



**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE**  
**18<sup>TH</sup> Judicial Circuit Court – DuPage County, Illinois**

DANIEL P. GUERIN  
Chief Judge

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**DUPAGE COUNTY TO SUSPEND BENCH AND  
JURY TRIALS UNTIL 2021**

DuPage County Chief Judge Daniel P. Guerin announced today that due to the recent significant increase in COVID-19 cases throughout the State of Illinois and DuPage County, he has issued an Administrative Order, effective immediately, directing that no bench trials shall be conducted before January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and no jury trials shall be conducted before February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Judges will reschedule the trials to a future trial or status date.

“Bench and jury trials involve multiple people inside a courtroom for extended periods of time. In order to protect the health and safety of court employees, jurors, witnesses, attorneys, litigants and the general public, we decided that continuing these trials into 2021 was the responsible and prudent step to take in response to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases. We will continue to closely monitor the situation and follow the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control, Illinois Department of Public Health and DuPage County Health Department.” said Chief Judge Daniel P. Guerin.

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