

**ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023 - 25**

2023 McLEAN COUNTY JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS

The following assignments shall be in effect in the Circuit Court of McLean County of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit as of **January 1, 2023** and shall continue until modified by subsequent Administrative Order. All previous orders on this subject are hereby stricken upon the effective date of this order.

It is ORDERED that the Circuit Court of McLean County shall continue to be organized into four general divisions as follows: Civil Division, Criminal Division, Family Division and Specialty Courts with the judges and cases assigned as set forth below:

- 1. CIVIL DIVISION:**
- Rebecca S. Foley, Presiding Judge, Circuit Judge**
Scott J. Black, Associate Circuit Judge
Mark A. Fellheimer, Circuit Judge
J. Brian Goldrick, Associate Circuit Judge

A. Rebecca S. Foley:

- i. All Chancery (CH) cases presently assigned to her and 50% of CH cases filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- ii. All Guardianship cases presently assigned to her and all Guardianship (GR) cases involving a disabled adult and all GR cases involving a minor where there is no filing fee waiver filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- iii. All Law cases presently assigned to her and 50% of all LA cases filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- iv. All Law cases involving asbestos litigation currently assigned to her and all filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- v. All Mental Health (MH) cases presently assigned to her and all MH cases filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- vi. All Miscellaneous Remedy (MR) cases presently assigned to her and 50% of all MR cases, with the exception of extradition cases and expungement of criminal records, filed on or after January 1, 2023.
- vii. All asset forfeiture cases (under 720 ILCS 5/36-1 et al.) filed as Miscellaneous Criminal (MX) cases filed on or after January 1, 2023.

B. Scott J. Black:

- i. All Arbitration (AR) cases presently assigned to Judge Carla E. Barnes and all AR cases filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- ii. All Eviction cases filed presently assigned to Judge Carla E. Barnes and all EV cases filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- iii. All Law-Magistrate (LM) cases presently assigned to Judge Carla E. Barnes and all LM cases filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- iv. All Small Claims (SC) cases presently assigned to Judge Carla E. Barnes and all SC cases filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- v. All Tax (TX) cases regarding the enforcement of the Use Tax for the City of Bloomington and/or Town of Normal for vehicle sales (as defined under 35 ILCS 105 et al).

C. Mark A. Fellheimer:

- i. All Chancery (CH) cases presently assigned to Judge Scott E. Kording and 50% of CH cases filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- ii. All Eminent Domain (ED) cases presently assigned to Judge Scott E. Kording and all ED cases filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- iii. All Foreclosure cases presently assigned to him and all FC cases filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- iv. All Guardianship (GR) cases involving estates of a living person filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- v. All Law cases presently assigned to Judge Scott E. Kording and 50% of all LA cases, with the exception of asbestos litigation, filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- vi. All Miscellaneous Remedy (MR) cases presently assigned to him and 50% of all MR cases, with the exception of extradition cases and expungement of criminal records, filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- vii. All Tax (TX) cases presently assigned to him and all TX cases filed on or after January 1, 2023, with the exception of TX cases regarding the enforcement of the Use Tax for the City of Bloomington and/or Town of Normal for vehicle sales (as defined under 35 ILCS 105 et al); and
- viii. All Probate cases presently assigned to him and all PR cases filed on or after January 1, 2023.

D. J. Brian Goldrick:

- i. All Guardianship cases presently assigned to him and all Guardianship (GR) cases involving a minor, where the party is receiving a filing fee waiver, filed on or after January 1, 2023.

It is further ORDERED that the Judges assigned to this Division shall hear such other cases as may, from time to time, be assigned to them by the Presiding Judge of the Civil Division, or by interchange agreement of said judges.

It is further ORDERED that the Judges assigned to this Division are each assigned any Contempt of Court case arising out of a case assigned to the particular judge.

- 2. CRIMINAL DIVISION:** **William A. Yoder, Presiding Judge, Circuit Judge**
 Scott J. Black, Associate Circuit Judge
 J. Jason Chambers, Circuit Judge
 J. Casey Costigan, Circuit Judge
 J. Brian Goldrick, Associate Circuit Judge
 Scott E. Kording, Associate Circuit Judge
 Amy L. McFarland, Associate Circuit Judge
 William G. Workman, Associate Circuit Judge

Beginning January 1, 2023, all Driving Under the Influence (DT) and/or Major Traffic (MT) and associated traffic or criminal misdemeanor files are consolidated before Judges J. Brian Goldrick, Scott E. Kording, Amy L. McFarland and William G. Workman.

