

# 22nd Judicial Circuit of McHenry County

Parenting Coordinators - New Local Rule 11.14



#### What's New?

The Illinois Supreme Court has approved Local Rule 11.14, establishing Parenting Coordinators in McHenry County. These trained professionals help parents manage conflict, improve communication, and focus on the best interests of children.

## Why Parenting Coordinators?

- ✓ Reduce conflict between parents
- ✓ Support children during family transitions
- ✓ Provide neutral, child-focused problem solving
- Promote safety and accountability

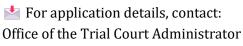
### Who Can Serve?

Professionals who meet the following criteria may apply:

- Licensed attorneys with family law experience
- Licensed mental health professionals (psychologists, counselors, social workers)
- Completion of specialized training in parenting coordination and domestic violence screening
- Proof of liability insurance
- Active membership in a professional organization
- Physical office in McHenry County (unless waived)

### **How to Apply**

- 1. Submit a written application to the Presiding Judge of the Family Division
- 2. Provide documentation of:
  - Education & experience
  - Training certificates
  - License & insurance
- 3. Maintain continuing education every year



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# A Message from the Court

""Family Coordinators are pivotal in helping parents acquire the tools necessary to provide a healthy and nurturing environment for their children."

— Chief Judge Michael Feetterer