

State of Illinois Supreme Court

At a Term of the Supreme Court, begun and held in Springfield, on Monday, the 14th day of November, 2011.

Present: Thomas L. Kilbride, Chief Justice
Justice Charles E. Freeman Justice Robert R. Thomas
Justice Rita B. Garman Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier
Justice Anne M. Burke Justice Mary Jane Theis

M.R. 785(2)

In re: Judicial Conference of Illinois
Committee on Discovery Procedures

Order

Effective January 1, 2012, the following members of the Judicial Conference are reappointed to the Committee on Discovery Procedures for terms expiring December 31, 2012, or until an appointee is no longer a member of the Judicial Conference, whichever occurs earlier:

Hon. William J. Becker
Associate Judge
Fourth Judicial Circuit
10350 Creekside Dr.
Breese, IL 62230

Hon. Maureen E. Connors
Appellate Judge
First District Appellate Court
160 N. LaSalle St., S1705
Chicago, IL 60601

Hon. Frank R. Fuhr
Circuit Judge
Fourteenth Judicial Circuit
Rock Island Co. Courthouse
210 15th St., Ste. 408
Rock Island, IL 61201

Hon. Kimbara G. Harrell
Associate Judge
Second Judicial Circuit
Richland Co. Courthouse
103 W. Main St.
Olney, IL 62450

Hon. Katherine Gorman Hubler
Associate Judge
Tenth Judicial Circuit
Peoria Co. Courthouse
324 Main St., Ste. 215
Peoria, IL 61602

Hon. Jeffrey W. O'Connor
Chief Judge
Fourteenth Judicial Circuit
Rock Island Co. Courthouse
210 15th St., Ste. 408
Rock Island, IL 61201

Hon. Michael Panter
Associate Judge
Circuit Court of Cook County
2205 Richard J. Daley Center
Chicago, IL 60602

Hon. Barbara N. Petrunaro
Circuit Judge
Twelfth Judicial Circuit
57 N. Ottawa St., #A233
Joliet, IL 60432

Hon. Kenneth L. Popejoy
Circuit Judge
Eighteenth Judicial Circuit
DuPage Co. Courthouse
505 N. County Farm Rd.
Wheaton, IL 60187

Effective January 1, 2012, the following person is appointed as an Advisor to the Committee on Discovery Procedures for a term expiring December 31, 2012:

Joseph R. Marconi
Attorney at Law
Johnson & Bell Ltd.
33 W. Monroe St., Ste. 2700
Chicago, IL 60603

Effective January 1, 2012, the following persons are reappointed Advisors to the Committee on Discovery Procedures for terms expiring December 31, 2012:

David B. Mueller
Attorney at Law
Cassidy & Mueller
Commerce Bank Building
416 Main St., Ste. 323
Peoria, IL 61602

Paul E. Root
Attorney at Law
179 E. Lake Shore Dr.
Chicago, IL 60611

Eugene I. Pavalon
Attorney at Law
Pavalon & Gifford
2 N. LaSalle St., Ste. 1600
Chicago, IL 60602

Effective January 1, 2012, the following person is reappointed Professor-Reporter to the Committee on Discovery Procedures for a term expiring December 31, 2012:

Professor Marc D. Ginsberg
Professor of Law
The John Marshall Law School
315 South Plymouth Court
Chicago, IL 60604

Effective January 1, 2012, the Honorable Maureen E. Connors is reappointed chairperson for a term expiring December 31, 2012.

Order entered by the Court.

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CLERK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court this 30th day of December, 2011.

Carolyn Taff Gussell

Clerk,
Supreme Court of the State of Illinois



Illinois Judicial Conference Committee on Discovery Procedures

CONFERENCE YEAR 2012

Statement of Purpose:

The Committee on Discovery Procedures shall review and assess discovery devices used in Illinois, with the goal of making recommendations to expedite discovery and to eliminate any abuses of the discovery process.

General Charge:

The Committee shall study and make recommendations on the discovery devices used in Illinois including, but not limited to, depositions, interrogatories, requests for production of documents or tangible things or inspection of real property, disclosures of expert witnesses, and requests for admission. The Committee shall investigate and make recommendations on innovative means of expediting pretrial discovery and ending any abuses of the discovery process so as to promote early settlement discussions and to encourage civility among attorneys. The Committee will also review and make recommendations on proposals concerning discovery matters submitted by the Supreme Court Rules Committee, other Committees or other sources.