



DOCKET DIRECTIVE RE:
Reassignment of City of Detroit Blight Cases Involving
Commercial & Residential Properties from Civil Division
Judges to the Docket of Judge Helal Farhat

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Rescinds:
N/A

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This Docket Directive is issued pursuant to MCR 8.110(C)(3)(b) and MCR 8.111 and is necessary for purposes of administrative efficiency.

IT IS ORDERED:

Effective February 2, 2026:

Docket of Judge Helal Farhat:

The cases attached as Exhibit A (pending and post-judgment) are nuisance abatement actions involving commercial and residential property (CH) in which the City of Detroit is a named plaintiff (excluding cases filed by the Detroit Land Bank Authority), and reassigned from the dockets of Civil Division judges to the docket of Judge Helal Farhat:

Newly filed cases in the above category will be assigned to the docket of Judge Farhat.

Judge Farhat shall receive a 50% draw of new Family Division – Domestic filings.

Business Court Judge Dockets:

The following cases (**pending and post-judgment**) will remain with the currently assigned Business Court judges: All civil lawsuits (CH) brought by the City of Detroit pursuant to the Detroit City Charter at § 8-403(7) seeking to collect unpaid property taxes pursuant to MCL 211.47(2).

General Civil Division Docket:

Newly filed cases in the category of civil lawsuits (CH) brought by the City of Detroit pursuant to the Detroit City Charter at § 8-403(7) seeking to collect unpaid property taxes pursuant to MCL 211.47(2) will be randomly assigned to the judges of the Civil Division.

A Plaintiff will clearly identify in the caption of the complaint any action that should be assigned to a designated judge in accordance with this docket directive.

The Wayne County Clerk, the Third Circuit Court Case Processing Department, and the Third Circuit Court Information Technology Systems Bureau are directed to take the steps necessary to accomplish this Directive.

Dated: 1/30/2026



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

Exhibit A

to Docket Directive Re:

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Case No. 25-004861-CH
Case No. 25-014518-CH
Case No. 24-013678-CH
Case No. 25-017379-CH
Case No. 25-019387-CH
Case No. 25-010760-CH
Case No. 24-013391-CH
Case No. 25-017798-CH
Case No. 25-016769-CH
Case No. 24-001159-CH
Case No. 25-002868-CH
Case No. 25-012204-CH
Case No. 25-015046-CH
Case No. 25-015773-CH
Case No. 25-016206-CH
Case No. 25-016987-CH
Case No. 24-014888-CH
Case No. 25-010288-CH
Case No. 26-000866-CH
Case No. 26-001171-CH