


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

<b>IN RE:</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT OF OUT</b>	)	<b>GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>
	<b>OF CIRCUIT CASE</b>	)	<b>ORDER. 25-09</b>

Upon the request of the Hon. Martin W. Siemer, Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, that a judge of another circuit be assigned to hear *People of the State of Illinois v. Dustin R. Wessel*, Clinton County Case No. 2024-CF-200, and the Illinois Supreme Court having determined that public necessity so requires, pursuant to M.R. 898 entered June 23, 2025:

IT IS ORDERED that the undersigned shall preside over Clinton County Case No. 2024-CF-200.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.



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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, Director - Court Services  
**Date:** June 23, 2025  
**Re:** Request for Out-of-Circuit Judge

NO

The Honorable Martin W. Siemer, Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, has requested that a judge of another judicial circuit be assigned to hear Clinton County cases entitled *People of the State of Illinois v. Dustin R. Wessel*, Case No. 2024-CF-200. A copy of Chief Judge Siemer's letter is attached.

Please be advised that the Supreme Court has issued an Order directing you to assign a Fourth Circuit judge to hear this matter and for you to have administrative authority in regards to the case. Please contact Chief Judge Siemer 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 Executive Assistant, Valery Pratt at [vpratt@illinoiscourts.gov](mailto:vpratt@illinoiscourts.gov).

c: Hon. Martin W. Siemer, Chief Judge, Fourth Judicial Circuit

M.R. 898

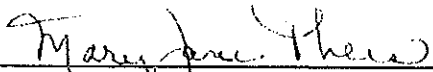
IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

Assignment of Out-of-Circuit Judge

On the request of Honorable Martin W. Siemer, Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, that a judge of another judicial circuit be assigned to hear Clinton County case *People of the State of Illinois vs. Dustin R. Wessel*, Case No. 2024-CF-200, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2025

  
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 23rd day of June, 2025.



  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of  
said Court this 23rd day of June, 2025.

**FILED**

JUN 23 2025

**SUPREME COURT  
CLERK**



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FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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June 5, 2025

***Sent via Email***

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Re: Clinton County Case 2024-CF-200  
The People of the State of Illinois vs. Dustin R. Wessel

Dear Director Meis:

I am requesting that an Out of Circuit Judge be assigned to preside over the Motion for a New Trial on the above Clinton County case. The trial attorney was Wesley Gozia, who is now a Fourth Circuit Judge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin W. Siemer".

Martin W. Siemer  
Chief Judge

MWS: jw

cc: Director of Court Services, Nathan Jensen  
Honorable Justice Mary Jane Theis