



**Circuit Court
Nineteenth Judicial Circuit
Lake County, Illinois**

STANDING ORDER REGARDING PRETRIAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES

- A. Parties may, by joint motion, request a settlement conference, or the Court may entertain the matter at a status date. A settlement conference is set pursuant to the parties' agreement that anything done or said at the settlement conference shall not serve as a basis for any motion for substitution of judge pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/2-1001(a)(2) and/or (a)(3), and that the parties agree to participate in the settlement conference in good faith.
- B. The attorney responsible for the trial of the case shall appear at the pretrial settlement conference and is expected to have full authority to settle the case at that time. Client(s) and other persons with settlement authority **must be present** for the settlement conference unless excused by the Court in advance.
- C. At least seven (7) days before the scheduled settlement conference, the parties must exchange good faith settlement proposals. A good faith settlement proposal is a compromise of the parties' litigation position.
- D. Each party shall provide to the Court a pretrial memorandum of no longer than five (5) pages briefly stating:
- A statement of the case;
 - An outline of the causes of action, defenses, counterclaims, and third party complaints;
 - A statement of the legal and factual issues presented;
 - The relief sought, including damages, and the basis therefore; and
 - The status of any settlement negotiations to date.
- E. In the event the parties settle the case before the pre-trial settlement conference or trial, the attorney representing the plaintiff(s) or the self-represented plaintiff(s) shall notify the Court that the case has settled.

Dated this 7th Day of February, 2022 .

ENTER:

/s/ Janelle K. Christensen
Judge

/s/ Daniel L. Jasica
Judge