



## OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

### **Scam Alert**

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County was made aware again today, August 26, of a scam involving persons contacting individuals in Zoom hearing rooms hosted by the Office of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

The scammer may sound convincing and use real information about the victim and the associated court case or traffic violation.

Please be advised that the Circuit Court Clerk's Office will never contact any person in a Zoom hearing and request or demand payment of any fines or fees. The Circuit Court Clerk's Office will never direct anyone to submit payment of any kind by way of Zelle, Venmo, or any similar electronic payment service. If court fines, fees or traffic violations are owed, they can be paid in-person, by phone, by mail or electronically through the Clerk of the Circuit Court's website at <https://www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org/>

If you believe you are the victim of this scam, you should contact your local law enforcement agency.

#### Mission Statement

The mission of the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County is to provide the citizens of Cook County and the participants in the judicial system an efficient, technological and transparent court system. The Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County will provide all services, information and court records with exceptional service and a workforce that represents the communities of Cook County.