



THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
OF MICHIGAN

701 COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL CENTER  
2 WOODWARD AVENUE  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226-3413

VIRGIL C. SMITH  
CHIEF JUDGE

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

THIRD CIRCUIT COURT JOINT LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2013 – 12 J  
20<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT COURT JOINT LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2013 – 03 J

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**SUBJECT: CIRCUIT COURT ARRAIGNMENTS IN DISTRICT COURT**

**IT IS ORDERED:**


This Joint Local Administrative Order is issued in accordance with MCR 6.111, effective January 1, 2006. This Order authorizes district court judges to conduct the circuit court arraignment of criminal cases cognizable in the circuit court.

1. Until further order of the Court, if the defendant, the defense attorney, and the prosecutor consent on the record, the judges of 20<sup>th</sup> District Court may conduct the Circuit Court arraignment and take a plea of not guilty, guilty, nolo contendere, guilty but mentally ill, or not guilty by reason of insanity in criminal cases cognizable in the Circuit Court.
2. The Circuit Court arraignment may be conducted immediately after bindover if the prosecutor has given a copy of the information or amended information to the defendant prior to the arraignment.
3. Following a plea, the case shall be transferred to the Third Circuit Court where the Circuit Court judge shall preside over all further proceedings, including sentencing.
4. Arraignments conducted pursuant to MCR 6.111 shall be conducted in conformity with MCR 6.113.
5. Pleas taken pursuant to MCR 6.111 shall be taken in conformity with MCR 6.301, 6.302, 6.303, and 6.304, as applicable, and once taken shall be governed by MCR 6.310.
6. The 20<sup>th</sup> District and the Third Circuit Court will cooperate with the State Court Administrative Office in the assessment of this program.

**Effective Date:** Upon the approval of the State Court Administrative Office. 12/10/13


Date

9/16/13

  
Virgil C. Smith, Chief Judge  
Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan

Date

6/24/13

  
David Turfe, Chief Judge  
20<sup>th</sup> District Court