

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

<b>IN RE:</b>	<b>REMOTE APPEARANCES</b>	)	<b>GENERAL</b>
	<b>IN THE COURTS OF</b>	)	<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>
	<b>THE 24<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT</b>	)	<b>ORDER. 23-01</b>

Pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 45(b)(7), Rule 4-4 of the Rules of Practice for the Circuit Court of Illinois in the Twenty-Fourth Judicial Circuit is in the process of being amended and submitted to the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts.

The courts of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial Circuit currently lack the resources and technology to allow remote appearances without any advance court approval. In addition, on many high-volume court dates, only one judge is available in a given county to preside over all cases which makes remote appearances disruptive to the administration of justice.

Due to the foregoing, and pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 45(b)(2), all proceeding types in all case types set forth in Illinois Supreme Court Rule 45(a)(4) shall be exempt from offering the option to appear remotely without any advance approval until said local Rule 4-4 is amended, submitted, and adopted. Case participants may appear remotely in these exempted case types and proceeding types only with the approval of the judge presiding over the matter.

To the extent there may be any inconsistencies between the previously adopted Rule 4-4 of the Rules of Practice for the Circuit Court of Illinois in the Twenty-Fourth Judicial Circuit and this General Administrative Order, this General Administrative Order shall be controlling.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.



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Daniel J. Emge,  
Chief Circuit Judge