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Admissibility of Kinduit Co-Parent Communication Records

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1. What this document is

Kinduit is a co-parent communication platform that records every message between separated parents in a tamper-evident log. Records are issued to courts and counsel as a certified PDF export with a verification fingerprint (CID) that anyone can confirm at kinduit.app/verify. This memo explains why such an export is admissible and self-authenticating under Illinois law.

2. The technical foundation, in plain terms

Every message Kinduit records is assigned a monotonically increasing sequence number per case and a SHA-256 fingerprint. Each day's fingerprints are combined into a Merkle tree whose root is chained to the previous day's root and anchored to (a) a trusted third-party RFC-3161 timestamp authority and (b) a public transparency log. Each export is itself RFC-3161 time-stamped and carries a SHA-256 list of its files and a chain-of-custody record prepared in line with ISO/IEC 27037. Any attempt to add, remove, or alter a message after the fact changes a fingerprint, leaves a sequence gap or breaks the chain, and is detectable by anyone with the export using standard tools.

3. Authentication under the Federal Rules

FRE 901(b)(9) - Federal Rule of Evidence 901(b)(9)

Evidence describing a process or system and showing that it produces an accurate result satisfies authentication.

FRE 902(13) - Federal Rule of Evidence 902(13)

Records generated by an electronic process or system, shown to produce an accurate result, are self-authenticating with a qualified certification.

FRE 902(14) - Federal Rule of Evidence 902(14)

Data copied from an electronic device, storage medium, or file, authenticated by a hash value or other reliable digital identification, is self-authenticating.

4. Authentication under Illinois law

Ill. R. Evid. 902(11) - Illinois Rule of Evidence 902(11)

Certified domestic records of a regularly conducted activity are self-authenticating.

Ill. S. Ct. R. 236 - Illinois Supreme Court Rule 236

Business records, including electronic records, are admissible upon a foundation showing they were made in the regular course of business at or near the time of the event.

Ill. R. Evid. 803(6) - Illinois Rule of Evidence 803(6)

Records of regularly conducted activity are not excluded by the hearsay rule.

5. Practical effect

Because each Kinduit export bears (i) a certificate of authenticity from the operator describing the system that produced it, (ii) a cryptographic hash chain that establishes integrity, and (iii) an independently verifiable timestamp, it satisfies the foundational requirements for self-authentication. A judge or opposing counsel can confirm authenticity in under a minute at kinduit.app/verify by entering the 16-digit CID printed on the cover page.

6. Suggested use

Many Illinois family-law judges include co-parent communication platforms by name in standing orders or final judgments to reduce repeat conflict and the volume of evidentiary disputes. A sample order is available from Kinduit on request. Governing statute: 750 ILCS 5/602.7, 5/602.10 (Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act).