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Press coverage of a recent trademark case involving country superstar Luke Combs and a Florida fan who used Combs’s likeness on tumblers focused attention on newly adopted Illinois Supreme Court Rule 102(f), which allows summons to be delivered electronically in some circumstances. In an article for *Law360*, Andrew Vail, Jason Bradford, Chris Blythe, and Savannah McNeily look closely at the case and explain what really happened.

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As the case played out in the Northern District of Illinois, Combs’ lawyers actually leveraged Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4 (f)(3) to argue that they could serve the woman and 45 other defendants electronically because they believed all were foreign entities who concealed their identities.

Our team discusses the differences between federal and Illinois rules for electronic service of a summons and provides best practices for lawyers. Jenner & Block’s *2024 Illinois Civil Practice Guide*, due out next month, will discuss Illinois Supreme Court Rule 102(f) that provides for notice to be sent electronically in certain circumstances. Email Andrew Vail or register to receive a copy of the guide.

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