

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026 – 18

SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF CHICAGO STALKING NO CONTACT ORDER
PROCEEDINGS TO THE FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Chief Judge by Article VI, Section 16 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970, Illinois Supreme Court Rule 21, Sections 2-1001 and 2-1005 of the Code of Civil Procedure, and in order to promote the efficient administration of justice and the effective allocation of judicial resources;

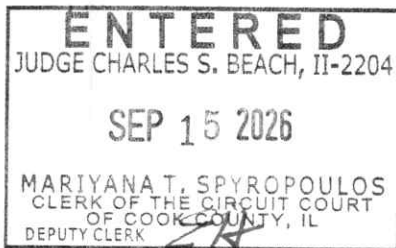
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1) Effective September 21, 2026, all proceedings arising under the Illinois Stalking No Contact Order Act, 740 ILCS 21/1 et seq., filed within the City of Chicago shall be assigned to and heard in the First Municipal District of the Circuit Court of Cook County.
- 2) Filings under the Illinois Stalking No Contact Order Act shall be filed with the Clerk's Office on the Concourse Level of the Richard J. Daley Center, Room CL24.
- 3) No Stalking No Contact Order matters shall be accepted for filing at the courthouse at 555 W. Harrison Street once this Order takes effect.
- 4) The Presiding Judge of the First Municipal District shall establish one or more Stalking No Contact Order calls for the hearing and disposition of matters arising under the Illinois Stalking No Contact Order Act.
- 5) Judges assigned by the Presiding Judge of the First Municipal District are authorized to conduct hearings in Stalking No Contact Order matters, including but not limited to:
 - a) Emergency Stalking No Contact Order petitions;
 - b) Interim Stalking No Contact Order petitions;
 - c) Plenary Stalking No Contact Order petitions;
 - d) Motions to modify, extend, terminate, or enforce Stalking No Contact Orders; and
 - e) Such other proceedings authorized by the Presiding Judge.
- 6) Judges shall hear evidence, administer oaths, receive testimony, review pleadings and exhibits, and prepare oral or written findings regarding the disposition of matters assigned to them.
- 7) No emergency or plenary Stalking No Contact Order filed pursuant to this Order shall become effective until entered by a judge of the First Municipal District.
- 8) All emergency requests requiring immediate judicial consideration may be referred directly to a judge of the First Municipal District as determined by procedures established by the Presiding Judge.
- 9) Any Stalking No Contact Order matter pending in the Domestic Violence Division, or in the First Municipal Criminal Branch Courts pursuant to General Order 2023-01, as of the effective date of this Order that has not reached final disposition shall be transferred to the First Municipal District pursuant to procedures established jointly by the Presiding Judge of the Domestic Violence Division, the Presiding Judge of the First Municipal District, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, and the Office of the Chief Judge.

- 10) Any motions filed in Stalking No Contact Order matters that reached final disposition prior to the effective date of this Order shall be filed with the Clerk's Office on the Concourse Level of the Richard J. Daley Center, Room CL24.
- 11) Nothing in this Order shall affect proceedings arising under:
 - a) The Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986, 750 ILCS 60/101 et seq.;
 - b) The Civil No Contact Order Act, 740 ILCS 22/101 et seq.; or
 - c) Criminal proceedings involving allegations of stalking or related offenses.
- 12) The Presiding Judge of the First Municipal District is authorized to promulgate administrative procedures necessary to implement this Order, including courtroom assignments, scheduling protocols, case management procedures, and judicial review procedures.
- 13) The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall take all actions necessary to implement this Order, including the establishment of appropriate case categories, assignment procedures, electronic docketing protocols, and record transfer procedures.
- 14) The Sheriff of Cook County, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, and all court personnel shall cooperate in the implementation of this Order.
- 15) Any prior administrative orders or provisions thereof inconsistent with this Order are hereby modified to the extent necessary to effectuate the provisions herein.
- 16) To the extent practicable, proceedings before judges shall be memorialized by electronic recording, digital recording, court reporting services, written findings, or other means authorized by the Presiding Judge to facilitate judicial review.
- 17) Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit, alter, or impair any substantive or procedural rights afforded under the Illinois Stalking No Contact Order Act, 740 ILCS 21/1 et seq., the Illinois Constitution, or the Constitution of the United States.

This Order shall take effect on September 21, 2026.

ENTERED:



A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which reads "Charles S. Beach".

HON. CHARLES S. BEACH II
Chief Judge
Circuit Court of Cook County