



THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF MICHIGAN

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2006-06

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

SUBJECT: FAMILY DIVISION – JUVENILE CASE ASSIGNMENT

EFFECTIVE: October 1, 2006

Pursuant to the provisions of MCR 8.110, and MCR 8.111, the following system is to be used for assigning juvenile cases within the Third Judicial Circuit:

1. All cases must be assigned “by lot” to judges and their respective team referees in the Family Division – Juvenile Section within the following case type categories:
 - a. All Delinquency Proceedings (DL) and all Child Protective Proceedings (NA) initiated by petitions under the Juvenile Code.
2. All Designated Juvenile Offenses (DJ) will be assigned “by lot” to judges in the Family Division – Juvenile Section with the exception of the Presiding Judge of the Division, who will be responsible for presiding over the preliminary examination on all cases.
3. When a new petition is filed involving full guardianship of a minor (GM) or limited guardianship of a minor (LG), the petition is to be assigned to the same judge who is assigned or affiliated by way of their respective team referee to the associated Child Protective (NA) petition.
4. Pursuant to Local Administrative Order 2003 – 01, AWOLP cases shall be assigned to a designated docket within the Family Division – Juvenile Section.
5. For purposes of administrative efficiency, all petitions for adoptions (AB, AC, AD, AF, AG, AM, AN, AO, and AY) and all releases to adopt (RB, RL), are to be assigned to a designated docket within the Family Division – Juvenile Section.

6. For administrative efficiency, all traffic and local ordinance (TL) cases are to be assigned to the Presiding Judge, and the preliminary inquiry is to be conducted by probation officers that have been designated by the Court as referees pursuant to MCL 712A.10.
7. For administrative efficiency, all personal protection petitions brought against a respondent under the age of 18 (PJ), are assigned to a designated docket within the Family Division – Domestic Section.
8. A new petition shall be assigned to a specific judge and respective referee, if that judge or respective referee has been previously assigned to a case that is in pending or open status involving:
 - a. the delinquency of the child or sibling(s);
 - b. the neglect/abuse of the child or sibling(s);
 - c. any family member;
 - d. the guardianship of the child.
9. In delinquency actions, a pending case is one in which a disposition has not been imposed. An open case is one for which the judge has not yet signed and filed an order closing probation or terminating jurisdiction according to Public Act 150, 1974. When a respondent has both a pending and open case, assignment is based upon the open case. When a new case has multiple respondents, the judge with the oldest petition receives all respondents.
10. In child protective proceedings, a pending case is one that has not yet been adjudicated. An open case is one in which post-dispositional hearings are scheduled.
11. The Scheduling Order is to be signed and entered by the jurist, at the first available pretrial.
12. All adjournments on the day of trial shall only be granted by the Presiding Judge of the Family Division – Juvenile Section in consultation with the assigned judge.



MARY BETH KELLY
CHIEF JUDGE
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

DATED: September 12, 2006