A. William A. Yoder:

- i. All Criminal Felony (CF) cases presently assigned to him and 50% of all such cases filed on or after January 1, 2023; and

- ii. All pending Sexually Violent Person Act cases presently assigned to Judge William Yoder and all Miscellaneous Criminal (MX) cases filed on or after January 1, 2023 with the exception of expungement, extradition and asset forfeiture cases.

B. Scott J. Black:

- i. All Ordinance Violation (OV) cases presently assigned to Judge Carla E. Barnes and all OV cases filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- ii. All Quasi-Criminal (QC) cases filed on or after January 1, 2023.

C. J. Jason Chambers:

- i. All Criminal Felony (CF) cases presently assigned to Judge J. Casey Costigan and 50% of all such cases filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- ii. All extradition cases presently assigned to Judge J. Casey Costigan and all extradition Miscellaneous Criminal (MX) cases filed on or after January 1, 2023.

D. J. Casey Costigan:

- i. All Juvenile Delinquency (JD) cases presently assigned to Judge J. Jason Chambers and all such cases filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- ii. All Juvenile (JV) cases presently assigned to Judge J. Jason Chambers and all such cases filed on or after January 1, 2023; and

E. J. Brian Goldrick:

- i. All Driving under the influence (DT) cases assigned to him by the presiding judge of the Criminal Division; and
- ii. All Major Traffic (MT) cases assigned to him by the presiding judge of the Criminal Division; and
- iii. All Minor Traffic (TR) cases assigned to him by the presiding judge of the Criminal Division.

F. Scott E. Kording:

- i. All Criminal Felony (CF), Criminal Misdemeanor (CM), Domestic Violence (DV), Driving under the influence (DT) and Major Traffic (MT) cases filed on or after January 1, 2023, where the defendant remains in detention for the purpose of conducting proceedings under 725 ILCS 5/109 or 5/110 as provided in P.A. 101-0652 (SAFE-T Act) prior to arraignment; and
- ii. All Civil Law (CL) cases filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- iii. All Conservation (CV) cases filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- iv. All Driving under the influence (DT) cases assigned to him by the presiding judge of the Criminal Division; and
- v. All Major Traffic (MT) cases assigned to him by the presiding judge of the Criminal Division; and
- vi. All Minor Traffic (TR) cases where the minor traffic citation is the most serious charge; and any additional Minor Traffic (TR) cases assigned to him by the presiding judge of the Criminal Division.

G. Amy L. McFarland:

- i. All Criminal Misdemeanor (CM) cases presently assigned to Judge Scott J. Black and all such cases filed on or after January 1, 2023 where the CM charge is the most serious offense; and

- ii. All Domestic Violence (DV) cases currently assigned to Judge Scott J. Black and all such cases filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- iii. All Driving under the influence (DT) cases assigned to her by the presiding judge of the Criminal Division; and
- iv. All Major Traffic (MT) cases assigned to her by the presiding judge of the Criminal Division; and
- v. All Minor Traffic (TR) cases assigned to her by the presiding judge of the Criminal Division; and
- vi. All expungement cases presently assigned to Judge Scott J. Black and all expungement Miscellaneous Criminal (MX) cases filed on or after January 1, 2023.

I. William G. Workman:

- i. All Criminal Felony (CF) cases presently assigned to him and all such cases filed on or after January 1, 2023 assigned to him by the presiding judge of the Criminal Division. Judge Workman is assigned all CF arraignments for all judges within the Criminal Division; and
- ii. All Criminal Felony DUI cases (offenses under 625 ILCS 5/11-501) presently assigned to Judge J. Jason Chambers and all such cases filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- iii. All cases filed under 430 ILCS 67 et al. (*Firearms Restraining Order Act*) filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- iv. All Driving under the influence (DT) cases assigned to him by the presiding judge of the Criminal Division; and
- v. All Major Traffic (MT) cases assigned to him by the presiding judge of the Criminal Division; and
- vi. All Minor Traffic (TR) cases assigned to him by the presiding judge of the Criminal Division.

It is further ORDERED that the Judges assigned to this Division shall hear such other cases as may, from time to time, be assigned to them by the Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division, or by interchange agreement of said judges.

It is further ORDERED that the Judges assigned to this Division are each assigned any Contempt of Court case arising out of a case assigned to the particular judge.

