
MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE BAR
FROM: MICHAEL J. BRENNAN, CHAIRMAN
SUBJECT: IWCC EMERGENCY MOTION CALL BEGINNING MARCH 23, 2020
DATE: MARCH 20, 2020

Beginning Monday March 23, 2020, the Commission will move forward with the below Emergency Motion Call for **EMERGENCY** motions, ONLY.

An “Emergency Arbitrator” will be available at the locations and on the dates and times set in the below schedule (this will be updated on a weekly basis) for presentation of “valid” emergency motions only. “Valid” emergencies include issues involving the expiration of a statute of limitations, a party can reasonably be expected to suffer an unacceptable hardship, if not heard on an expedited basis. Motions which do not constitute “valid” emergencies will be stricken. **Simply put, if the emergency basis of the motion is not a valid emergency that justifies the risk associated with holding an in-person hearing in the midst of a national emergency and global pandemic, the motion will be stricken.**

Access to the Emergency Motion Call will be limited to one individual per party. Parties may be required to sign in and out of the facility. The Emergency Arbitrator is empowered to manage the Call in a manner he or she believes is reasonable to ensure the administration of justice and minimize the health and safety concerns connected to the COVID-19 pandemic. Refusal to follow the directions of the Emergency Arbitrator will be grounds for removal from the call and striking of the motion.

The following is a list of the locations for each of the Zones:

		Monday 3/23/2020	Tuesday 3/24/2020	Wednesday 3/25/2020	Thursday 3/26/2020	Friday 3/27/2020
Chicago	Chicago	9AM - 12PM		9AM - 12PM		9AM - 12PM
Zone 1	Collinsville		9AM - 12PM		9AM - 12PM	
Zone 2	Springfield	9AM - 12PM		9AM - 12PM		
Zone 3	Peoria			9AM - 12PM		9AM - 12PM
Zone 4	Chicago	9AM - 12PM		9AM - 12PM		9AM - 12PM
Zone 5	Rockford		9AM - 12PM		9AM - 12PM	
Zone 6	Chicago	9AM - 12PM		9AM - 12PM		9AM - 12PM

Pro Se settlements may be presented to the Emergency Arbitrator on the second day of the Call, only.

The Chairman advises that, prior to making use of the Emergency Motion Call, attorneys should engage in personal consultation and make reasonable attempts to resolve differences. The Chairman believes Illinois Supreme Court Rule 201(k) and Rule 3.4 of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct serve as appropriate guides for counsel during these exceptional times.

As these events continue to evolve, we will work with the Governor’s Office and Illinois Department of Public Health to address this rapidly changing situation. Until directed otherwise, all other Commission operations will continue as usual. Parties are advised that any statutory filing deadlines and statutes of limitations will not be affected by these measures, and the Commission will continue to process all usual documents and filings by mail, and in person delivery.

The Chairman’s Office will reassess the need to extend or expand these measures on an ongoing basis.

Zone 1	Collinsville	1803 Ramada Blvd STE B201 Collinsville, IL 62234
Zone 2	Springfield	4500 S. Sixth St Springfield, IL 62703
Zone 3	Peoria	401 Main St 6th Floor Peoria, IL 61602
Zone 4	Chicago	100 W Randolph St. 8-200 Chicago, IL 60601
Zone 5	Rockford	200 S. Wyman Rockford, IL 61101
Zone 6	Chicago	James R. Thompson Center 100 W Randolph St. 8-200 Chicago, IL 60601