

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
GENERAL ORDER 18-0003**

It appearing that the full Court met in executive session on Thursday, January 25, 2018 and approved the adoption of Internal Operating Procedure 28: Guidance for the Chief Judge during a Judge's Absence.

At its meeting on November 2, 2017, the Court's Executive Committee considered the entry of an internal operating procedure giving the Chief Judge discretion to manage another judge's caseload when that judge is absent for health reasons. The Executive Committee recommended that the full Court adopt proposed Internal Operating Procedure 28.

The full Court considered the recommendation of the Executive Committee at its meeting on January 25, 2018 and approved the adoption of Internal Operating Procedure 28; therefore,

By direction of the full Court, which met in executive session on January 25, 2018,

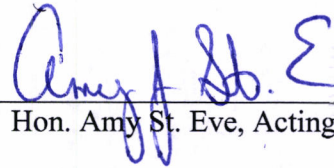
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Internal Operating Procedure 28: Guidance for the Chief Judge during a Judge's Absence be adopted as follows (additions shown thus, deletions shown ~~thus~~):

IOP28. Guidance for the Chief Judge during a Judge's Absence

The Chief Judge has authority to reassign cases or enlist other judges to help manage the caseload of a judge who has not held court in person for a period of two months or more. If the Chief Judge determines that reassignment of the cases may thus be necessary, the Chief Judge shall first seek the approval of the Executive Committee prior to entering a reassignment order. Should the Executive Committee concur, a reassignment order will be entered. Once the original presiding judge returns to the bench, the cases can return to that judge, with the approval of the Executive Committee.

ENTER:

FOR THE COURT



Hon. Amy St. Eve, Acting Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 6th day of February, 2018.