

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF DUPAGE) SS



IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING) Administrative Order 20-21
THE SPECIALTY AND JUVENILE)
COURTS DIVISION)

WHEREAS, the 18th Judicial Circuit operates Specialty Courts with the court calls in Drug Court, Mental Illness Court Alternative Program (MICAP) and Veterans Court; and,

WHEREAS, the 18th Judicial Circuit operates the First Offender Call Unified for Success (FOCUS) to address first -time felony drug offenders; and,

WHEREAS, the 18th Judicial Circuit operates two Juvenile Courts; and,

WHEREAS, the above-listed courts share numerous similarities in outlook, approach, structure, use of evidence-based practices, coordination with multiple and diverse stakeholders throughout the justice system, staff education and training, and goals emphasizing rehabilitation and restorative justice principles and outcomes; and,

WHEREAS, the above-listed courts are currently situated among the Felony, Misdemeanor and Domestic Relations Divisions and supervised by three different Presiding Judges; and,

WHEREAS, it would greatly benefit the 18th Judicial Circuit to place these court calls into one division supervised by a Presiding Judge in order to better supervise, organize, communicate and implement necessary practices and procedures to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of these courts; and,

WHEREAS, establishing a division composed of the above-referenced court calls, for the purposes enumerated, will neither require any changes to the case filings into those courtrooms nor to the location of those courtrooms; and,

WHEREAS, the administrative authority of a Chief Judge, prescribed in the Constitution of the State of Illinois and in Illinois Supreme Court Rules provides, in pertinent part:

“...Subject to the authority of the Supreme Court, the Chief Judge shall have general administrative authority over his court, including authority to provide for divisions, general or specialized, and for approximate times and places of holding court.” Illinois Const. 1970, Art. VI, § 7(c)

(c) General Orders. "The Chief Judge of each circuit may enter orders in the exercise of this or her general administrative authority, including orders providing for assignments of judges, general or specialized divisions, and times and places of holding court."

Illinois Supreme Court Rules
Ill. S. Ct. R. 21 (b) (c) eff. Dec. 1, 2018

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, effective immediately, the Specialty and Juvenile Court Division is hereby created to oversee and implement the above-stated goals.

ENTER:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel P. Guerin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and 'G'.

Daniel P. Guerin
Chief Judge

Dated: May 8, 2020
Wheaton, Illinois