

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, PROBATE DIVISION**

PROBATE CALENDAR 29

STANDING ORDER

Effective: September 16, 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Honorable Barry Goldberg, Circuit Court Judge
Probate Division – Calendar 29 – Miscellaneous / Structured Settlements
Richard J. Daley Center
50 West Washington Street, Room 1803
Chicago, IL 60602
312-603-7546 – office number
312-603-6721 – fax number

• **COURT SCHEDULE:**

<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Matter</u>
TBA/TBA	Set Matters (Evidentiary Hearings/Trials)
TBA/TBA	Set Matters (Contested Motions)
Mon. - Thur. 2:00 p.m.	Petitions for Transfer of Structured Settlement Payment Rights

• **IN-PERSON APPEARANCES VERSUS ZOOM APPEARANCES:**

All Calendar 29 Hearings/Trials where testimony will be elicited **must be IN-PERSON**. All other court proceedings may still be heard virtually via ZOOM, at the discretion of the Court.

Please note that Calendar 29 is not assigned to a specific physical courtroom. As such, the Judge hearing matters set on Calendar 29 can only schedule In-Person matters for such date(s) that an actual courtroom (i.e., normally assigned to another calendar, etc.) is available for use by Calendar 29. To the extent an In-Person Hearing/Trial is requested and/or required in a particular matter, the Court will accommodate parties.

• **PETITIONS FOR TRANSFER OF STRUCTURED SETTLEMENT PAYMENT RIGHTS:**

Probate **Calendar 29** hears Petitions for Transfer of Structured Settlement Payment Rights **Mondays** through **Thursdays** at **2:00PM**.

Unless otherwise notified and/or specifically requested by the parties, the Court will be proceeding on such Petitions via **Zoom** with the **Login ID: 824-3528-9640**; and **Meeting Password: 688-249**. The Court will not proceed in the absence of the payee.

Courtesy copies of any documents relating to such Petitions to be delivered in compliance with the provisions of this Standing Order. No courtesy copies of any kind will be accepted by Email.

• **SET MATTERS:**

Set Matters are set by the Court at times “To Be Announced” (“TBA”) and include (but may not be limited to the following):

a. In-person hearings/trials where testimony will be elicited (“trials”):

If there has not previously been a discovery cutoff date entered in a matter, the entry of a trial-scheduling order constitutes a discovery cutoff, and:

- in the absence of a superseding order relating to discovery in that matter, both written and oral discovery is thereafter prohibited; and
- no such superseding order relating to discovery in said matter will be considered or entered except as in the Court's discretion for good cause shown, on motion after due notice to the opposite parties.

b. Hearings relating to motions in contested matters based solely on documents:

Unless otherwise notified and/or specifically requested by the parties, all status and argument dates will be via **Zoom** with the **Login ID: 824-3528-9640**; and **Meeting Password: 688-249**.

There is a fifteen (15) page [standard margins, double-spaced] limit on all supporting and response briefs. There is a ten (10) page [standard margins, double-spaced] limit on all reply briefs. Additional briefing (i.e., sur-reply, etc.) is not permitted except by express permission of the Court, and such motions along with motions for leave to file oversize briefs are strongly discouraged. **No filing should be e-mailed or faxed to chambers.** On the status date following completion of briefing, a hearing-date will be set. No hearing-dates will be set unless the Court has been provided with courtesy copies of all relevant pleadings and briefs (in compliance with the provisions of this Standing Order). Unless otherwise stated, it is the movants obligation to provide a complete set of courtesy copies.

c. Final pretrial conferences:

Unless otherwise notified and/or unless otherwise specifically requested by the parties, final pretrial conferences, if any, will be conducted via **Zoom** with the **Login ID: 824-3528-9640**; and **Meeting Password: 688-249**.

In addition to any other pretrial/case management conference, the court, in its discretion, may order a final pretrial conference during which the attorneys for each party shall be prepared to exhaust any possibility of settlement and discuss all issues remaining prior to trial, including but not limited to any outstanding discovery issues. To the extent discovery issues are to be discussed, parties are to have fully complied with Supreme Court Rule 201(k), or be deemed to have waived the ability to discuss such issues for the purposes of the final pretrial conference. Counsel responsible for conducting the trial shall appear with the full authority of their clients to discuss each issue. If the case does not settle, a trial-scheduling order will be entered (if one has not already been entered).

