

**CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
DuPage County, Illinois**

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***PRESS RELEASE***

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**DUPAGE COUNTY TO SUSPEND JURY  
TRIALS UNTIL MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2021**

DuPage County Chief Judge Kenneth L. Popejoy 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 jury trials be conducted before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and that all criminal bench trials and evidentiary hearings be suspended through March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Judges will reschedule the trials to a future trial or status date.

“In order to protect the health and safety of court employees, jurors, witnesses, attorneys, litigants and the general public, we decided that suspending these trials through March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 was necessary given the high rate of community transmission of COVID-19. We continue to work with the DuPage County Health Department and make changes to court operations as needed to protect the health and safety of court employees and the general public. We will continue to closely monitor the situation and take any further action as deemed necessary.” said Chief Judge Kenneth L. Popejoy.

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