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**DOCKET DIRECTIVE 2003 - 04**

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

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**SUBJECT: Domestic Relations Actions**

This Docket Directive is issued pursuant to MCR 8.110 and is necessary to ensure the orderly assignment of the business of the Court.

EFFECTIVE: March 1, 2003

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

**In all domestic relations actions:**

All motions, including Friend of the Court motions, must be filed in the Office of the County Clerk, Room 201, Coleman A. Young Municipal Center.

All motions in a DO (divorce no children) action must be filed with the Judge assigned to the case.

Attorneys and litigants are encouraged to file separate praecipes for Judge and Friend of the Court motions. If the motions are filed at the same time, only one motion fee will be collected.

**PRE-JUDGMENT MATTERS**

**The assigned Judge shall hear:**

- 1) All discovery matters.
- 2) Motions to remove a party from the marital home.
- 3) Motions for the appointment of experts and fees related to those appointments.
- 4) Motions for attorney fees.
- 5) Motions to "opt out" pursuant to 2002 P.A. 571.
- 6) Motions regarding legal issues such as change of venue, jurisdiction, Uniform Child Custody, Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA), receiverships.
- 7) All motions to show cause.

**The Friend of the Court shall hear:**

- 1) Objections to ex parte orders regarding custody, support and parenting time in cases with children.
- 2) Temporary custody/support/parenting time motions.
- 3) All child support matters (DP, DC, DM and DZ cases).
- 4) Any spousal support issue in a DM case or DZ case with minor children.
- 5) Financial status quo orders in DM cases.
- 6) All financial aspects in pre-judgment DM cases.

**POST JUDGMENT MATTERS:**

**The assigned Judge shall hear:**

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- 1) All spousal support motions (DO and DM cases).
- 2) All custody issues for a determination of the threshold for a change of physical custody.
- 3) Motions for Relief from judgment/Set aside judgment.
- 4) Motions for change of domicile.
- 5) Motions to enforce judgment, including property issues such as:
  - a. compel sale of marital home
  - b. QDRO issues other than child support
  - c. COBRA issues
  - d. Receiverships
- 6) Joint legal custody issues requiring adjudication, such as.
  - a. daycare or school choice
  - b. medical care
  - c. access to records
- 7) Motions to transfer. MCR 3.212.
- 8) Any and all other legal issues, including statute of limitations issues.
- 9) All motions to show cause.