IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

GENERAL ORDER 24 - 23

IN THE MATTER OF THE MODIFICATION)	FILED
OF LOCAL RULE 1.15 Providing for the)	
Modification of the Term of the Chief Judge)	JUL 11 2024
within the 23 rd Judicial Circuit)	Lori Grubbs Clerk of the Circuit Court DeKalb County, litingls

The majority of the Circuit Judges of the 23rd Judicial Circuit having determined that Local Rule 1.15 should be amended as provided herein, and the majority of the Circuit Judges of the 23rd Judicial Circuit having agreed with the entry of this Order:

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT the Local Rule 1.15 of the 23rd Judicial Circuit shall be amended by the addition of the following:

Local Rule 1.15

The current language within this section is repealed and is replaced with the following:

1.15 SELECTION OF A CHIEF JUDGE

- A. A majority of the Circuit Judges shall select, by secret ballot, one of their number to serve as Chief Judge. The term of the currently acting Chief Judge shall be extended from three years to four years, concluding on the first Monday in December, 2025. Commencing with the first Monday in December 2025, Chief Judges shall be selected for four-year terms pursuant to Article VI, Section 7(c) of the Illinois Constitution. The election shall be held in September in the year the Chief Judge is to take office. The Office of Chief Judge shall alternate between DeKalb and Kendall Counties.
- B. The Chief Judge shall appoint one of the Circuit Judges to act as Chief Judge in his or her absence. The Acting Chief Judge shall have the same powers and duties as Chief Judge. In the event the Acting Chief Judge is also unavailable, the most Senior Circuit Judge on the premises shall act as Chief Judge.
- C. At any time by written request directed to the Chief Judge, a majority of the Circuit Judges may call a meeting for the purpose of removal of the Chief Judge, at a time and place stated therein. A copy of such request shall be mailed or delivered to each Circuit Judge not joining therein at least five (5) days before the time fixed for such meeting. If a majority of all the Judges shall at such meeting vote for removal of the Chief Judge, the Judges shall proceed immediately to elect a new Chief Judge to take office at once.

D. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of Chief Judge, any three (3) Circuit Judges may call a meeting of the Circuit Judges to select a Circuit Judge to fill such vacancy to take office at once in the same manner as in subparagraph A above.

This Rule Amendment shall become effective upon adoption by a majority of the Circuit Judges of the 23rd Judicial Circuit.

Bradley J. Waller, Chief Vudge

Marcy L. Buick, Circuit Judge

Philip G. Montgomer Circuit Judge

Joseph C. Pedersen, Circuit Judge

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John F. McAdams, Circuit Judge