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below the \$30,000 limit. Moreover, each judge in Cook County is conferred with authority to enter orders:

“Subject to Rule 295 of the Illinois Supreme Court, any action may be assigned to any judge or associate judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County for hearing or trial, regardless of the department, division or district in which the case was filed or to which the judge is regularly assigned. Any action or proceeding may be heard or tried in any courtroom in the Circuit Court of Cook County, regardless of the department, district or division in which the case was filed or for which the courtroom is regularly used.” General Orders of the Circuit Court of Cook County, No. 1.3(a).

The trial court was vested with authority to enter orders and to render a verdict and judgment in this case.

Substitution of Judge

Next, plaintiff contends that many of the court’s orders are “void or voidable.” Specifically, plaintiff argues that, because she filed a motion for substitution of judge as of right on November 3, 2005, which was granted on December 8, 2005, every order based on orders entered between November 3, 2005, and December 8, 2005, should be considered void. Most specifically, plaintiff argues that the court’s November 8, 2005, order in which the court dismissed counts 7 and 8 of plaintiff’s amended complaint, is void and, accordingly, all decisions based on that dismissal throughout the remainder of the case are also void. However, upon careful review of the record, it is clear that plaintiff has misapprehended the record. The record shows that