

RULES OF PRACTICE
CIRCUIT COURT OF ILLINOIS
THIRD JUDICIAL COURT

The following are adopted as rules of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit, State of Illinois.

PART ONE

1.01 RULES OF COURT

(A) **POWER OF THE COURT TO ADOPT RULES.** These rules are adopted pursuant to Section 1-104(b) of the Code of Civil Procedure which provides that the Circuit Court may make rules regulating their dockets, business, and calendars and Supreme Court Rule 21(a) which provides that a majority of the Circuit Judges of each circuit may adopt rules governing civil and criminal cases consistent with rules and statutes.

(B) **EFFECTIVE DATE.** These rules shall become effective when adopted by a majority of the Circuit Judges of the Third Judicial Circuit.

(C) **AMENDMENT OF THESE RULES.** Any amendment of these rules shall be adopted by a majority of the Circuit Judges of the Third Judicial Circuit.

(D) **FILING WITH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE.** All rules of this Court and any amendments thereto shall be filed with the Director of the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts in Springfield, Illinois, within ten days after adoption thereof as provided by Supreme Court Rule 21(d).

(E) **CONSTRUCTION.** The law governing construction of statutes shall apply in the construction of these rules. Nothing in these rules shall be construed to conflict with any other provision of the law, or to restrict a Judge in the exercise of the inherent power to conduct Court or to limit the exercise of judicial discretion.

(F) **GENDER NEUTRALITY.** Whenever the pronoun “he,” “him,” or “his,” is used throughout these rules, the term shall be construed to include both males and females.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

APPROVAL OF RULES OF PRACTICE

On this 14th day of January, 1996, at a regular meeting of the Circuit Judges of the Third Judicial Circuit, State of Illinois, said meeting called pursuant to Notice, the above attached rules were adopted by a majority of said Circuit Judges of said Third Judicial Circuit.

s/Nicholas G. Byron
NICHOLAS G. BYRON
CHIEF JUDGE

**Attached hereto signatures of those Judges approving same and constituting a majority of the Judges of the Circuit.

The following Judges do hereby approve of the rules of the Circuit Court of the Third Judicial Circuit, State of Illinois to which this signature form is attached, as indicated by their signatures.

s/George Moran
Circuit Judge

s/A.A. Matoesian
Circuit Judge

s/Charles Romani
Circuit Judge

s/Edward C. Ferguson
Circuit Judge

s/Randall Bono
Circuit Judge

s/Phillip J. Kardis
Circuit Judge

s/John L. DeLaurenti
Circuit Judge

s/P. J. O'Neill
Circuit Judge