

Law Division Mandatory Arbitration

Supervising Judge Standing Order

Judge Patrick J. Sherlock (Courtroom 2007), Supervising Judge of the Mandatory Arbitration Program, hears all motions relating to the arbitration process after a case has been referred to mandatory arbitration.

“Relating to the Arbitration Process” includes motions to continue the arbitration (supported by affidavit pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 183), motions to allow a witness to appear remotely, arbitrator disqualification, bad faith sanctions, but not including those relating to the conduct of the hearing or the admission of evidence at the hearing.

Motions to remove a case from the mandatory arbitration call are to be brought before the assigned motion judge/commercial calendar judge.

Motions concerning the admissibility of evidence are to be presented to the arbitrator.

How to Schedule Motions on the Mandatory Arbitration Call

1. Email Courtroom 2007 (Melissa.Robbins@cookcountyil.gov) and you will be given a date for presentment of the motion. Motions will be heard Monday through Friday at 9:45 a.m. in Courtroom 2007 (by Zoom).
2. E-File the motion using Odyssey and list the date given by Courtroom 2007.
3. The motion MUST include the date(s) of all prior motions to continue the arbitration, if any.
4. Serve Notice of the Motion on all parties in accordance with Local Rule 2.1(c) and Illinois Supreme Court Rule 11.
5. Deliver by email courtesy copies to Courtroom 2007 upon filing.

***Please Note: These requirements are mandatory and failure to follow them may result in the motion being stricken from the Mandatory Arbitration Call.**