

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

GENERAL ORDER 26-0011

The full Court met in executive session on December 18, 2025 and approved the publication of the proposed amendments to Local Criminal Rule 6.2 – Records of the Grand Juries in the Possession of the Clerk and the new proposed Local Criminal Rule 6.2.1 – Report of a Grand Jury’s Failure to Concur in an Indictment, with comments due on March 30, 2026. Neither the Rules Advisory Committee nor the Public submitted comments.

The Rules Committee considered these Local Criminals Rules at its meeting on April 22, 2026, and recommended that the full court adopt Local Criminal Rules 6.2 and 6.2.1 as proposed.

The full Court considered the recommendation of the Rules Committee at its meeting on Monday, May 4, 2026, and agreed to adopt Local Criminal Rules 6.2 and 6.2.1 as proposed.

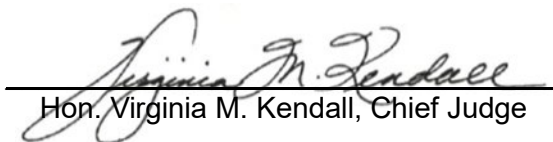
By direction of the full Court,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Local Criminal Rule 6.2 be amended and implemented as published by the Rules Committee as attached (additions shown thus, deletions shown ~~thus~~). The Rule is effective immediately, pending the approval of the Seventh Circuit Judicial Council.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Local Criminal Rule 6.2.1 be adopted and implemented as published by the Rules Committee as attached. The 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 4th day of May 2026

LCR 6.2 Records of the Grand Juries in the Possession of the Clerk

The following documents relating to grand juries shall be public records:

- (1) orders empaneling grand juries;
- (2) orders returning indictments;
- (3) orders extending the period of service of grand juries; and
- (4) orders discharging grand juries.

The clerk is authorized to provide to an attorney who has filed an appearance in a criminal case pending in this Court a copy of any motions, orders, or documents relating to any grand jury subpoena issued in the grand jury proceeding from which the case arose against the person on whose behalf the attorney is appearing.

All other records maintained by the clerk relating to grand juries are restricted documents and shall be available only on order of the chief judge. This includes grand jury subpoenas, transcripts of testimony, the clerk's docket of grand jury proceedings, motions and orders relating to grand jury subpoenas, true bills, and no bills.

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Amended May 4, 2026

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If a complaint or information is pending against a defendant and 12 jurors do not concur in the indictment, the foreperson must promptly and in writing report the lack of concurrence to the magistrate judge. This report will be made on the approved form and submitted to the duty magistrate judge on the record. After submission to the duty magistrate judge, the form will be provided to the Clerk of Court. The Clerk of Court will file the form under seal, and a redacted form protecting the identity of the foreperson will be filed unsealed in the docket of the underlying complaint or information.

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