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**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO SUPREME COURT RULE**

A public hearing on proposed amendments to an Illinois Supreme Court Rule covering the testimony of expert and opinion witnesses will be held in Chicago on Monday, June 18.

Joseph A. Power Jr. will chair the meeting which convenes at 10 a.m. at 160 N. LaSalle Street, Room N-502, in Chicago.

The sole subject of the hearing will be proposed amendments to Supreme Court Rule 213 which involves discovery and trial procedures for expert and opinion testimony. The revised proposal was drafted to incorporate comments offered by the bench and bar on the previous Rule 213 proposal presented at the Rules Committee's annual public hearing in January. One of the proposed revisions amends paragraph (g) to apply to "retained experts" as opposed to "opinion witnesses."

Notice of the hearing on Monday, accompanied by copies of the proposed rules changes, have been distributed to members of the bench and bar throughout the state.