

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-__

**SUBJECT: ENFORCING THE COMMON LAW PRIVILEGE AGAINST CIVIL
COURTHOUSE ARRESTS**

Given the importance of protecting litigants and witnesses from civil arrest to the administration of justice in the Circuit Court of Cook County; in affirmance of this State's recognition of the common-law privilege from such arrests for parties to a suit and their witnesses in coming to, attending, and returning from the court; and pursuant to Ill. S. Ct. R. 21(b) and pursuant to the court's inherent authority,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- (1) No person may subject an individual to civil arrest without a judicial warrant or judicial order when the individual is in a courthouse or within the environs of a courthouse.
- (2) "Courthouse" means any building or space used by the Circuit Court of Cook County.
- (3) "Environs of a courthouse" means the vicinity around a courthouse, including all public entryways, driveways, parkways, sidewalks, parking areas, and transportation points intended to serve a courthouse.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that nothing in this General Administrative Order shall be construed to limit the availability of remote and/or virtual access to court proceedings authorized by law, court order, or otherwise.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this General Administrative Order shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until further order of the Court.

Dated this __ day of October, 2025

Hon. Timothy C. Evans
Chief Judge