

## **PART 2. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBSTITUTION OF JUDGES IN CIVIL CASES**

### **2.1 ASSIGNMENT OF JUDGES**

All civil cases shall be assigned within the counties of this circuit as follows:

(a) In Rock Island County:

- (1) All L, LM, MR, CH, TX, D, OP, F and ED cases are assigned on filing under procedures established by administrative order of the Presiding Judge of the Civil Division.
- (2) SC cases are assigned by administrative order established by the Presiding Judge of the Civil Division only if they cannot be disposed of on the return date.
- (3) AD (adoptions) cases are assigned on filing to the judge assigned to hear all juvenile matters.
- (4) All guardianship cases of disabled adults and minors are assigned on filing to a judge per administrative order of the Presiding Judge, Civil Division.
- (5) All probate matters not involving a contested hearing or complex legal issue will be heard on walk-in call before any walk-in judge in the civil division. Any contested matter will be assigned pursuant to administrative order of the Presiding Judge, Civil Division.

(b) In Henry, Mercer, and Whiteside Counties, all civil cases shall be assigned pursuant to administrative order of the presiding judge of those counties.

### **2.2 SUBSTITUTION OF JUDGE**

(a) For Cause:

A verified application for a substitution for cause shall be filed as soon as possible after cause occurs and in any event no later than 21 days after the party or counsel first learns of the alleged cause.

(b) Re-Assignment:

1. Immediately on entry of any order allowing substitution from a judge as either a matter of right or upon cause shown or in the event of recusal by the judge, the cause shall be randomly reassigned by computer by the clerk or by the presiding judge.
2. The party filing a petition for substitution for cause shall apply to the presiding judge for assignment of the hearing on the petition to another judge other than the judge sought

to be substituted. The cause shall be scheduled for hearing as soon as convenient on that judge's schedule.

(c) Continuance:

The substitution of a judge is not automatically cause for a continuance.