



**DOCKET DIRECTIVE RE:  
JUDGE DINGELL AND  
ASSIGNMENT OF FAMILY DIVISION  
DOMESTIC CASES**

DD #:  
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Rescinds:  
2025-13

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This Docket Directive, issued pursuant to MCR 8.110 and MCR 8.111, is necessary to ensure efficient processing of cases within the Family Division.

**IT IS ORDERED:**

**Effective: April 15, 2026**

Judge Christopher D. Dingell shall receive a 75% draw of new Family Division – Domestic filings. The docket assignment distribution will be reviewed six months from the effective date of this Directive.

In addition, Judge Dingell is designated to hear the de novo hearings from State Initiated Friend of the Court cases, including those filed under:

- The Family Support Act
- The Paternity Act, and
- The Uniform Interstate Family Support Act.

In addition, Judge Dingell will preside over motions filed in the above designated cases such as those filed under the Revocation of Paternity Act, motions for second summons, motions for alternate service, etc. unless the Presiding Judge elects to hear the motion.

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

Dated: 4/15/2026

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