

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

GENERAL ORDER 21-03

*In the Matter of Text Message
Notification Programs*

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WHEREAS, the Illinois Supreme Court has entered Supreme Court Rule 14 pertaining to text message notification programs and the rule provides in part:

“Rule 14. Text Message Notification Programs.”

(a) Any court or clerk of court may implement a text message notification program(s). Any text message notification program developed within a judicial circuit shall be approved by the Chief Circuit Judge prior to implementation.” (Supreme Court Rule 14); and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Clerks of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit have implemented text message notification programs that utilize text messaging and email notification for court dates for court patrons who voluntarily apply or sign up for the program; and

WHEREAS, the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit text messaging notification programs are designed to be a courtesy reminder of pending court dates and not a substitute for any notification required by Supreme Court Rule or statute to appear in court; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge having examined the text messaging program finds the text messaging programs implemented by the Circuit Clerks of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit to be in compliance with Supreme Court Rule 14.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Circuit Clerks of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit may continue to operate its text messaging program in its current form as a courtesy reminder program and said program is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no default, warrant or other adverse action may be taken against any party based on a claim that the party received or participated in the text messaging program.

Enter: February 11, 2021.



Hon. Robert P. Pilmer,
Chief Judge 23rd Judicial Circuit