



THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF MICHIGAN

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2000-10

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
THIRD JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT COURT**

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF CIVIL, CRIMINAL AND FAMILY DIVISION
PRESIDING JUDGES**

This Local Administrative Order is effective November 15, 2000 and is issued pursuant to MCR 8.110 and in accordance with the directive contained in Supreme Court AO 1997-4 and the Management Plan attached to Executive Administrative Order 1997-6 providing that the chief judge may delegate management responsibilities to the presiding judges of the civil, criminal and family divisions through a Local Administrative Order as provided by MCR 8.112(B).

IT IS ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) The presiding judges of each division shall call division meetings for their respective divisions.
- (2) The presiding judges of each division may, with the approval of the chief judge, select a presiding judge pro tempore in each of their respective divisions.
- (3) The presiding judge of each division may facilitate the efficient disposition of cases in his/her division through routine docket adjustments, including reassignment of

cases, subject to the provisions of MCR 8.111; the presiding judge of each division shall hear any motion to consolidate cases and only the presiding judge of each division shall order consolidation of cases, subject to the provisions of MCR 8.111; if, however, the cases susceptible to consolidation are all assigned to a single individual judge, that judge may order the consolidation.

4) The presiding judge of each division shall oversee the preparation of docket monitoring reports from their division.

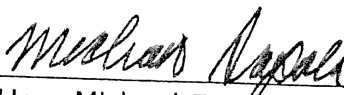
(5) The presiding judge of the criminal division shall hear motions to adjourn criminal trials.

(6) All other references to Presiding Judges, Chief Judge, or Recorder's Court Chief Judge in any Local Administrative Order, Local Court Rule, or Docket Directive inconsistent with this Local Administrative Order, are hereby nullified. This Local Administrative Order is an exclusive delineation of all division presiding judges' duties and responsibilities.

Executive Administrative Order 1997-6 is hereby RESCINDED.

Administrative Order 2000-10 shall be effective November 15, 2000

DATED: November 8, 2000



Hon. Michael F. Sapala
Executive Chief Judge