- 3. FAMILY DIVISION:**
- Sarah E. Duffy, Presiding Judge, Associate Circuit Judge**
 - Carla E. Barnes, Circuit Judge**
 - Pablo E. Eves, Associate Circuit Judge**
 - Rebecca S. Foley, Circuit Judge**
 - J. Brian Goldrick, Associate Circuit Judge**
 - Scott E. Kording, Associate Circuit Judge**

A. Sarah R. Duffy:

- i. All Dissolution cases presently assigned to her and 50% of all Dissolution with Children (DC) and Dissolution without Children (DN) cases filed on or after January 1, 2023.

B. Carla E. Barnes:

- i. All Dissolution cases presently assigned to Judge Amy L. McFarland and 50% of all Dissolution with Children (DC) and Dissolution without Children (DN) cases filed on or after January 1, 2023.

C. Pablo A. Eves:

- i. All Family cases presently assigned to him and all Family (FA) cases filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- ii. All Dissolution cases assigned to him by the presiding judge of the Family Division.

D. Rebecca S. Foley:

- i. All cases filed under 750 ILCS 95 et al. (*Frail Elderly Family Visitation Protection Act*) filed on or after January 1, 2023.

E. J. Brian Goldrick:

- i. All Adoption (AD) cases presently assigned to him and all such cases filed on or after January 1, 2023; and
- ii. All Juvenile Abuse & Neglect (JA) cases presently assigned to him and all such cases filed on or after January 1, 2023.

F. Orders of Protection:

- i. Judges Carla E. Barnes, Scott J. Black, Sarah R. Duffy and Pablo A. Eves are assigned all Emergency and Plenary Orders of Protection, Civil No Contact, and Stalking No Contact cases, when designated as an Order of Protection (OP) case, filed on or after January 1, 2023. Cases currently assigned to Judges Carla E Barnes, Sarah R. Duffy or Pablo A. Eves shall remain assigned to them. Order of Protection cases assigned to Judge Scott E. Kording shall be reassigned to Judge Scott J. Black.

It is further ORDERED that any civil Petition for Plenary Order of Protection, when designated as an OP case, but involving the same parties in a pending D, F or JA case, shall be heard by the Judge to whom the D, F or JA case is assigned.

It is further ORDERED that the Judges assigned to this Division may hear such other cases as may, from time to time, be assigned to them by the Presiding Judge of the Family Division, or by interchange agreement of said judges.

It is further ORDERED that the Judges assigned to this Division are each assigned any Contempt of Court case arising out of a case assigned to that particular judge.

4. SPECIALTY COURTS

A. Drug Court – Scott E. Kording, Presiding Judge

- i. Judge Scott E. Kording is assigned all Drug Court cases currently assigned to him and all such cases filed on or after January 1, 2023. Petitions to revoke (PTR) for Drug Court cases shall be assigned to the original sentencing judge.
- ii. Judge Rebecca S. Foley is designated as the secondary Drug Court judge.

B. Recovery Court – Amy L. McFarland, Presiding Judge

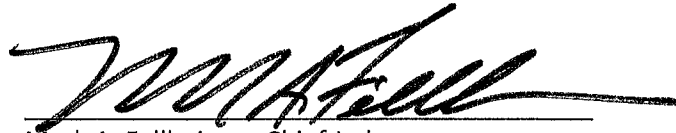
- i. Judge Amy L. McFarland is assigned all Recovery Court cases currently assigned to her and all such cases filed on or after January 1, 2023. Petitions to revoke (PTR) for Recovery Court cases shall be assigned to the original sentencing judge.
- ii. Judge Pablo A. Eves is designated as the secondary Recovery Court judge.

C. Veterans' Treatment Court – Charles M. Feeney III, Presiding Judge

- i. Judge Charles M. Feeney III is assigned all Veterans' Treatment Court cases currently assigned to him and all such cases filed in any county in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit on or after January 1, 2023 unless assigned by interchange to a judge within the county of filing.
- ii. Judge William G. Workman is designated as the secondary Veterans' Treatment Court judge.

McLean County shall also have a Marriage and Civil Union Division as defined under Illinois Supreme Court Rule 40. The Marriage and Civil Union Division of the Circuit Court of McLean County shall consist of all Judges currently assigned a majority of their time to the Circuit Court of McLean County.

Entered this 25th day of October, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark A. Fellheimer', written over a horizontal line.

