



THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF MICHIGAN

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VIRGIL C. SMITH
CHIEF JUDGE

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2009 – 04

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT**

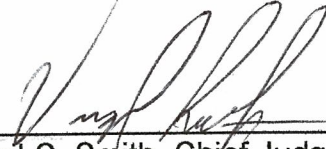
**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF CHALLENGES TO THE DEMOGRAPHIC
COMPOSITION OF JURIES**

This Administrative Order rescinds and replaces Administrative Order 2006-12.

This Administrative Order is issued pursuant to MCR 8.110(C)(3)(b). Since the Chief Judge maintains superintending control over the administration of the Court, this Administrative Order is necessary to avoid the risk of inconsistent rulings, and to avoid the possibility of the Court's administrative staff being subject to inconsistent requirements.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

In all cases where a party challenges the demographic composition, including but not limited to a challenge relating to the racial or ethnic composition of the jury, the jury array, jury venire or jury pool, the trial judge shall forthwith inform in writing the Chief Judge of said challenge. An order shall be entered reassigning the case to the Chief Judge but only for the limited purpose of adjudicating the challenge. Upon adjudication of the challenge, the case shall be reassigned by the Chief Judge to the original trial judge for further proceedings. This Administrative Order does not extend to the resolution of issues relating to challenges for cause or the use of peremptory challenges that might arise in a specific case.



Virgil C. Smith, Chief Judge
Third Judicial Circuit

Dated: 5/12/09