## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 23<sup>RD</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT KENDALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 25 – 02**

In the Matter of the Sealing of Juror's Personal information

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THEW G. PROCHASKA

WHEREAS, subject to the overall administrative authority of the Illinois Supreme Court set forth in Supreme Court Rule 21, and pursuant to the specific authority granted by Local Rule 1(B), the court is empowered to enter orders necessary to regulate the business of the courts;

WHEREAS, in order to conduct jury trials in both criminal and civil cases, it is necessary to generate a list of individuals called for jury duty which list includes the full name, address, and additional personal information of all such potential jurors;

WHEREAS, in the interest of protecting jurors' privacy and in order to limit potentially improper communications with them, it is necessary to restrict access to the personal information of all such potential jurors.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 315/2 of the Jury Secrecy Act, (705 ILCS 315/0.01 *et. seq.*), the court is authorized to prohibit the public release of certain juror information.

WHEREAS, access to cases and documents maintained by the Circuit Clerk is governed by Supreme Court Rule 8 in addition to the Court Record and Document Accessibility Act (705 ILCS 86/1 et seq.) which provides in relevant part that certain records may be sealed, and therefore "accessible only upon order of court".

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Upon the effective date of this order, the Circuit Clerk is directed to seal the list of jurors along with their individual personal identifying information in all case types proceeding to jury trial. With regard to previously conducted jury trials, the Circuit Clerk shall have the discretion to seal this same information where the protection of privacy interests outweighs the associated administrative burden in sealing the same.

Entered and immediately effective this <u>5</u> day of <u>, 2025.</u>

Hon. Stephen L. Krentz

Presiding Judge - Kendall County