



THE FORTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MICHIGAN

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40th CIRCUIT COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 2017-01J
71A DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 2017-01J
44TH PROBATE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No 2017-01J

ASSIGNMENT OF CASES

IT IS ORDERED:

This Administrative Order rescinds 40th Circuit Court LAO 2016-03J; 71A District Court LAO 2016-02J and Lapeer Probate Court LAO 2016-02J.

This Administrative Order is issued in accordance with MCR 8.111 – Assignment of Cases.

Administration

1. The Honorable Nick O. Holowka, Chief Judge, has supervisory authority over the administration of the courts.

Judicial Services and Case Assignment

1. Two judges are designated to serve in the family division and cases will be divided as follows:
Honorable Justus C. Scott shall receive all new filings in probate matters.

Honorable Byron J. Kenschuh shall receive all new filings in domestic without children and Personal Protection.

A blind draw will be completed on domestic with children, child protection proceedings, adoption, paternity actions, domestic custody and support, delinquency, and other miscellaneous domestic matters;

Family Division cases currently assigned to a judge shall remain with that judge until the case is closed. New filings pertaining to a closed case with an assigned judge will remain with the judge despite of case type.

The two assigned judges will primarily handle family court cases, although the Chief Judge may assign individual non-family division circuit cases in order to maintain effective and efficient case management of all cases.

2. Honorable Laura Barnard will be assigned 100% of new filings on criminal matters and traffic informal cases. Judge Barnard will continue to take felony pleas in cases to support moving cases through the court process efficiently.
3. Honorable Judge Justus C. Scott will be assigned civil matters under \$25,000.
4. Honorable Nick O. Holowka will be assigned landlord tenant matters.
5. Honorable Nick O. Holowka is designated to circuit court criminal and civil proceedings. The Chief Judge may reassign cases in order to maintain effective and efficient case management.
6. All judges will be cross assigned for effective case management.

Implementation of Assignments:

The assignment of cases will be reviewed annually in order to maintain effective and efficient case management of all cases.

Disqualification of Judge

Michigan Court Rule 2.003(3) governs disqualifications.

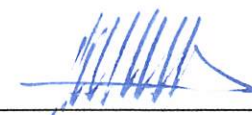
Training and Staff

1. Cross training of all individuals involved within the courts will be achieved. Items requiring training will be identified through a process which will solicit input from staff as well as administration. In order to maximize the local resources available for this effort, staff will be sent to a sponsored training of SCAO, MJI, DHHS etc., when and where available. Any areas not addressed through the utilization of such training resources will be addressed through the use of inter-departmental efforts.

Effective Date: July 10, 2017

Date

7/10/17.



Nick O. Holowka – Chief Judge
40th Circuit Court
Lapeer County