UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS GENERAL ORDER 19-0039

The full Court met in executive session on Thursday, October 31, 2019 and approved an amendment to Internal Operating Procedure 2 Executive Committee.

The Court's Rules Committee considered the Internal Operating Procedure at its meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2019. It recommended that the full Court adopt the proposed amendment to Internal Operating Procedure 2.

The full Court considered the recommendation of the Rules Committee at its meeting on Thursday, October 31, 2019 and agreed to modify Internal Operating Procedure 2. Therefore,

By direction of the full Court, which met in executive session on Thursday, October 31, 2019,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Internal Operating Procedure 2 Executive Committee be amended as attached (additions shown <u>thus</u>, deletions shown <u>thus</u>).

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Dated at Chicago, Illinois this day of November, 2019

IOP02. Executive Committee

(a) Duties & Responsibilities. This Court shall administer and conduct its business by action of its Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall prescribe its own rules of procedure. Each of the members other than the non-voting members shall have one vote. The presiding chief judge or acting chief judge may vote in the case of a tie. The members of the Executive Committee shall meet not less than once a month, except as they otherwise determine. Such meetings shall be prior to the regular monthly meetings of the Court. The chief judge may call the members of the Committee to attend a special meeting where a ruling of the Committee is required and such ruling cannot be delayed until the next scheduled regular meeting.

<u>The Executive Committee shall report a summary of its actions and activities to the Court at</u> regularly scheduled meetings of the judges. Decisions and actions of the Executive Committee taken on behalf of the Court may be approved or disapproved by a majority of the judges of the Court.

(b) Composition of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the chief judge, the acting chief judge next district court judge eligible to be chief judge, four regular active judges of the Court, the presiding magistrate judge, and the clerk of the Court. The chief judge, the acting chief judge, the presiding magistrate judge, and the clerk will be non-voting members of the Executive Committee. The chief judge or, in the absence of the chief judge, the acting chief judge next eligible district court judge eligible to be chief judge, shall preside over the meetings of the Executive Committee. The clerk shall serve as secretary to the Executive Committee.

Membership in the Executive Committee shall be rotated among the regular active judges of the Court in order of seniority. Except as otherwise provided by this section, the term of each regular active judge other than one holding non-voting membership shall start on 15 September and end on 14 September the day following the last day of service of the prior judge, and end four years later. As the term of such a member of the Executive Committee expires or terminates for any reason, the regular active judge with the most seniority who has not served on the Executive Committee shall become a member. When all the regular active judges of the Court have served one term, membership shall be rotated on the basis of seniority of the active judges then members of this Court, provided that the chief judge may not serve as both a four yearfour-year term member and ex officio. When a judge assumes an unexpired term vacated by another judge, that judge shall serve for four years starting on the day following the last day of service of the judge who failed to complete a four yearfour-year term.

(c) Voting Rights of Executive Committee Members. Each member of the Executive Committee, other than the non-voting members, shall have one vote. The chief judge and the clerk of the Court shall be the only non-voting members of the Executive Committee. Therefore, voting members shall be the next eligible district court judge eligible to be chief judge, four regular active judges of the Court, and the presiding magistrate judge. In the event of a split vote, the chief judge, or in the absence of the chief judge, the next eligible district court judge eligible to be chief judge, shall cast the deciding vote. In the absence of the chief judge, the next district court judge eligible to be chief judge shall refrain from voting in the initial vote, but shall reserve his or her vote in case of a split vote among the other voting members. Each vote shall require a quorum of four voting members.