
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 1997-04

STATE OF MICHIGAN
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SUBJECT: FAMILY DIVISION DOMESTIC RELATIONS SECTION CASE
ASSIGNMENTS

Pursuant to the provisions of MCR 8.111 (B) assignment of cases
IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Effective January 1, 1998, Judges assigned to the Family Division Domestic Relations Section, shall be randomly assigned the following cause of actions: Emancipation of Minors (EM) and Name Changes (NC). Wayne County Probate Court Estate and Mental Division Judges with pending Emancipation of Minor and Name Change cases on their dockets on January 1, 1998 will be temporarily assigned to the Family Division by the State Court Administrative Office until all pending cases have been resolved.

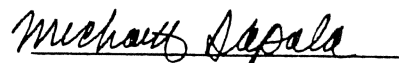
Effective January 1, 1998, Judges assigned to the Family Division Domestic Relations Section, shall be assigned Parental Consent Waiver (PW) cases on a monthly rotation basis. Wayne County Probate Court Judges with pending Parental Consent Waiver cases on their dockets on January 1, 1998 will be temporarily assigned to the Family Division by the State Court Administrative Office until all pending cases have been resolved.

Effective January 1, 1998, when a domestic relations action is initiated in the Domestic Relations Section and there is an action involving a minor child of the parties pending in the Juvenile Section, both the Presiding Judge and the Family Division Domestic Relations judge assigned to the domestic relations action shall be notified. The Domestic Relations Presiding Judge shall confer with the Juvenile Presiding Judge to determine whether the pending actions in each section should be resolved by one Judge.

Effective January 1, 1998, when an action involving guardians and conservators as provided in sections 401 to 499 of the Revised Probate Code or cases involving the treatment of, or guardianship of, mentally ill or developmentally disabled persons under the Mental Health Code is initiated in Wayne County

Probate Court, and there is a pending action under the jurisdiction of the Family Division Domestic Relations Section of Circuit Court involving members of the same family,¹ both the Presiding Judge and the Family Division Judge assigned to the pending action shall be notified. The Presiding Judge shall confer with the Probate Court Chief Judge to determine whether the two pending actions should be resolved by one Judge. If there is a pending action under the jurisdiction of the Family Division Juvenile Section, any subsequent guardianship action shall be assigned to the Juvenile Section.

All previously issued Third Circuit Court Administrative Orders relating to assignment of actions not affected by Administrative Order 1997-04 shall remain in effect.



Michael F. Sapala

Chief Judge

Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan

Date: December 18, 1997

¹ For purposes of this order, family means spouse and the minor children of either of them, or persons having one or more minor children in common whether or not living in the same household, or individuals not otherwise defined and living in the same household who are subject to a personal protection order currently in effect.