

**IN THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
**GENERAL ORDER 24-05**  
*effective January 12, 2024*

<i>Aurora Bened</i> Clerk of the Circuit Court Kane County, IL
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**IN THE MATTER OF** )  
**THE PHYSICAL CLOSURE OF** )  
**COURTHOUSES DUE TO** )  
**INCLEMENT WEATHER** )

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service and the Kane County Emergency Management Office predict severe winds, blowing and drifting snow creating near whiteout conditions, and temperatures moving into single digits and below throughout the day on Friday, January 12, 2024, and Saturday, January 13, 2024;

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the health and safety of the general public, circuit court judges, and circuit court employees, and after consultation with the offices of the Kane County State’s Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff, Circuit Clerk, County Board, and representatives of the private bar, and pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 21(b) and the Court’s inherent authority;

**WHEREAS**, the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit has the capability to hold court remotely using the technology provided to it by the State of Illinois and the Kane County Board;

**WHEREAS**, the Kane County State’s Attorney, Public Defender, Circuit Clerk, and representatives of the private bar have the ability to appear in court representing their respective parties remotely;


**WHEREAS**, the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, through the Kane County Law Library and Self Help Legal Center, provides information to the public through its websites and through telephone assistance on how to appear in court remotely;

**WHEREAS**, it has been mutually determined that it is in the best health and safety interest of court staff and court-goers not to travel, if at all possible, on Friday, January 12, 2024, and Saturday, January 13, 2024.

**THEREFORE**, it is ordered by the Chief Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit that on Friday, January 12, 2024, and Saturday January 13, 2024 the Kane County courthouses, including Aurora Branch Court, Elgin Branch Court, Juvenile Justice Center Court, Kane County Branch Court, Kane County Court House, and Kane County Judicial Center will be physically closed, court staff will work from home where possible, and all scheduled court cases will be heard via Zoom if needed.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** by the Chief Judge that the Kane County Circuit Clerk’s Office, including all Circuit Clerk’s Office satellite locations, will be physically closed.

ENTERED this January 11, 2024 and effective January 12, 2024

  
Robert K. Villa, Chief Judge