

RULE CHANGES – 11/15/06

ARTICLE 5: E-FILING

5.02 EFFECTIVE DATE

These rules shall become effective on ~~November 15, 2004~~ January 2, 2007 and remain in effect until further order. (*Amended eff. 11/15/06*)

5.03 DESIGNATION OF ELECTRONIC FILING CASE TYPES

(a) This Court hereby authorizes L (Law over \$50,000) cases, AR (Arbitration), CH (Chancery), MR (Miscellaneous Remedies), D (Dissolution of Marriage) cases ~~and any cases formally transferred into AR,~~ as permissible electronic filing case types (“permissive e-file cases”). From time to time, with the approval of the Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, the Court may authorize, by written Administrative Order, additional types of cases to be processed via electronic filing. The Circuit Court Clerk shall direct the phasing in of initial implementation. (*Amended eff. 11/15/06*)

(b) ~~On or after the effective date, each L case or AR case shall become an e-file case when any party electronically files a pleading or motion pursuant to these rules. (Amended eff. 4/19/06)~~ A permissive electronically filed case shall be designated an e-file case when a Plaintiff files a complaint electronically or a Defendant files an answer electronically or when all of the parties to an L, AR, CH, MR or D case stipulate by written order to the submission of a pending case for inclusion in the e-filing program. (*Amended eff. 11/15/06*)

5.06 METHOD OF FILING

(a) ~~For the purposes of this pilot project, the Circuit Court hereby authorizes electronic filing in each of the designated cases as identified in Rule 5.03, above. Once a case becomes an e-file case, the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall only accept and approve subsequent filings electronically through a Vendor or through the Clerk’s computer workstation, except as set forth in paragraph (b) hereafter. The Clerk shall refuse any document presented to be filed in paper form, and shall return the document to the filing party with directions to file electronically. (Amended eff. 4/19/05) (Amended eff. 11/15/06)~~

(b) In the interest of justice, the Clerk of the Court may allow the filing of a document or pleading using the conventional manner of filing. The court may permit one or more parties in an e-file case to file in the conventional manner to advance the interests of justice. At no time shall ~~this pilot~~ the e-filing program prevent or exclude the ability to file any valid pleading with the Clerk of the 18th Judicial Circuit Court. In those

circumstances, the Clerk shall scan conventionally filed documents into the electronic file. *(Amended eff. 11/15/06)*

6.05 CONTESTED MOTIONS *(Amended eff. 9/14/06)*

(d) No Motion or writing in support of or in opposition to a motion shall exceed ten (10) pages in total length (excluding motion and supporting documents) without prior leave of Court. *(Amended eff. 11/28/06)*