

SUBJECT: Assignment of Cases

Pursuant to the provisions of MCR 8.111(B) Assignment of Cases, it is ordered that the following system be used effective September 1, 1989:

1. All cases must be assigned by lot within the following ten (10) case type categories:
 - a. License Restoration cases (AL): each judge is to receive a minimum of 10 cases before any judge receives an 11th case.
 - b. All other appeals from lower courts and administrative agencies (AA, AE, AH, AR, AV, AW, AX, AZ) excluding superintending control (AS).
 - c. General Civil (CB, CC, CE, CH, CK, CL, CP, CR, CS, CZ), excluding housing and real estate cases (CH) and other general civil cases (CZ) in which the City of Detroit is the named plaintiff.
 - d. Housing and real estate cases (CH) involving tax foreclosure claims filed pursuant to 1974 City of Detroit Charter Sub-section 8-403 in which the City of Detroit is the named plaintiff are to be assigned by lot in groups of 70 cases to each judge selected.
 - e. Other general civil cases (CZ) involving fire insurance escrow claims filed pursuant to MCLA 500.2845 in which the City of Detroit is the named plaintiff are to be assigned by lot in groups of not more than 50 cases to each judge selected.
 - f. Divorce, no children, and divorce with children (DO, DM).
 - g. Other Domestic Relations cases (DI, DS, DC, DR, DU, DW, DZ, TO, TM, TC, TU, TI, TS, TP, TZ) excluding paternity cases (DP).
 - h. Malpractice, medical malpractice and products liability cases (NM, NH, NP) excluding cases involving exposure to asbestos.
 - i. All other civil damage cases (NO, NS, NZ) excluding cases involving exposure to asbestos.
 - j. All ancillary or other special proceedings which may be treated as cases (PA, PC, PD, PG, PR, PS) excluding (PZ) cases.

2. For purposes of administrative efficiency, all paternity (DP), superintending control matters (AS) and other miscellaneous matters (PZ) must be assigned to the Chief Judge.
3. For purposes of administrative efficiency, the Chief Judge may reduce the dockets of the judge or judges assigned related actions pursuant to A.O. 1989-3 either by reassignment of pending cases or by periodic removal from the random draw.
4. In order to insure that cases assigned by lot under section 1.(a) are distributed to all judges equally, no judge is to receive a fifth (5th) case within a designated case category until all judges have received at least four (4) except as noted for case categories 1.(a), 1.(d), and 1.(e).
5. The Chief Judge shall be excluded from those judges available for "by lot" assignments.

DATED: August 25, 1989



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