

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **23<sup>rd</sup> CIRCUIT COURTS REMAIN OPEN JURY TRIALS PAUSED FURTHER**

Due to continued concerns regarding COVID-19 Pandemic in DeKalb and Kendall Counties, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit announced that it is continuing a pause in jury trials which began in November of 2020 and will continue to March 1, 2021. Chief Judge Robert Pilmer said, “This action is taken after consulting with Judge Stuckert, the Presiding Judge in DeKalb County, and is taken as a precaution to minimize the spread of the virus within our courthouses and counties.”

Chief Judge Pilmer advises that the courts will not be reducing any other court operations as was done earlier in the year. Since March, the judges have made extensive use of remote proceedings, and will further increase their use of such technology in order to reduce the number of persons who must enter courthouses.

Information about how to attend court remotely in each county can be found on the Circuit Clerk’s website for each county, as well as the Judiciary’s website. Litigants and attorneys should continue to familiarize themselves with the process for remote appearances and use remote appearances whenever necessary in order to minimize the possibility of exposure to the virus.

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