

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION
MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE/MECHANICS LIEN SECTION**

AMENDED AND RESTATED SUPPLEMENTAL STANDING ORDER

EFFECTIVE FOR CALENDAR 60's January 21, 2026, CALENDAR CALL

**JUDGE DEBRA A. SEATON
CALENDAR 60
COURTROOM 2803**

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THE COURT'S WEBPAGE:

<https://www.cookcountycourt.il.gov/judge/seaton-debra-ann>

Occurring on: January 21, 2026

Supplemental Standing Order

CALENDAR 60's 2026 CALENDAR CALL IS SET TO OCCUR ON **January 21, 2026, at **10:30 AM**, VIA ZOOM AT THE ABOVE LISTED ZOOM INFORMATION.**

DO NOT COME TO COURT IN PERSON!

THE HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED REMOTELY VIA ZOOM.

I. GENERALLY

- (a) Pursuant to § XXIII of Calendar 60's Amended and Restated Standing Order dated July 11, 2025, this Amended and Restated Supplemental Standing Order is hereby entered and is effective for the January 21, 2026, Calendar Call for Calendar 60. This Standing Order supplements and amends the Court's Standing Order for Calendar 60, dated July 11, 2025, with specific instructions for the procedures for Calendar 60's 2026 Calendar Call (occurring on January 21, 2026) ONLY.
- (b) All parties must strictly follow the procedures ordered in this Supplemental Standing Order. Failure to strictly comply with this Supplemental Standing Order or the Court's Standing Order, where required, shall subject your case(s) to dismissal for want of prosecution.
- (c) In order to facilitate proper and timely submission of courtesy copies to the Court by plaintiffs' counsels, plaintiffs with cases noticed by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County to be heard on the Court's annual calendar call will be served via email with a copy of this Supplemental Standing Order. Additionally, a copy of the annual Supplemental Standing Order will be generally available to all parties on the Court's webpage.
- (d) Certain requirements have changed herein from previous versions of this Supplemental Standing Order. It is imperative that all parties, their attorneys, and law firm staff review and adhere to the specific rules outlined herein for Calendar 60's 2026 Calendar Call.
- (e) 735 ILCS 5/1-104(b) vests this Court with the power to make rules regulating its docket, calendar, and business. The rules contained in this Supplemental Standing Order have the force of a statute and are thus binding on the parties. *Jones v. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co.*, 2018 IL App (1st) 170710, ¶ 21. Such, "rules are meant to be followed, as written, and are not suggestions or guidelines from which deviations may be made by the litigants." *VC&M, Ltd. v. Andrews*, 2013 IL 114445, ¶ 26. Finally, this Court has, "inherent authority to control matters before it as necessary to prevent undue delay or disruption in the proceedings." *In re L.S.*, 2022 IL App (1st) 210824, ¶ 111.

- (f) The 2026 Calendar Call form and order are both available online and should have been sent to all the plaintiff's law firms with cases on the Court's 2026 Calendar Call. If you have not yet obtained a copy and/or wish to receive the link to the form and/or order, please email Carina Segalini at carina.segalini@cookcountyil.gov.

II. COURTESY COPIES

- (a) Courtesy copies are due to the Court **NO LATER than 3:00 PM on January 6, 2026**. Failure to deliver courtesy copies or tendering courtesy copies late may result in your case being dismissed for want of prosecution.
- (b) The Court would very much appreciate courtesy copies to be delivered as soon as possible (and not all on the last permitted date) and additionally respectfully requests cooperation among attorneys and law firm staff given the intense volume of cases and courtesy copies the Court will be receiving and reviewing.
- (c) Please ensure Calendar Call forms are entirely filled out and that proposed orders include only the case caption and law firm contact information. **DO NOT pre-check any boxes in the proposed orders.**
- (d) If a case has already been previously dismissed or disposed of by a final order, **the final order MUST** be attached as an exhibit to the proposed Calendar Call order.
- (e) The Court is hereby **REQUIRING** that courtesy copies be submitted **BOTH** via **electronic tender** to the Court's email address listed above on the cover page of this Order **AND** via **hand-delivery** of physical courtesy copies to Courtroom 2803.

(1) ELECTRONIC COURTESY COPIES

- (i) Regarding electronic courtesy copies, the Court is requesting an individual email (one per case) be sent for each case that will be on the Calendar Call. The subject line of each email **MUST** include the words **"CALENDAR CALL" and THE CASE NUMBER ONLY**.
- (ii) Please format case numbers exactly as 22-CH-01234, so that emails can easily be searched and located in the Court's inbox. Case numbers should include a "0" placeholder for a digit without a numerical value. The **"20"** in the year should be omitted and the **"CH"** should be set apart by hyphens.

