

WHEREAS, the West Suburban Office of Prairie State Legal Services has assigned pro-bono legal aid attorneys to provide brief legal information and pro bono legal aid to tenants in residential eviction cases; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 735 ILCS 9-121.5(d) the Court is authorized to make sealed court files available to litigants in the case, their counsel or prospective counsel; and

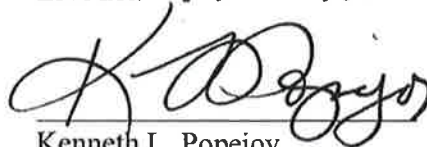
WHEREAS, the release of information contained in residential eviction files sealed pursuant to statute is necessary for the pro-bono legal aid attorneys of the West Suburban Office of Prairie State Legal Services to promptly provide brief legal information and pro bono legal aid; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT all residential eviction matters filed during the COVID-19 emergency and economic recovery period that are pending on May 17, 2021, shall be sealed in accordance with 735 ILCS 5/9-122.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT the Housing Supports and Self-Sufficiency division of DuPage County Community Services be provided access to sealed residential eviction court files to assist the Court in providing resources to parties including, but not limited to financial counseling, housing counseling and technical assistance in preparing rental assistance applications and the pro-bono legal aid attorneys of the West Suburban Office of Prairie State Legal Services be provided access to sealed residential eviction court files to promptly provide brief legal information and pro bono legal aid.

ENTER:

9/30/2021



Kenneth L. Popejoy
Chief Judge