

# United States Court of Appeals

For the Seventh Circuit  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

January 15, 2009

## By the Court:

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC., et al., Plaintiffs-Appellants,	]	Appeals from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division.
Nos. 08-4241 and 08-4243	v. ]	
CITY OF CHICAGO and VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, Defendants-Appellees.	]	Nos. 1:08-cv-03697 1:08-cv-03696
-----	]	Milton I. Shadur, Judge.
OTIS MCDONALD, et. al., Plaintiffs-Appellants,	]	Appeal from the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division.
No. 08-4244	v. ]	
CITY OF CHICAGO, Defendant-Appellee.	]	No. 1:08-CV-03645
	]	Milton I. Shadur, Judge.

## O R D E R

On consideration of the "MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE RELATED APPEALS" filed by the City of Chicago on January 9, 2009,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED, and these appeals are CONSOLIDATED for purposes of briefing and disposition.

The briefing schedule is as follows:

1. The appellants shall file their respective consolidated briefs and required short appendices on or before January 28, 2009.
2. The appellees shall file their respective consolidated briefs on or before February 27, 2009.

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3. The appellants shall file their respective consolidated reply briefs, if any, on or before March 13, 2009.

Counsel for appellants and appellees are encouraged to avoid unnecessary duplication by filing a joint brief or a joint appendix or by adopting parts of a co-party's brief. Duplicative briefing will be stricken and may result in disciplinary sanctions against counsel. See *United States v. Torres*, 170 F.3d 749 (7th Cir. 1999); *United States v. Ashman*, 964 F.2d 596 (7th Cir. 1992).

**NOTE:** Counsel should note that the digital copy of the brief required by Circuit Rule 31(e) must contain the entire brief from cover to conclusion. The language in the rule that "[t]he disk contain nothing more than the text of the brief..." means that the disk must not contain other files, not that tabular matter or other sections of the brief not included in the word count should be omitted. The parties are advised that Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 26(c), which allows for three additional days after service by mail, does not apply when the due dates of briefs are set by order of this court. All briefs are due by the dates ordered.

**Important Scheduling Notice!**

Notices of hearing for particular appeals are mailed shortly before the date of oral argument. Criminal appeals are scheduled shortly after the filing of the appellant's main brief; civil appeals after the filing of the appellee's brief. If you foresee that you will be unavailable during a period in which your particular appeal might be scheduled, please write the clerk advising him of the time period and the reason for such unavailability. Session data is located at <http://www.ca7.uscourts.gov/cal/calendar.pdf>. Once an appeal is formally scheduled for a certain date, it is very difficult to have the setting changed. See Circuit Rule 34(e).