



Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan

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Third Circuit Court renames its case processing department to Docket Support Services

Detroit – The Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan has renamed its department that handles case processing and court reporting services to Docket Support Services effective immediately.

The department employs around 30 professionals and is responsible for a variety of tasks, including the coordination and issuance of hearing schedules and notices, development of statistical and management reports, overseeing automated case flow management systems in support of judges and processing and handling transcript and interpreter requests, among other duties.

The name change was made for several reasons, including better aligning with the industry's shift toward courtroom technology and accurately representing the department's broad range of responsibilities. Specifically:

- The court has shifted from using court reporters in courtrooms to digital recording systems. However, court reporters remain valuable team members who help troubleshoot and maintain these recording systems. Court reporters also support other responsibilities within Docket Support Services.
- The term "Case Processing" no longer reflects the wide range of support provided to courtrooms, such as interpreter assignments, training, and other essential functions.
- The new name is broader and more adaptable, allowing the department to expand its support to judges as service needs continue to evolve.

“Our Docket Support Services team is a core part of the Third Circuit Court’s operations and critical source of services for Wayne County residents and other constituents,” said Chief Judge Patricia Perez Fresard. “We felt this name was a more accurate representation of the team’s significant impact.”

About the Third Judicial Circuit

The Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan is the largest circuit court in the state, with 59 judges and three operating divisions. It has jurisdiction over civil, criminal, and family matters arising in Wayne County. Learn more at www.3rdcc.org.



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