

STATE OF MICHIGAN



SAGINAW COUNTY TRIAL COURT  
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**JUDGES:**

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PATRICK J. MCGRAW

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A. T. FRANK

MANVEL TRICE III

Local Administrative Order

10 <sup>th</sup> Circuit Court	2020-01J
Saginaw Probate Court	2020-01J
70 <sup>th</sup> District Court	2020-01J

Rescinds Local Administrative Order Numbers

10 <sup>th</sup> Circuit Court	2019-04J
Saginaw Probate Court	2019-03J
70 <sup>th</sup> District Court	2019-03J

**ASSIGNMENT OF CASES**

**IT IS ORDERED:**

This administrative order is issued in accordance with MCR 8.111(B) and 8.112.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court, Saginaw County Probate Court, and the 70<sup>th</sup> District Court assigns cases according to MCR 8.110(B), except as follows:

**Circuit Court Family Division**

In accordance with the Family Court Plan of the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court, assignment of cases is as follows:

1. Judge Barbara L. Meter is assigned all new cases regarding Juvenile proceedings under Juvenile Code, all proceedings under the Adoption Code, and all other Family Division – Miscellaneous proceedings, except Name Change.

2. Judge Patrick J. McGraw is assigned all new cases regarding Name Change and Personal Protection Orders (including violation proceedings).
3. Judge James T. Borchard is assigned all cases regarding Divorce with Minor Children, Divorce without Minor Children, Paternity and other Support cases until adjudication is determined. Once adjudicated, the case will be reassigned to Judge James T. Borchard to address any post-adjudication matters; this includes cases previously assigned to other judges.
4. Custody, UIFSA, Assist with Discovery and Registration of Income Withholding Orders and other Domestic Relations matters and Ancillary proceedings are assigned by lot to the five Circuit Court Judges.

In the event of disqualification of a Family Division Judge, the case shall be transferred to the Chief Judge as provided in MCR 8.110(C), for reassignment.

#### **Circuit Court Non-Family and Business Court**

1. All Civil cases, except civil appeals and eligible Business Court cases, are assigned by lot to the other four Circuit Judges, excluding James T. Borchard. On occasion, with the approval of the Probate Judge, civil cases may be reassigned to Judge Patrick J. McGraw to assist with docket control.
2. All Criminal cases are assigned by lot to Judge Manvel Trice III, Judge Darnell Jackson, Judge Janet Boes, and Judge Andre Borrello.
  - i. To assist with docket control of Circuit Court felony cases, specified classes of cases are randomly assigned to participating District Court Judges at the time the case is filed, or as soon thereafter as practicable.
  - ii. So long as there is demonstrable need, the participating District Court Judges, who are assigned to the Circuit Court by the State Court Administrative Office, are assigned by lot any felony criminal case in which the higher charge is any of the following:
    - a. Operating While Intoxicated (or other charge under MCL 257.625)
    - b. Domestic Violence
    - c. Possession of Marijuana

3. District Court Judge M. Randall Jurrens is assigned all eligible Business Court cases pursuant to MCL 600.8031 and the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Local Administrative Order, Plan for the Creation of a Specialized Business Court.
4. All new cases regarding Appeals, Administrative Review, Superintending Control and Extraordinary Writs are assigned by lot to the other four Circuit Judges, excluding Judge James T. Borchard.

### **Probate Court**

All new Probate Court Cases are assigned to Judge Patrick J. McGraw.

### **District Court**

All new District Court cases are assigned by lot to the five District Court Judges.

### **Problem Solving Courts**

In accordance with Saginaw County's LAOs regarding the establishment of each problem solving docket, cases will be reassigned as follows:

1. Adult Drug Treatment Court  
All felony and misdemeanor drug cases accepted into Saginaw County's Adult Drug Treatment Court are assigned to Judge Janet M. Boes (Females) and Judge Andre Borrello (Males).
2. Mental Health Treatment Court  
All felony, misdemeanor, and juvenile delinquency cases accepted into Saginaw County's Mental Health Treatment Court are reassigned to Judge A. T. Frank or Judge Elian Fichtner.
3. Veterans Treatment Court  
All felony and misdemeanor cases accepted into Saginaw County's Veterans Treatment court are reassigned to Judge David D. Hoffman.
4. Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program (SSSPP)  
All felony and misdemeanor cases accepted into Saginaw County's SSSPP Court are reassigned to Judges Patrick J. McGraw and Darnell Jackson.
5. DWI Sobriety Court  
All felony and misdemeanor cases accepted into Saginaw County's DWI Sobriety Court are reassigned to Judge Manvel Trice, III.

### Administrative Consolidation of Problem Solving Court Participants' Other Cases

On occasion, a participant may have additional court matters that do not fall under the scope of a Problem Solving Court. There are times when it may be in the best interest of the participant to have these additional court matters handled by a Judge who conducts a Problem Solving Court. This will allow for improved caseload management, coordination of efforts, enhanced service to the participant, and increased adherence to the respective Problem Solving Court model. Reassignment will be as follows:

1. The Judge, Clerk, or Caseworker for a Problem Solving Court will consult with the originating Judge and will then notify the Court Administrator's office of a transfer request. The Court Administrator's office will then coordinate with the originating Court and respective Administrator to assure a streamlined transfer of the case to the applicable Problem Solving Court docket.

1-28-2020  
Date

  
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Hon. Darnell Jackson, Chief Judge