

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
GENERAL ORDER 23-0044**

The Court's Rules Committee discussed the proposed amendments to Internal Operating Procedure 12 at its meeting on Friday, October 6, 2023. It recommended that the full Court adopt the amendments to Internal Operating Procedure 12.

The full Court considered the recommendation of the Rules Committee at its meeting on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, and adopted the amendments to Internal Operating Procedure 12. Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following Internal Operating Procedure shall be amended and adopted as attached:

IOP12 Western Division Backup Judge

ENTER:

FOR THE COURT



Hon. Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 22nd day of November 2023.

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