

EMERGENCY SPECIAL PROCESS **IN-PERSON HEARING PROCEDURES**

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 16, 2020

The IWCC has possession of five (5) locations throughout the State of Illinois, all of which are capable of holding in-person hearings on an Emergency basis. Those locations are in Chicago, Rockford, Peoria, Springfield and Collinsville.

To begin this process, a ***new*** Petition for Immediate Hearing, pursuant to Section 19(b) of the Act, must be served upon all parties and e-mailed to the appropriate Emergency Arbitrator handling the relevant below-designated area during the month of November. No other Petitions or pleadings will be handled by these Emergency Arbitrators pursuant to these **EMERGENCY SPECIAL PROCESS IN-PERSON HEARING PROCEDURES**.

Any previously served and filed 19(b) petition that is set before another Arbitrator may not be used as a basis for proceeding before an Emergency Arbitrator, but in such situations, parties may proceed with a virtual pre-trial before the assigned Arbitrator. All previously set 19(b) petitions will remain with the scheduled Arbitrator.

All communications with the Emergency Arbitrator will be by e-mail. All of the Petitions presented to an Emergency Arbitrator must have been served upon the opposing party pursuant to Rule. Timeliness of service will be considered by the Emergency Arbitrator in determining whether or not the matter will proceed to an in-person Hearing.

Emergency matters will only be considered if the parties are prepared to proceed to Hearing, in-person, and able to complete the Hearing at the time and day set by the Emergency Arbitrator. Each Emergency matter must first be vetted by the Emergency Arbitrator and subjected to a virtual pre-trial conference at a time and day set by the Emergency Arbitrator.

If, after proper vetting, the Emergency Arbitrator determines that a matter is an emergency and must proceed to trial, the Emergency Arbitrator will schedule an in-person Hearing at a time and place convenient to the Arbitrator. If the parties are unable to proceed, the matter will be returned to the assigned Arbitrator's regular calendar call.

If, after proper vetting, the Emergency Arbitrator determines that a matter is *not* an emergency, the matter will be returned to the assigned Arbitrator's regular calendar call.

These **EMERGENCY SPECIAL PROCESS IN-PERSON HEARING PROCEDURES** must be read in concert with the November 2020 Special Circumstance Arbitration Procedures that were previously published on the WCC website. The virtual process as listed in the November 2020 Special Circumstance Arbitration Procedures will remain in full force and effect for the remainder of the month of November.

The following Arbitrators will act as Emergency Arbitrators for the following dockets:

Arbitrator	Emergency Hearing Site	Dockets to be Covered at Site
Watts, Charles	Chicago	Chicago (all cases)
Cantrell, Linda	Collinsville	Herrin, Mt. Vernon, and Collinsville
O'Brien, Dennis	Springfield	Urbana, Quincy, and Springfield
Rowe-Sullivan, Melinda	Peoria	Bloomington, Rock Island, and Peoria
Seal, Paul Eric	Chicago	Joliet, Kankakee, and Ottawa
Glaub, Michael	Rockford	Waukegan, Woodstock, and Rockford
Friedman, Stephen	Chicago	Geneva, Elgin, and Wheaton