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SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN WHERE MOTIONS ARE FILED

The Illinois Supreme Court has announced changes to Supreme Court Rules 361, 381, and 383 dealing with where attorneys or parties file motions with the Court.

If a case arises out of the Second, Third, Fourth, or Fifth Judicial Districts and is a motion to be heard by the full Court, an original and eight copies shall be filed with the Clerk's office in Springfield. If the motion may be heard by a single Justice, an original and one copy shall be filed with the Clerk's office in Springfield, directed to the Justice from the Judicial District where the case originated. Responses to motions shall be filed within the allowed time frames in the same manner along with the requisite copies.

In cases arising out of the First Judicial District (Cook County), motions for a single Justice will continue to be filed, along with one copy, in the Clerk's satellite office in Chicago. If the motion in a case from the First District is a matter for the full Court, the changes require an original and eight copies to be filed with the Clerk's Chicago office. Responses to motions shall be filed within the allowed timeframes in the same manner along with the requisite copies.

This applies whether motions and responses are filed electronically or not.

Originally, motions in cases arising out of the Second, Third, Fourth, or Fifth Districts that can only be decided by the full Court required an original and one copy to be filed in the Clerk's Springfield office, as well as a copy of the motion mailed to each Justice at his or her district chambers. Full Court motions arising out of the First Judicial District required an original and five copies to be filed in the Clerk's Chicago satellite office, as well as a copy of the motion mailed to each Justice in the Second, Third, Fourth or Fifth District at his or her district chambers. Copies of single Justice motions in cases arising out of the Second, Third, Fourth, or Fifth Districts were also mailed to the respective Justice at his or her district chambers.

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