

IN RE:)
)
SPECIAL SESSIONS TO HOLD COURT) General Order No. 18-05
OUT OF DISTRICT DUE TO INHABITABILITY)
OF ROCK ISLAND COURTHOUSE)

ORDER

The United States Courthouse in Rock Island, Illinois is uninhabitable due to unsafe conditions, including an intractable mold infestation, reoccurring flooding, and harmful air quality. These conditions are adversely affecting the health of employees and the public. The closest United States Courthouse in the Central District of Illinois is located in Peoria, a 200 mile round trip drive from the Rock Island Courthouse with no public transportation available to travel the distance. The closest United States courthouse in an adjacent district is located in Davenport, Iowa, a 3 mile round trip drive from the Rock Island Courthouse. Therefore, no location within the District is reasonably available to provide public access to the courts and it is necessary to conduct special sessions of the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois, Rock Island Division outside of the District.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that pursuant to the Federal Judiciary Emergency Special Sessions Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 141, because no location within the District is reasonably available, the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois, Rock Island Division, will conduct special sessions, as specified below, at the United States Southern District of Iowa Courthouse in Davenport, Iowa, effective immediately.

Any business that may be transacted at a regular session of the District Court in Rock Island may be transacted at a special session conducted at the United States Southern District of Iowa Courthouse in Davenport, Iowa, except that a criminal trial may not be conducted outside the district in which the crime has been committed unless the defendant consents to such a criminal trial. In any criminal trial in which a special session is conducted outside the District, the Court may summon jurors from any part of the District in which the crime has been committed and, if the defendant so consents, from the District in which the Court is conducting business under this order. In any civil proceeding in which a special session is conducted outside the District, the Court may summon jurors from any part of the District in which the Court ordinarily conducts business or the District in which the Court is conducting business under this order.

ENTERED this 26th day of September, 2018

S/James E. Shadid

JAMES E. SHADID
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE