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Clerk of the Circuit Court

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
COORDINATION OF CUSTODY CASES INVOLVING THE SAME CHILDREN

In Rock Island County, it is ordinarily not appropriate for the Juvenile Court judge to hear child custody proceedings other than the temporary custody determinations made as part of Juvenile Court cases. This is due to: (1) the value of and need for a dedicated Juvenile Court and dedicated Juvenile Court judge coupled with the volume of juvenile cases; (2) the amount of court time customarily reserved for custody proceedings in the Civil Division; and (3) recognition of the substantial and substantive differences between the emergency, temporary custody/placement determinations made in Juvenile Court versus long term custody determinations made in the Civil Division.

Ordinarily, custody issues arising from guardianships, orders of protection, divorces, paternity actions and post-judgment proceedings, shall be heard in the Civil Division. However, in some cases, due to the nature of the custody determinations made in a particular Juvenile Court case, the length of time the case has been in Juvenile Court, and the depth and quality of involvement by competing custodial claimants other than the State, it is appropriate for the Juvenile Court judge to conduct all custody proceedings involving the same children.

Therefore, whenever there are multiple custody proceedings involving the same children, the Presiding Judge of the Civil Division shall examine docket sheets, court files or confer with the assigned judges to determine which judge shall hear the custody proceedings.

Dated: 3-1-11

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