



**THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF MICHIGAN**

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LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2014- 19

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**


SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF CHALLENGES TO THE DEMOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION OF JURIES

This Administrative Order is issued pursuant to MCR 8.110(C)(3)(b) in furtherance of the Chief Judge's superintending control over the administration of the Court, including the operations of the Jury Services Department. 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:

1. In all cases where a party challenges the demographic composition or challenges based on the racial or ethnic composition of the jury, jury array, jury venire, or jury pool, the trial judge shall immediately notify, in writing, the Chief Judge of the challenge.
2. An order shall then be entered by the Chief Judge reassigning the case to the Chief Judge, for the limited purpose of adjudicating the challenge to the demographic composition of the jury, jury array, jury venire, or jury pool.
3. After the adjudication of the challenge by the Chief Judge, the Chief Judge shall enter an order reassigning the case to the originally assigned trial judge for further proceedings.
4. 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.

Dated: August 18, 2014



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

Date Approved by SCAO: October 31, 2014