
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 1999-25

STATE OF MICHIGAN
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SUBJECT: Judicial Assignments

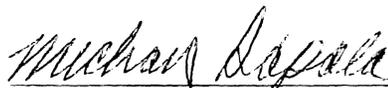
EFFECTIVE DATE: November 15, 1999

PREAMBLE:

This administrative order is implemented pursuant to MCR 8112(B). It is designed to establish the procedure for judicial assignments in the Third Judicial Circuit.

IT IS ORDERED:

- I. A judge may be assigned to another Division of the Wayne County Circuit Court when a vacancy occurs in that Division.
- II. The assignment to a vacancy in a Division shall be determined by seniority and preference, unless the Chief Judge, after consultation with the Executive Committee, determines that another judge, based upon seniority and preference, shall be assigned to the vacancy.
- III. Factors to be considered in determining whether a judge's expressed preference may not be honored are:
 - a. status of the judge's docket and docket history (the Docket Review Committee shall be consulted);
 - b. impact upon the stability or status of docket(s) should the judge(s) move into a different Division(s).
- IV. Pursuant to MCR 8.110(C)(3)(a)(b) and (i), the Chief Judge retains authority, upon consultation with the Executive Committee, to reassign judges to divisions when necessary to properly dispose of the business of the court. Reassignments under this section may be made only to address the needs of dockets; improve the status of dockets; or when judges volunteer to exchange dockets.
- V. This Judicial Assignment Plan shall be reviewed and modified by a vote of the judges of the Wayne County Circuit Court upon completion of a new courthouse/complex that would permit the abolition of separate criminal and civil divisions.



Michael F. Sapala
Chief Judge
Third Judicial Circuit

Dated: October 25, 1999