions of 2025-10-2 remain in place.

DATED this 24th day of July, 2026.

ENTERED: 

William J. Thurston
Chief Judge of the Circuit Court
First Judicial Circuit of Illinois