- (iii) DO NOT INCLUDE ANY INTERNAL FILE NUMBERS, ADDRESSES, OR PARTY NAMES IN THE SUBJECT LINE OF THE EMAIL TO THE COURT.
- (iv) Each email should include ONLY two PDF attachments. The first with the case's Calendar Call form, exhibits, and/or other relevant documents. The second with the proposed 2026 Calendar Call Order for the case with NO PRE-CHECKED BOXES and attached previous dispositive order, if required. The case caption and law firm contact information must be filled in. The Court will check the appropriate box and will fill out the body of the proposed Order on its own upon execution.

(2) PHYSICAL COURTESY COPIES

- (i) Regarding physical courtesy copies, please place physical courtesy copies in the labeled box next to the doors to Courtroom 2803 in the Daley Center. This box will be checked on a daily basis starting on December 16, 2025.
- (ii) Each firm shall submit all courtesy copies together for that firm in two packets with a cover sheet indicating the firm from which the packets have been submitted.
 - (A) The first should be a packet TABBED in chronological order by case number containing ALL of the firm's cases' Calendar Call forms, exhibits, and/or other relevant documents.
 - (B) The second should be a packet TABBED in chronological order by case number (corresponding to the packet submitted pursuant to § II(e)(2)(ii)(a) *supra*) containing ALL the proposed orders and attachments thereto.
- (f) Both packets MUST be in chronological order BY CASE NUMBER starting with the oldest case number.
- (g) Non-compliant packets will be facially rejected and a new submission will be required of the law firm, if time allows for submission; otherwise, the case will be treated as not having tendered courtesy copies to the Court and may subject the case to dismissal for want of prosecution.

III. THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- (a) Judge Seaton **will not call** each case individually in open court that has been noticed for the 2026 Calendar Call. All courtesy copies will be reviewed prior to January 21, 2026, and Judge Seaton will determine which cases need to be called

in open court on January 21, 2026, for further status. Many, if not most, cases may be handled off-call. Notice of which cases have been handled off-call may not be sent. Even though not all cases will be called in open court, please be prepared for every noticed case for the 2026 Calendar Call to be called.

- (b) **Cases for which courtesy copies were not tendered to the Court WILL be called in open court. Failure to appear shall result in the case being dismissed for want of prosecution.**

- (c) Cases will be called in the following order during the call:

- (1) By the number of cases for each plaintiff's law firm.
 - (i) The more cases a plaintiff's law firm has remaining on the call that have not been disposed of prior to the call, the later in the call that plaintiff's law firm's cases will be called.
- (2) If multiple plaintiff's law firms have an equal number of cases, then the law firms will be called alphabetically by law firm name.
- (3) Cases will then be called chronologically by case number for each plaintiff's law firm starting with the oldest case number.

IV. ORDERS

- (a) If the Court requests an updated or modified proposed order, the plaintiff's law firm shall submit the proposed order to the Court's courtesy copy email address listed above on page 1 of this Order **no later than 24 hours after the hearing.** If proposed orders are not received by the Court 72 hours after the hearing, the Court may enter its own order, without input from the parties, and/or may subject the case to dismissal for want of prosecution.
- (b) The Court will NOT provide copies of entered orders from the Calendar Call to any party. Please wait for orders to appear in Court's online docketing system or for the automatically generated email to be sent from the Clerk's Office. Executed versions of orders should be available 7-10 business days after the hearing. If a copy of an entered order has not been received after 3 weeks, please contact the Clerk's Office and exhaust all other means of procuring a copy of an entered order prior to contacting the Court for re-entry of an order.

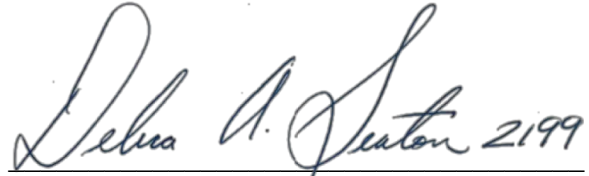
V. COURTESY CALLS/EMAILS TO CHAMBERS

- (a) For administrative concerns, please contact the Court's administrative assistant.
- (b) For legal or procedural concerns, please contact the Court's judicial law clerk.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: October 23, 2025

ENTERED:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra A. Seaton 2199". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Honorable Debra A. Seaton
Cook County Circuit Judge

ORDER PREPARED BY THE COURT
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