



**THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF MICHIGAN**

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VIRGIL C. SMITH
CHIEF JUDGE

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LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2010 – 03

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF JUVENILE ATTORNEY REFEREE

This Administrative Order is issued in accordance with Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 2009-6, effective April 12, 2010. In accordance with MCL 712A.10 and MCR 3.913, and upon approval of the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO),

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Chief Judge of the Third Circuit Court appoints, James A. Catchings, Jr. as Attorney Referee. The Referee's contact information is:

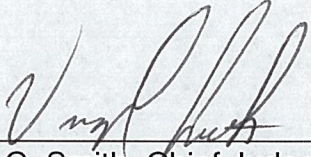
Name	James A. Catchings, Jr.
Bar Number	P41223
Court Address	Third Circuit Court – Juvenile Division Lincoln Hall of Justice, Building A, Room 1-L 1025 E. Forest Avenue Detroit, MI 48207
Phone Number	(313) 833-0199
E-mail Address	James.Catchings@3rdcc.org

It is the responsibility of the Referee to notify the State Court Administrative Office of changes in the individual's contact information during the course of the appointment.

2. **James A. Catchings, Jr.:**
 - a. Will serve at the pleasure of the Chief Judge of 3rd Circuit Court.
 - b. Will take the constitutional oath of office.
 - c. Is licensed to practice law in Michigan.

3. **Referee James A. Catchings** is authorized to perform the following duties pursuant to MCR 3.913 and MCL 712A.10:
- a. Conduct a preliminary inquiry or preside at hearings under the Juvenile Code, MCL 712A.1, et. seq., and make recommended findings and conclusion except for those hearings specified in MCR 3.912(A), which include the following:
 1. a jury trial;
 2. a waiver proceeding under MCR 3.950;
 3. the preliminary examination, trial, and sentencing in a designated case;
 4. a proceeding on the issuance, modification, or termination of a minor personal protection order.
 - b. In conducting hearings, a Referee shall do all of the following:
 1. Administer oaths and examine witnesses;
 2. If a case requires a hearing and the taking of testimony, make a written signed report to the judge containing a summary of the testimony taken and a recommendation for the Court's findings and disposition.

Effective Date: April 12, 2010



Virgil C. Smith, Chief Judge
Third Circuit Court

Date: April 8, 2010