

STATE OF MICHIGAN
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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

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 HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Presiding Judges of each division shall call regularly scheduled 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. The Presiding Judge of the Family Division shall hear all motions for reassignment to another judge of a case pending in either the Civil or Family Division alleging pursuant to MCR 8.111(D) an action arises out of the same transaction or occurrence as an earlier action.

7. 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 Administrative Order, are hereby nullified. This Administrative Order is an exclusive delineation of all division Presiding Judges' duties and responsibilities.

Administrative Order 2000-10 is hereby RESCINDED.



Honorable Michael F. Sapala
Chief Judge
Third Judicial Circuit Court

Dated: June 20, 2001