

**THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF MICHIGAN**

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LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2014 – 11

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

SUBJECT: GENERAL CIVIL CASE ASSIGNMENTS

This Administrative Order rescinds and replaces Administrative Order 2014-05.

IT IS ORDERED:


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

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 ten (10) cases before any judge receives an eleventh (11th) case.
 - b. Superintending Control cases (AS): each judge shall be assigned a minimum of one (1) case before any judge receives a second (2nd) case.
 - c. All other appeals from lower courts and administrative agencies (AA, AE, AP, AV) and all other extraordinary writs, including post-adjudicated habeas corpus (AH), and actions for mandamus and quo warranto or other writs (AW), excluding the following:
 - i. all actions involving election issues;
 - ii. all matters in which the Third Circuit Court is a party; and
 - iii. all appeals from the Wayne County Veterans Services determinations.

- d. Except as provided for in subpart e and f, "other civil matters" case types (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.
 - e. 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 party shall be assigned to a designated judge on the Tax Foreclosure Docket.
 - f. For the purpose of administrative efficiency, all actions involving nuisance abatement actions (CH), drug house actions (CF) or nuisance abatement actions involving commercial property (CH) that are filed by the Detroit Land Bank Authority and the City of Detroit shall be assigned to a designated judge.
 - g. 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 fifty (50) cases to each judge selected.
 - h. Medical Malpractice (NH), Other Professional Malpractice (NM) and Products Liability cases (NP), excluding cases involving exposure to asbestos or personal injuries due to silicone gel implant devices.
 - i. For the purposes of administrative efficiency, all Products Liability (NP) cases and Other General Civil causes of action 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.
 - j. 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.
 - k. All ancillary or other special proceedings, which may be treated as cases (PC, PD, PR and PS).
2. For the purpose of administrative efficiency, all Other Miscellaneous Proceedings (PZ) cases, including cases involving the transfer of a payee's structured settlement payment rights pursuant to MCL 691.1301 et seq., shall be assigned to the Presiding Judge of the Civil Division.
 3. For the purpose of administrative efficiency, the following types of cases or proceedings shall be assigned to the Chief Judge:

- a. all actions involving election issues;
 - b. all matters in which the Third Circuit Court is a party;
 - c. all appeals from the Wayne County Veterans Services determinations; and
 - d. all motions to quash subpoenas for out of state cases
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), 1.(b) and 1.(g).
 5. The Chief Judge shall be excluded from those judges available for "by lot" assignments.

Dated: June 3, 2014


Hon. Robert J. Colombo, Jr., Chief Judge
Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan

Date Approved by SCAO: June 23, 2014