

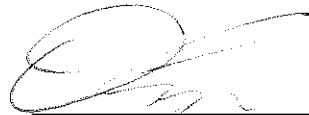
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
TWENTY-FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**IN RE: ASSIGNMENT OF OUT) GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE
 OF CIRCUIT CASE) ORDER. 23-14**

Upon the request of the Hon. Melissa A. Morgan, Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit, that a judge of another circuit be assigned to hear *Autumn Pierce v. Meagan Rich*, Williamson County Case No. 22-LA-20, and the Illinois Supreme Court having determined that public necessity so requires, pursuant to M.R. 898 entered May 11, 2023:

IT IS ORDERED that the Chief Judge of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial Circuit hereby assigns the Hon. Lucas H. Liefer to preside over Williamson County Case No. 22-LA-20.

Dated this 12th day of May, 2023.



Daniel J. Emge,
Chief Circuit Judge



Supreme Court of Illinois
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MEMORANDUM

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To: Honorable Daniel J. Emge, Chief Judge
From: Nathan Jensen, Assistant Director, Court Services
Date: May 12, 2023
Re: Request for Out-of-Circuit Judge

NO

The Honorable Melissa A. Morgan, Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit, has requested that a judge of another judicial circuit be assigned to hear Williamson County case entitled *Autumn Pierce v. Meagan Rich*, Case No. 2022-LA-20, a copy of Chief Judge Morgan's letter is attached.

Please be advised that the Supreme Court has issued an Order directing you to assign a Twenty-Fourth Circuit judge to hear this matter and for you to have administrative authority in regards to the case. In addition, please note that this case originated in the First Judicial Circuit and was previously sent to the Second Judicial Circuit on an Out-of-Circuit Assignment. Due to the defendant in the case being a practicing attorney in the Second Judicial Circuit they have also requested reassignment of this case. Please contact Judge Morgan to discuss any necessary arrangements.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 217-524-3072 or my Administrative Assistant, Valery Pratt at vpratt@illinoiscourts.gov.

c: Hon. Melissa A. Morgan, Chief Judge, Second Judicial Circuit

M.R. 898

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

Assignment of Out-of-Circuit Judge

On the request of Honorable Melissa A. Morgan, Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit, that a judge of another judicial circuit be assigned to hear Williamson County case *Autumn Pierce vs. Meagan Rich*, Case No. 2022-LA-20, and the Supreme Court having determined that the public necessity so requires:

IT IS ORDERED that the Chief Judge of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial Circuit shall assign a judge of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial Circuit to preside over this request; and, further, the Chief Judge of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial Circuit shall have administrative authority over all matters associated with the request to the same extent as a case of the Twenty-Fourth Judicial Circuit.


Dated this 11th day of May, 2023



Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Illinois

I, Cynthia A. Grant, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, and keeper of the records, files and Seal thereof, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an Assignment Order filed in this office on the 11th day of May, 2023.





IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court this 11th day of May, 2023.

FILED

MAY 11-2023

**SUPREME COURT
CLERK**

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Melissa A. Morgan

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COUNTIES OF CRAWFORD, EDWARDS, FRANKLIN, GALLATIN, HAMILTON,
HARDIN, JEFFERSON, LAWRENCE, RICHLAND, WABASH, WAYNE, WHITE

May 09, 2023

Nathan Jensen
Assistant Director of Court Services
Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts
3101 Old Jacksonville Road
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Re: Assignment of Out of Circuit Judge
Autumn Pierce v. Meagan Rich, Williamson Co. Case No. 2022-LA-20

Dear Assistant Director Jensen,

The Respondent in the above-mentioned cause is a former Jefferson County Assistant State's Attorney, who has resided in and regularly practices throughout the Second Circuit. I believe that my assigning a judge of the Second Judicial Circuit would create the appearance of impropriety. Therefore, I am requesting that a judge from outside the Second Judicial Circuit be assigned to hear the matter.

