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NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT)

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 23-17
NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CIRCUIT COURT OF LAKE COUNTY

Eric Cantagut Weinstein
CIRCUIT CLERK

APPOINTMENT OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Administrative Order 22-32 and 23-01 are vacated.

725 ILCS 5/109-1(a-5) requires a person charged with an offense shall be allowed counsel at the hearing at which pretrial release is determined under Article 110 of this Code. If the defendant desires counsel for his or her initial appearance but is unable to obtain counsel, the court shall appoint a public defender or licensed attorney at law of this State to represent him or her for purposes of that hearing.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that effective September 18, 2023, the Lake County Public Defender's Office will be appointed to all cases prior to their First Appearance unless private counsel has entered their appearance.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the court shall require the defendant to complete and file a Certificate of Assets/Debts Form, on a form approved by the Circuit Judges, in any case in which a sentence of imprisonment in the county jail facility or Department of Corrections is a possible sentence upon conviction of the offense charged, or where extradition of the defendant to another state or federal jurisdiction is sought.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the court shall periodically review the eligibility of the defendant's continuing appointment of the Public Defender's Office.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the court shall advise the defendant who is appointed the Public Defender that upon motion of the prosecuting attorney or the court, the defendant may be required to make reimbursement to the County of Lake for legal services rendered upon final disposition of the criminal matter according to Supreme Court Rules.

DATED this 8th day of August, 2023.

ENTERED:


MARK L. LEVITT,
Chief Judge