

	JUDICIAL LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS	Administrative Chief Judge Order: ADMIN-2026-03
		Rescinds: ADMIN-2024-08

Court Address
 2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 701, Detroit, MI 48226

Court Telephone No.
 (313) 224-5430

IT IS ORDERED:

Pursuant to MCR 8.110(B)(2) the following judges and other individuals shall be assigned to leadership positions within the Third Judicial Circuit:

Judicial Administration:

- Chief Judge Pro Tempore and Family Division – Domestic Section Presiding Judge:
 Hon. Helal A. Farhat
- Civil Division Presiding Judge:
 Hon. Sheila A. Gibson
 - Civil Division – Lead Business Court Judge:
 Annual Rotation (designation ends 12/31 of each year):
 Hon. Brian Sullivan - 2026
 Hon. Muriel D. Hughes - 2027
 Hon. David J. Allen - 2028
 Hon. Annette Berry - 2029
- Criminal Division Presiding Judge:
 Hon. Donald Knapp, Jr.
- Family Division – Juvenile Section Presiding Judge:
 Hon. Karen Y. Braxton

Other Appointments:

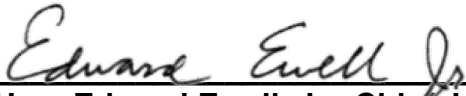
- Access and Fairness Committee:
 Hon. Nicole Goodson – Judicial Sponsor
 Sharonda Simmons, Chief Strategy Officer - Coordinator
- Executive Security Committee: (subcommittees from each location will also have judicial representation as determined by the Executive Security Committee)
 Hon. David J. Allen – Judicial Co-Sponsor
 Hon. Melissa Cox – Judicial Co-Sponsor
 Kevin Gardner – Coordinator

- Judicial Council:
 - Chief Judge
 - Chief Judge Pro Tem
 - Civil Division Presiding Judge with 2 Division Colleagues:
Hon. David J. Allen
Hon. Kathleen M. McCarthy
 - Criminal Division Presiding Judge with 3 Division Colleagues:
Hon. Paul John Cusick
Hon. Regina D. Thomas
Hon. Darnella Williams-Claybourne
 - Family Division Presiding Judge – Domestic Section with 2 Division Colleagues:
Hon. Eric Cholack
Hon. Carla Testani
 - Family Division Presiding Judge – Juvenile Section with 1 Division Colleague:
Hon. Adrienne G. Scruggs
 - Court Administration:
Executive Court Administrator
General Counsel
Chief Financial Officer
Director of Human Resources
Criminal Division - Deputy Court Administrator
Family Division – Domestic Section – Deputy Court Administrator
Family Division – Juvenile Section – Deputy Court Administrator

- Retreat Committee:
Hon. Yvonna Abraham – Family Division / Domestic Section Judicial Representative
Hon. Annette Berry – Civil Division Judicial Representative
Hon. Todd E. Briggs – Family Division / Juvenile Section Judicial Representative
Hon. Margaret M. Van Houten – Criminal Division Judicial Representative
Michelle Chiaravalli – Coordinator
Sharonda Simmons – Coordinator

- Technology Committee:
Hon. Karen Y. Braxton - Family Division / Juvenile Section Judicial Representative
Hon. Susan Dabaja - Family Division / Domestic Section Judicial Representative
Hon. Bridget Mary Hathaway - Criminal Division Judicial Representative
Hon. Edward J. Joseph - Civil Division Judicial Representative
Mike Gruich, Chief Information Officer – Coordinator
Fran Yturri, General Counsel - Coordinator

Date: March 10, 2026



**Hon. Edward Ewell, Jr., Chief Judge
Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan**