

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2013-13

CASE ASSIGNMENTS FOLLOWING CHANGE IN JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS

When a judge ends a courtroom assignment and continues to work as judge in the 10th Judicial Circuit the following procedures shall apply (10th Cir. Adm. Order 09-07 is repealed):

- A. The judge shall hear any timely filed post-trial/post-hearing motions (i.e. motions to reconsider/new trial, etc.) unless all parties and the newly assigned judge agree otherwise.
- B. Where a hearing has commenced but not concluded, the judge shall conclude the hearing unless all parties and the newly-assigned judge agree otherwise. Provided however, in all child custody proceedings (as defined in 10th Cir. R. 40 and in compliance with Ill. Sup. Ct. R. 903 and 10th Cir. R. 45) where the evidentiary hearing has commenced before a judge, that judge shall conclude the hearing.
- C. A judge may elect to retain any case if doing so would further the goals of judicial economy and/or the effective administration of justice. An election to retain a case shall be made in writing, copies to parties/counsel, the judge beginning the new assignment, and the chief circuit judge or presiding circuit judge.
- D. Reasonable efforts should be made to conduct a hearing in its existing venue.
- E. When a judge ends a courtroom assignment, any case which had been reassigned to another courtroom due to a substitution or recusal of that judge shall automatically transfer back to its normally-assigned courtroom unless retained by the specially assigned judge pursuant to this administrative order.

Enter September 3, 2013

Michael E. Brandt
Chief Circuit Judge