Motions *in limine* may be presented and/or ruled-on at the final pretrial conference, if, in the court's discretion, the order setting the matter for final pretrial conference specifically included language permitting such. If permitted as set forth herein, any motion *in limine* must be filed no later than two weeks prior to the hearing date, and any response thereto must be filed no later than one week prior to the hearing date. Both the motion and response are limited to 10 pages. No reply is permitted. Courtesy copies of each motion and response must be delivered by the movant in compliance with the provisions of this Standing Order.

- **EMERGENCY MOTIONS:**

Emergency motions for Calendar 29 will be heard via **Zoom** (generally Mon. - Thur. 2:00 p.m. or at a Set Matter, etc.) or otherwise as directed by the Court, and only if **(a)** the motion is properly marked as an "EMERGENCY MOTION" and includes a sufficient factual basis clearly stating the nature of the emergency; **(b)** the motion is properly filed through the Clerk's E-Filing System; **(c)** proper notice is given in compliance with local rules and Supreme Court Rules; and **(d)** a copy thereof, along with all supporting documents, and proof of proper notice to all parties entitled thereto is timely delivered via hand delivery to this Court no later than 10:00 AM on the court day preceding presentment.

- **COURT REPORTERS:**

There are no official court reporters assigned to any Decedent Estate call or Minor Estate call in the Probate Division, and that there is no court reporter assigned to Calendar 29. Any party desiring a

transcript of proceedings of any matter heard on Calendar 29 is responsible for providing a private court reporter. If the matter is scheduled to proceed via Zoom as set forth in this Standing Order, the court reporter shall appear via Zoom. If the matter is scheduled to proceed in-person as set forth in this Standing Order, the court reporter shall appear in person.

- **COURTESY COPIES:**

In addition to any other requirement relating to courtesy copies in this Standing Order, the following requirements also apply:

a. Courtesy copies for scheduled trials: At least two (2) weeks before any date scheduled for a trial to begin, each party to the matter must appear in Court, In-Person, and deliver to the Court **hard copies** of trial materials (the “trial materials tender date”). The trial materials tender date may be set forth in the trial-scheduling order or in a separate order of the Court. “Trial materials” shall include, for each party, a witness list, an exhibit list index, and copies all exhibits intended for use at the scheduled trial. Either prior to, or at the trial materials tender date, the parties shall exchange copies of their respective trial materials with each other.

b. Courtesy copies for all other matters (other than emergency motions): For courtesy copies in all other matters, at least two (2) court days prior to any hearing date, **hard copies** of any and all required documents are to be delivered (i.e., via hand delivery or mail only) to the Judge hearing matters set on Calendar 29 at the address listed above (namely, Probate Division – Calendar 29 – Miscellaneous/Structured Settlements, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Room 1803, Chicago, IL 60602). Failure of a party to adhere to these requirements may result in an order requiring parties to get a new date.

- **SUBMISSION OF ORDERS FOR ENTRY BY EMAIL:**

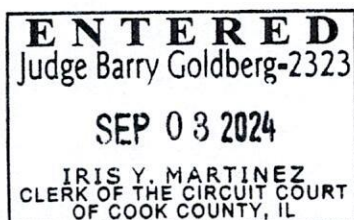
Proposed agreed orders, dismissals, settlements, orders memorializing rulings rendered after hearings (including as stated in this standing order), with the proper language stated in the subject line, may be submitted for consideration and possible entry by this Court. Submission of such orders for Calendar 29 may be made to barry.goldberg@cookcountyil.gov. Email submissions of orders for Calendar 29 to any other addresses will not be received or considered. All such proposed orders submitted via email must include (a) the case name; (b) the case number; (c) the date the matter was heard/order rendered; and (e) Judge’s name. All attorneys and parties of record must be included on all emails to the court.

NO EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COURT ARE PERMITTED.

- **ENTERED ORDERS:**

Entered orders are accessible on the Cook County Clerk’s website/portal. Given the volume of the court’s dockets, orders should be processed within a few days. Orders may be obtained at the CCC Portal here: <https://cccportal.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org/CCCPortal/Home/WorkspaceMode?p=0>

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