

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION**

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2014-04

**SUBJECT: STANDING RECUSALS IN MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE CASES
(REPLACES GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2013-01)**

Three judges currently assigned to the Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien Section of the Chancery Division have standing conflicts that require immediate recusal from cases in which certain institutions are participating parties. Those judges are Honorable Alfred M. Swanson, Jr., Honorable Allen P. Walker, and Honorable Anthony C. Kyriakopoulos, assigned to Calendars 55, 57, and 63, respectively. Each judge has entered a standing order in which the judge has recused himself, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 63(C)(1), from all cases involving certain parties due to his prior or current relationship with the entities. (The standing orders are attached hereto as Group Exhibit A.) Due to the high volume of cases heard in the Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien Section, a more efficient procedure is needed to effectuate a reassignment of the case to another calendar through the randomization process and to avoid unnecessary additional court appearances for all parties.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. This General Administrative Order updates and replaces General Administrative Order 2013-01.
2. A plaintiff will be allowed to come before the Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division for a random reassignment of the case to another Mortgage Foreclosure Calendar if the following requirements are met:
 - (a) The case is randomly assigned to Calendar 55, Calendar 57, or Calendar 63 at the time of filing;
 - (b) The case involves an entity designated in the respective standing order, as plaintiff or defendant, requiring recusal by the judge assigned to the calendar;
 - (c) The entity that is the subject of the judge's standing order for recusal is identified in the caption of the case, the motion, and the motion has a copy of the judge's standing order attached to it as an exhibit;
 - (d) The plaintiff is requesting the reassignment prior to the automatically scheduled case management date; and
 - (e) No appearance has been filed by any defendant.

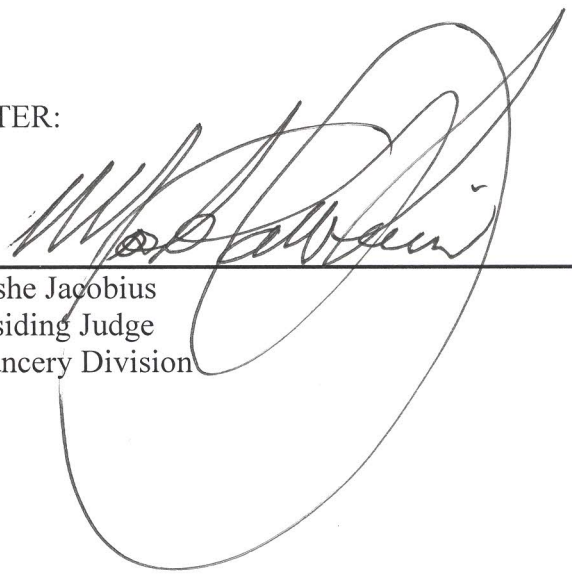
If all of the above requirements are met, the plaintiff may come to the courtroom of the Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division for filing, presentment and immediate reassignment to another calendar through entry of the attached order "Mortgage Foreclosure Reassignment/Transfer Order (Standing Recusals)".

After a case has been reassigned from Calendar 55, Calendar 57, or Calendar 63, the Clerk of the Court shall set a new Case Management hearing date to be heard on the newly assigned calendar. The Clerk of the Court shall send a post card notification to all parties who have filed an appearance in the matter at the time of reassignment.

3. If a case is assigned to Calendar 55, Calendar 57, or Calendar 63 and a conflict arises through a motion to intervene, motion to amend the complaint, or a third-party action, a motion for recusal and the corresponding underlying motion the motion shall be spindled on the assigned Mortgage Foreclosure Calendar where the conflict arises. The mortgage foreclosure judge shall enter an order recusing himself pursuant to the standing order and send the case to the Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division for reassignment.

4. This order applies exclusively to reassignments for Calendar 55, Calendar 57, and Calendar 63 based strictly on the standing orders for recusal entered by Judge Swanson, Judge Walker, and Judge Kyriakopoulos.

ENTER:



Moshe Jacobius
Presiding Judge
Chancery Division

Date: May 29, 2014

STANDING ORDER NO. 2
(Recusal from certain cases)
CHANCERY CALENDAR 55
Judge Alfred M. Swanson, Jr.
Room 2803

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 63 C. (1), Judge Alfred M. Swanson, Jr., recuses himself from all cases in which the following are parties, either plaintiff or defendant, due to his prior relationship with these entities:

JP Morgan Chase, NA
The Northern Trust Company
Ocwen Financial
Ocwen Loan Servicing

This standing Order shall be effective beginning April 2, 2012.

/s/ Judge Alfred M. Swanson, Jr.

STANDING ORDER NO.2
(Recusal from certain cases)
CHANCERY CALENDAR 57
Judge Allen P. Walker
Room 2809

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 63C.(1), Judge Allen P. Walker recuses himself from all cases in which the following are parties, either plaintiff or defendant, due to his prior relationship with these entities:

J.P. Morgan Chase, NA

City of Chicago

Mutual Bank

Seaway Bank

This standing Order shall be effective beginning January 23, 2013.

/s/ Judge Allen P. Walker

Standing Order
Recusal from Certain Cases
Chancery Calendar 63
Judge Anthony C. Kyriakopoulos
Room 2810

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 63 (c)(1)(d), Judge Anthony C. Kyriakopoulos, recuses himself from all cases and matters in which any of the following entities is a party:

BMO Harris Bank NA
Harris Bank NA
Harris Trust and Savings Bank

This Standing order is necessary because of a possible conflict.

This Standing Order shall be effective beginning December 17, 2012.

/s/ Judge Anthony C. Kyriakopoulos