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CHIEF PROBATE JUDGE

M. RANDALL JURRENS

MANVEL TRICE III

Local Administrative Order

10 th Circuit Court	2024 – 08J
Saginaw Probate Court	2024 – 03J
70 th District Court	2024 – 02J

Rescinds Local Administrative Order Numbers

10 th Circuit Court	2024 – 02J
Saginaw Probate Court	2024 – 01J
70 th District Court	2024 – 01J

ASSIGNMENT OF CASES

IT IS ORDERED:

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

The 10th Circuit Court, Saginaw County Probate Court, and the 70th District Court assigns cases according to MCR 8.111(B), except as follows:

Circuit Court Family Court

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

A. Juvenile and Family Division

1. Judge Barbara L. Meter is assigned all new cases regarding Juvenile proceedings under Juvenile Code, all proceedings under the Adoption Code, and may be reassigned juvenile Personal Protection Orders.
2. Judge Patrick J. McGraw is assigned all new cases regarding Name Change.
3. In the event of disqualification of the Juvenile and Family Division Judge, the case shall be reassigned by the Chief Judge for the Probate Court as provided in MCR 8.111(C).

B. Family Division

1. Judge Brittany A. Dicken is assigned all cases regarding Divorce with Minor Children, Divorce without Minor Children, Paternity, and other Support cases. Any post-adjudication case previously assigned to another judge shall be reassigned to Judge Brittany A. Dicken to address any post-adjudication matters.
2. Judge Brittany A. Dicken is assigned Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) actions initiated by filing a complaint in the family division of the Circuit Court pursuant to MCL 691.1805(1). Judge Brittany A. Dicken shall also be assigned ERPO actions initiated by a sworn written petition from law enforcement after the entry of an Immediate Emergency Extreme Risk Protection Orders pursuant to MCL 691.1807(4).
3. Custody, UIFSA, Assist with Discovery and Registration of Income Withholding Orders and other domestic relations matters and ancillary proceedings, are all assigned to Judge Brittany A. Dicken.
4. Judge Julie A. Gafkay is assigned all cases regarding Personal Protection Orders pursuant to MCL 600.2950 et al. including violation proceedings.
5. In the event of disqualification of a Family Division Judge, the case shall be reassigned by the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court as provided in MCR 8.111(C).

Circuit Court Non-Family and Business Court

1. All Civil cases, Appeals, Administrative Review, Superintending Control and Extraordinary Writs are assigned by lot to Circuit Judges as follows: Judge Julie A. Gafkay (50%), André R. Borrello (25%), and Manvel Trice, III (25%).
2. All Criminal cases are assigned by lot to Circuit Judges as follows: Judge Darnell Jackson (50%), André R. Borrello (25%), and Judge Manvel Trice III (25%). On occasion, with approval of the Chief Circuit Court Judge, criminal cases may be reassigned to Judge Julie A. Gafkay to assist with docket control and when appropriate for the efficient administration of justice including the reassignment of new cases for any defendant on probation assigned to Judge Julie A. Gafkay.
3. So long as there is demonstrable need, the District Court Judges, who are assigned to the Circuit Court by the State Court Administrative Office, other than District Court Judge M. Randall Jurens, are assigned by lot felony criminal cases in which the higher charge is Operating While Intoxicated (or other charge under MCL 257.625)
4. So long as there is demonstrable need, Judge A.T. Frank, who is assigned to the Circuit Court by the State Court Administrative Office, is assigned any felony criminal case in which the higher charge is Domestic Violence Third Offense.
5. District Court Judge M. Randall Jurens is assigned all eligible Business Court cases pursuant to MCL 600.8031 and the 10th Circuit Court Local Administrative Order, Plan for the Creation of a Specialized Business Court.

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, except Judge M. Randall Jurrens will not be assigned any of the following case types because of his assignment to all eligible Business Court cases pursuant to MCL 600.8031 and the 10th Circuit Court Local Administrative Order, Plan for the Creation of a Specialized Business Court:

Ordinance Civil Infraction Non-Traffic
Ordinance Civil Infraction Traffic
Ordinance Misdemeanor Traffic
Ordinance Parking
Statute Civil Infraction Non-Traffic
Statute Civil Infraction Traffic
Statute Misdemeanor Traffic
Statute Parking

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 (Saginaw Recovery Court)
All felony and misdemeanor drug cases accepted into Saginaw County's Adult Drug Treatment Court are assigned to Judge André Borrello.
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 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 Judge Darnell Jackson.
5. Structured Treatment and Recovery (STAR)
All felony and misdemeanor cases accepted into Saginaw County's Structured Treatment and Recovery 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 case flow 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.

Effective Date


This plan shall take effect upon approval of the State Court Administrative Office.

8/22/2024
Date

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Hon. Julie A. Gafkay, Chief Judge Circuit Court


Hon. Patrick J. McGraw, Chief Judge Probate Court


Hon. Terry L. Clark, Chief Judge District Court