I have attached a copy of the complaint and docket sheets. Please advise if further information is necessary. I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Melissa A. Morgan
Chief Judge, Second Judicial Circuit of Illinois



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To: Honorable Melissa Morgan, Chief Judge
From: Nathan Jensen, Assistant Director, Court Services
Date: April 6, 2023
Re: Request for Out-of-Circuit Judge

NO

The Honorable William J. Thurston, Chief Judge of the First Judicial Circuit, has requested that a judge of another judicial circuit be assigned to hear Williamson County case entitled *Autumn Pierce vs. Meagan Rich*, Case No. 2022-LA-20, a copy of Chief Judge Thurston's letter is attached.

Please be advised that the Supreme Court has issued an Order directing you to assign a Second Circuit judge to hear this matter and for you to have administrative authority in regards to these case. Please contact Judge Thurston to discuss any necessary arrangements.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 217-524-3072 or my Administrative Assistant, Valery Pratt at vpratt@illinoiscourts.gov.

c: Hon. William J. Thurston, Chief Judge, First Judicial Circuit

M.R. 898

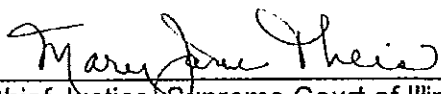
IN THE
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Assignment of Out-of-Circuit Judge

On the request of Honorable William J. Thurston, Chief Judge of the First Judicial Circuit, that a judge of another judicial circuit be assigned to hear Williamson County case *Autumn Pierce vs. Meagan Rich*, Case No. 2022-LA-20, and the Supreme Court having determined that the public necessity so requires:

IT IS ORDERED that the Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit shall assign a judge of the Second Judicial Circuit to preside over this request; and, further, the Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit shall have administrative authority over all matters associated with the request to the same extent as a case of the Second Judicial Circuit.

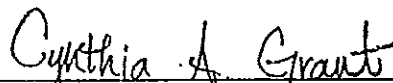
Dated this 6th day of April, 2023



Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Illinois

I, Cynthia A. Grant, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois, and keeper of the records, files and Seal thereof, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an Assignment Order filed in this office on the 6th day of April, 2023.





IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said
Court this 6th day of April, 2023.

FILED

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**SUPREME COURT
CLERK**

FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
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April 5, 2023

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Re: Out-of-Circuit Judge

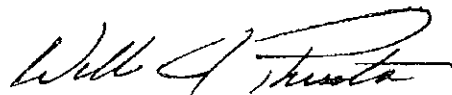
Dear Mr. Jensen,

I am making a request for an Out-of-Circuit Judge to be assigned to hear the following Williamson County case:

No. 2022-LA-20 Autumn Pierce vs Meagan Rich

Meagan Rich is a well-known attorney here in Southern Illinois. I have enclosed a copy of the case documentation for your convenience.

Sincerely,



William J. Thurston
Chief Judge, First Judicial Circuit

WJT:ccy
Enclosure

COUNTIES

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RECORD SHEET

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PIERCE, AUTUMN AT
VS.
RICH, MEAGAN

DUNHAM, DARRELL
SALLERSON, DAWN

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02/07/2023			Motion For Substitution Of Judge filed by DUNHAM, DARRELL.
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02/08/2023			Motion For Substitution Of Judge filed by DUNHAM, DARRELL.
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02/08/2023	JBF		<p>COURT REVIEWS MOTION TO SUBS JUDGE AS OF RIGHT.</p> <p>MOTION GRANTED.</p> <p>CLERK TO FORWARD FILE TO PRESIDING JUDGE GREEN FOR ASSIGNMENT.</p> <p>CMC TO BE RESET BY NEW JUDGE.</p> <p>CTN</p>
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02/08/2023			<p>Notice of RS Entry for 02/08/2023 emailed to SALLERSON, DAWN.</p> <p>Notice of RS Entry for 02/08/2023 mailed to MURPHY, MICHAEL P.</p> <p>Notice of RS Entry for 02/08/2023 emailed to DUNHAM, DARRELL.</p>
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