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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

**STANDING ORDER FOR JUDGE GOTT:**  
**JUVENILE, FAMILY CASE OR OTHER ASSIGNED CASES**

*Tiffany Buobyn*  
OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In accordance with the Illinois Supreme Court Order, M.R. 303070, entitled Illinois Courts Response to COVID19 Emergency, regarding the resumption of court proceedings in the State of Illinois; and

In accordance with Administrative Order 2020-5-21 of the First Judicial Circuit entered by Chief Judge Williamson on May 21, 2020; and

In accordance with the new Supreme Court Rules regarding conducting virtual court hearings when possible and at the discretion of the Judge;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, it is ordered and adjudged as follows:

1. The court's previous Standing Order regarding Remote Hearings for Judge Gott in Juvenile matters is modified as set forth herein.

**IN PERSON HEARINGS**

2. All cases set before Judge Gott shall be IN PERSON hearings from this date forward and until further order of the Court, for all matters including, all juvenile abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency, family cases and any other assigned cases subject to any exceptions set forth hereafter.

3. MASKS are required for any IN PERSON hearings for all attorneys, parties, witnesses and others present in the Courtroom. The Court shall limit the number of persons in the courtroom in order to maintain social distancing guidelines recommended by the Governor, IDPH and the CDC. As such, the court prefers that ONLY necessary parties and witnesses be present at courthouse and in the courtroom in order to maximize room for those who are required to appear before the court.

4. For civil or family matters, if parties are represented by Attorneys, the parties are not required to be present in court for Case Management Conferences, Status hearings, or Pre Trial Conferences unless specifically ordered to be present by the Court.

**REMOTE ZOOM HEARINGS:**

5. Cases set on the family law docket for Case Management Conference, Status, or Pre Trial Hearing may be held REMOTELY VIA ZOOM, by agreement of both parties and notification to the court.

6. Zoom may also be utilized as an acceptable means of appearance for any person or attorney who may be otherwise be denied access to appear in person at the courthouse, due to being diagnosed with COVID19, being quarantined due to exposure to COVID19, having health issues which prevent entry in the courthouse (fever, cold, other

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symptoms, exposure or illness), court participants who are particularly vulnerable (due to age, health conditions) to COVID19 as outlined by IDPH and the CDC), those denied access to the courthouse due to Travel restrictions, such as having traveled to another country or area within the United States that is considered a "hot spot" for COVID19 within the last 14 days, or other circumstances approved by the Court. Keep in mind that persons without video capabilities may still participate in the Zoom Remote Court via phone, but will not be able to testify unless appearing by video so video identification of the witness can occur.

7. The Standing Order for Remote Hearings in Juvenile and Family Cases entered and filed herein on May 26, 2020 which set forth Zoom protocols for Judge Gott remains in full force and effect and said order is modified herein only as it relates to the resumption of In Person hearings.

8. The Zoom Court Information for Judge Gott shall remain the same for all hearings and is set forth below:

**Meeting ID: 923 4788 2440**

**Meeting Password: 913516**

**TO DIAL IN VIA PHONE CALL: 1-312-626-9799**

Judge Gott's video courtroom may also be accessed online at the Union County Circuit Clerk website at: <https://www.unioncountycircuitclerkil.net/video-court> Or the Jackson County Circuit Clerk Website: <https://circuitclerk.co.jackson.il.us/video-court/>

Simply click on Judge Gott's Courtroom and you will be linked to join her virtual court.

9. This Order may be amended or modified as needed as additional best practices are identified and as the court continues to monitor the COVID19 outbreak in Southern Illinois.

SO ORDERED

ENTER: JULY 9, 2020



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AMANDA BYASSEE GOTT  
CIRCUIT JUDGE