



THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF MICHIGAN

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VIRGIL C. SMITH
CHIEF JUDGE

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LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2010 – 01

STATE OF MICHIGAN
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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

This Administrative Order rescinds and replaces Administrative Order 2009-04.

This Administrative Order is issued pursuant to MCR 8.110. To avoid the risk of inconsistent rulings and to avoid the possibility of the Court's administrative staff may be subject to inconsistent requirements,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

In all cases where a party challenges the demographic composition of the jury, 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 Presiding Judge of the Division or Section of the Court in which the case was commenced of the challenge**. An order shall be entered **by said Presiding Judge** reassigning the case **to said Presiding Judge**, but only for the limited purpose of adjudicating the challenge. Upon adjudication of the challenge, the case shall be reassigned by **said Presiding 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 challenge that might arise in a specific case.

Dated: 1/5/10

Virgil C. Smith, Chief Judge
Third Judicial Circuit