

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

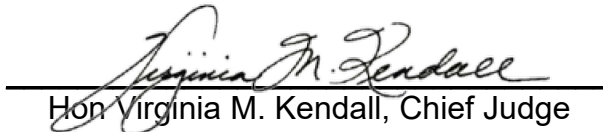
GENERAL ORDER 25-0011

The full Court met in executive session on Thursday, April 24, 2025, and approved a Technical Amendment to Local Rule 83.17 - Withdrawal, Addition, and Substitution of Counsel. The Amendment makes clear the obligations of attorneys when they seek to withdraw from, substitute another attorney, or be added to a case are applicable to both civil and criminal cases. By direction of the full Court,

IT IS ORDERED that effective immediately, Local Rule 83.17 of this Court is technically amended as attached (additions shown **thus**, deletions shown **thus**). The Local Criminal Rule is effective immediately, pending the approval of the Seventh Circuit Judicial Council.

ENTER:

FOR THE COURT



Hon Virginia M. Kendall, Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 19th day May 2025

## CURRENT VERSION

### LR 83.17 Withdrawal, Addition, and Substitution of Counsel

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Amended 5/27/16 and December 23, 2016

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## REDLINED VERSION

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