



**State of Illinois
Circuit Court of Cook County
Chancery Division
Mortgage Foreclosure / Mechanics Lien Section**

Lewis Michael Nixon
Judge

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**CALENDAR 53- JUDGE LEWIS M. NIXON – COURTROOM 2802
MECHANICS LIEN CASES- STANDING ORDER**

The Clerk's Office on the 8th Floor of the Daley Center handles the scheduling of all Initial Case Managements.

- The Clerk's Office will notify the plaintiff's attorney of the date scheduled for Initial Case Managements. Initial Case Managements are heard on Mondays in Room 2802 at 10:15 a.m.

Failure to attend the Initial Case Management **may** cause the case to be dismissed for want of Prosecution. At the Initial Case Management and at all subsequent court appearances, the Court will schedule the next status date. In most instances status dates will be set at least 60 days after the parties are in Court. A list of future status dates are posted in the courtroom; Counsel should consult those dates.

ROUTINE AND/OR HOUSEKEEPING MOTIONS SHOULD BE NOTICED FOR THE NEXT EXISTING STATUS DATE. Motions may be piggy-backed. Such motions include:

- (1) Motions for Default Judgment;
- (2) Motions to Strike, Dismiss or for Summary Judgment;
- (3) Motions for Leave to File a Counterclaim; and

(4) all other Motions that are not extraordinary in nature. Motions to Withdraw ARE an exception and should be scheduled with my clerk for the earliest practical date. **For all motions, file the Motion and Notice of Motion in the Clerk's Office, then contact my law clerk at (312) 603-3901 for a date to present the motion. Electronic filings still require counsel to drop off a courtesy copy to the reception area.** All courtesy copies of and file stamped copies must be delivered at least 5 days prior to the existing status date. The movant is responsible for providing TWO copies of every fully briefed motion, including all responses and replies at the clerk status hearing at which a hearing date will be established. ONLY ONE COPY NEEDS TO CONTAIN EXHIBITS.

ALL MOTIONS AND RESPONSES MUST ABIDE BY THE STANDARD 15 PAGE LIMIT SET BY THE CIRCUIT COURT RULE. REPLIES ARE LIMITED TO 8 PAGES.

When you e-file a motion through the clerk's office, please disregard the court date that you are assigned by the clerk system's computer. I may not be sitting on the date given therefore your case will not be heard. After you E-file with the clerk, contact my Law Clerk, Jonathan Safron at 312-603-3901, obtain a court date, and then mail out your notice of motion to appear on the date given to you by my clerk.

In the circumstances when all concerned parties agree that a Court Order is appropriate or if there is no objection to a motion, a proposed Agreed Order can be submitted to chambers at any time. This applies to situations such as (1) Motion for an Alias Summons or Special Process Server; (2) Agreed Dismissals, and (3) Agreed Extensions of Time or Agreed Changes in briefing schedule as long as the next status/hearing date is not affected. Counsel are urged to submit agreed orders when possible.

Prior to a case going to trial, the parties will be required to attempt mediation through the Chancery Division's medication process. The Court will order such. With everyone's cooperation I hope to efficiently manage the call. Thank you for your cooperation.

**ALL FUTURE STATUS TIMES
ARE AT 10:15 A.M.**

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