

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**PROBATE STANDING ORDER 2**  
**OF CLARENCE M. DARROW**

Effective June 10, 2025

1. The original of the decedent's Last Will & Testament (and Codicil, if any) must be lodged (filed) with the Clerk of the Court within thirty (30) days of the decedent's death.
2. The original will must be lodged before or at the same time as a petition for probate of the will.
3. The circuit clerk shall issue a written receipt when the will is lodged.
4. A true and accurate copy of the will and a copy of the receipt shall be included with the filing of the petition for probate of the will.
5. A copy of a will cannot be lodged.
6. If the original will has been lodged prior to the filing of the petition for probate of the will, the filer shall inform the circuit clerk.
7. The legal representative of a decedent's estate must be represented by an attorney.
8. An attorney may appear before the Supervising Probate Judge in Courtroom 402 during walk-in (9:00 – 9:30 a.m.) to open a testate estate. If an attorney elects to open a testate estate during walk-in, the attorney shall present the original will to the judge for examination.
9. An attorney may appear before the Supervising Probate Judge in Courtroom 402 during walk-in (9:00 – 9:30 a.m.) to open an intestate estate, provided proper notices have been served or waivers have been filed.
10. If an attorney submits proposed orders to open a testate estate electronically, the Clerk shall deliver the original of the lodged will to the judge to allow the judge to examine the will (and codicil, if any) before the judge enters the order to admit the will.
11. Once the original will is lodged with the Clerk, the original will shall remain in the possession of the Clerk.

Entered: June 3, 2025

  
Clarence M. Darrow  
Circuit Judge