

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2007-18

In accordance with General Order 1.2 of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois effective January 2, 2008, proceedings to obtain a change of name will be heard in the County Division. All cases filed before that date will be heard and resolved in the Court's Chancery Division. Upon filing, the Clerk of Court shall cause the petition to be randomly assigned to one of the several Calendars of the County Division in the following manner:

After the case has been initiated and assigned, the petitioner should be advised by the Clerk of Court to arrange for the required publication and any other notice required by law. After publication has been arranged, the petitioner should be advised to schedule the matter for hearing at the Motion Desk in Room 1202. **FAILURE TO SCHEDULE**

THE MATTER AT THE MOTION DESK MAY RESULT IN MULTIPLE COURT APPEARANCES.

Provided, nevertheless, that in those cases which will not require publication because the petition is filed by either both or the sole surviving parent(s) of a minor child, after case initiation is completed, the court file should be brought to the courtroom where the Calendar will convene at that day. Every effort should be made to hear and decide this category of cases on the date of filing. If such a case is assigned to a Calendar where the assigned judge is absent from court due to an assignment to Calendar 2, attendance at a seminar, vacation or any other reason, the Clerk shall bring the matter to the attention of the Presiding Judge for re-assignment.

Dated and spread upon the records of this Court this 21st day of December 2007.

ENTER, 

Patrick E. McGann
Presiding Judge

