
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2004-04

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

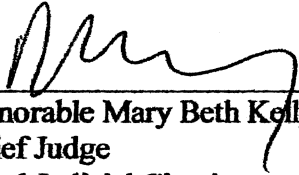
SUBJECT: GENERAL CIVIL CASE ASSIGNMENTS

This Administrative Order rescinds and replaces Administrative Order 2002-01.

Pursuant to the provisions of MCR 8.111(B) Assignment of Cases, it is ordered that the following system be used effective January 2, 2004:

1. All cases must be assigned by lot within the following case type categories:
 - a. License Restoration cases (AL): each judge shall be assigned 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, AP, AV, AX, AZ) excluding superintending control (AS). All (AW) appeals, excluding election matters.
 - c. General Civil (CB, CC, CD, CE, CH, CK, CL, CP, CR, 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. For the purpose of administrative efficiency, all property forfeiture cases (CF) shall also be assigned to a designated judge on the property forfeiture docket. All housing and real estate cases (CH) involving tax foreclosure claims in which the City of Detroit or the County of Wayne is the named plaintiff; the case shall be assigned to a designated judge on the tax foreclosure docket.
 - e. Other general civil cases (CZ) involving fire insurance escrow claims filed pursuant to MCL 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. Medical malpractice, malpractice and products liability cases (NH, NM, NP) excluding cases involving exposure to asbestos or personal injuries due to silicone gel implant devices.

- g. For the purposes of administrative efficiency, all cases (NP) in which injury is claimed as a result of exposure to asbestos or personal injury due to silicone gel implant devices shall be assigned to a designated judge.
 - h. All other civil damage cases (ND, NF, NI, NO, NS, NZ) excluding cases involving exposure to asbestos or personal injuries due to silicone gel implant devices.
 - i. All ancillary or other special proceedings, which may be treated as cases (PC, PD, PR, PS) excluding (PZ) cases.
2. For the purpose of administrative efficiency, superintending control matters (AS), election issues (AW), and other miscellaneous matters (PZ) shall be assigned to the Chief Judge.
 3. For the purpose of administrative efficiency, the Chief Judge may reduce the docket of the judge or judges assigned related action pursuant to Administrative Order 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 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) cases except as noted for case categories 1. (a) and 1. (e).
 5. The Chief Judge shall be excluded from those judges available for "by lot" assignments.



Honorable Mary Beth Kelly
Chief Judge
Third Judicial Circuit

Dated: 3-16-04