Mark A. Fellheimer, Chief Judge
Eleventh Judicial Circuit

2023 McLean County Circuit Court – Assignment Summary and Allocation of Cases
CIVIL DIVISION

Case Category	Judge(s) and details
Arbitration (AR)	Scott Black (100%)
Chancery (CH)	Rebecca Foley (50%) (zero and even-numbered cases) Mark Fellheimer (50%) (odd-numbered cases)
Contempt of Court (CC)	Judge assigned to the case
Eminent Domain (ED)	Mark Fellheimer (100%)
Eviction (EV)	Scott Black (100%)
Foreclosure (FC)	Mark Fellheimer (100%)
Government Corporation (GC)	Mark Fellheimer (100%)
Guardianship (GR)	Rebecca Foley (guardianships of disabled adults, and guardianships of minors where there is no fee waiver) J. Brian Goldrick (guardianship of a minor with a fee waiver) Mark Fellheimer (estates under the Probate Act)
Law (LA)	Rebecca Foley (50%) (zero and even-numbered cases) Mark Fellheimer (50%) (odd-numbered cases) (except asbestos litigation)
Law – Magistrate (LM)	Scott Black (100%)
Mental Health (MH)	Rebecca Foley (100%)
Miscellaneous Remedy (MR)	Rebecca Foley (50%) (zero and even-numbered cases) Mark Fellheimer (50%) (odd-numbered cases)
Probate (PR)	Mark Fellheimer (100%)
Small Claims (SC)	Scott Black (100%)
Tax (TX)	Mark Fellheimer (100%) (except Use Tax – Scott Black)

CRIMINAL DIVISION

Case Category	Judge(s) and details
Contempt of Court (CC)	Judge assigned to the case
Civil Law (CL)	With Minor Traffic Judge (TR) (100%)
Conservation (CV)	With Minor Traffic Judge (TR) (100%)
Criminal Felony (CF)	J. Jason Chambers (50%) William Yoder (50%) William Workman (as assigned) All Class M and Reckless Homicide DUI are assigned by Presiding Criminal Division Judge
Criminal Misdemeanor (CM)	Amy McFarland (100%)
Driving Under Influence (DT)	Judge as assigned (Goldrick, Kording, McFarland and Workman) (100%)
Domestic Violence (DV)	Amy McFarland (100%)
Juvenile Delinquency (JD)	J. Casey Costigan (100%)
Major Traffic (MT)	Judge as assigned (Goldrick, Kording, McFarland and Workman) (100%)
Minor Traffic (TR)	Scott Kording (100%)

Miscellaneous Criminal (MX)	J. Jason Chambers (with the exception of asset forfeiture, extradition and expungement)
Ordinance Violation (OV)	Scott Black (100%), except McLean County OVs (to Minor Traffic judge)
Quasi-Criminal (QC)	Scott Black (100%)
Criminal Sub-categories	
Asset Forfeiture (MX)	William Yoder (100%)
Extradition (MX)	J. Jason Chambers (100%)
Expungement (MX)	Amy McFarland (100%)
Felony Arraignment (CF – ARR)	William Workman
Cases arising from the same incident	Consolidate as charges under the most serious offense case per AOIC Manual on Record Keeping (January 1, 2022)

FAMILY DIVISION

Case Category	Judge(s) and details
Adoption (AD)	J. Brian Goldrick (100%)
Contempt of Court (CC)	Judge assigned to the case
Dissolution with Children (DC)	Carla Barnes (50%) (odd-numbered cases) Sarah Duffy (50%) (zero and even-numbered cases)
Dissolution without Children (DN)	Carla Barnes (50%) (odd-numbered cases) Sarah Duffy (50%) (zero and even-numbered cases)
Family (FA)	Pablo Eves (100%)
Family Title IV-D Child Support (FA)	Pablo Eves (100%)
Juvenile (JV)	J. Casey Costigan
Juvenile Abuse & Neglect (JA)	J. Brian Goldrick
Emergency Orders of Protection (OP)	Carla Barnes (25%) Scott Black (25%) Sarah Duffy (25%) Pablo Eves (25%)
Order for Protection (OP)	Carla Barnes (25%) Scott Black (25%) Sarah Duffy (25%) Pablo Eves (25%)

SPECIALTY COURTS

Drug Court (CF)	Scott Kording - primary Rebecca Foley – secondary
Recovery Court (CF)	Amy McFarland - primary Pablo Eves – secondary
Veteran’s Court (CF/CM/DT)	Charles Feeney III - primary William Workman – secondary