

State of Illinois
Fourteenth Judicial
Circuit

KATHLEEN E. MESICH
AR SUPERVISING JUDGE
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE
1317 THIRD AVENUE
ROCK ISLAND, IL 61201

COUNTIES:
ROCK ISLAND
HENRY
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WHITESIDE

309-786-4451

TO: Eviction/Small Claims/Arbitration Attorneys

RE: Friday Court call and filing

DATE: January 24, 2023

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Evictions, Small Claims and Arbitration cases will continue to be heard on Fridays, except holidays, with cases represented by counsel as well as Self Represented Litigants (SRLs).

EVICCTIONS:

Mediation is mandatory before a trial may be set; HOWEVER, if both parties AGREE to enter into a Settlement Agreement, mediation will NOT be required. 25 total cases may be set each Friday to allow time and space for mediations to take place.

20 spots are to be reserved for attorneys and 5 spots for SRLs each week.

If both sides AGREE TO PROCEED WITH OUT MEDIATION, they may simply request their Order be entered. It shall be at the sitting Judge's discretion whether or not to accept the agreement.

Friday's Eviction Court call will proceed as follows:

8:30 – 9:30 am: Cases represented by counsel.

9:30 -10:30 am: SRL cases.

SMALL CLAIMS:

Attorneys may set a total of 90 cases each Friday morning.
No SRL Small Claims cases are to be scheduled during the Friday morning call.

8:30 am: 30 SC cases
9:30 am: 30 SC cases
10:30 am: 30 SC cases

If there is an AGREEMENT between the parties, it is encouraged to leave the Order with the sitting Judge for entry. A file stamped copy of the Order will be sent to the parties after it has been signed.

Attorneys may also set total of 45 Small Claims cases each **Friday at 1:00 p.m.**
This time slot is also to be used for SRLs.

ARBITRATION CASES:

There is to be NO LIMIT on the number of AR cases set on any Friday morning or afternoon.

Please note the current claimed money damages limit for AR cases has been increased to **\$75,000.00.**

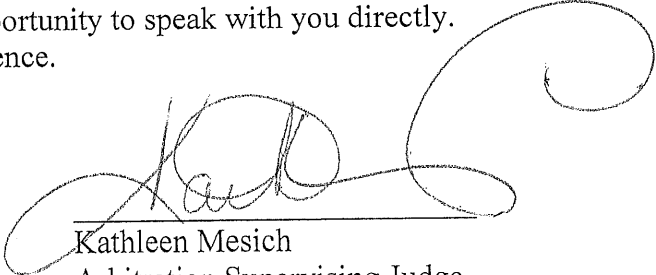
Small Claims limit remains at \$10,000.00.

FILING OF NEW CASES

Per the Circuit Clerk's office, **effective March 3, 2023**, all cases must be filed and a case number provided before the initial pretrial date may be scheduled.

Attorneys should submit their cases for filing electronically **without the summons attached.** Once the case has been accepted, the attorney will receive an e-mail with the case number. At that time, the attorney may call the clerk's office to schedule a hearing date and then may submit the summons for issuance.

If anyone would like to discuss this schedule further or have suggestions for how things may be improved, I welcome the opportunity to speak with you directly.
Please call (309) 558-3258 at your convenience.



Kathleen Mesich
Arbitration Supervising Judge