



The Circuit Court
for the Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan
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Detroit, Michigan 48228

JOSEPH B. SULLIVAN
CHIEF JUDGE

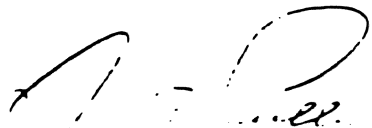
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DOCKET DIRECTIVE

TO: CIRCUIT COURT BENCH AND ASSIGNMENT OFFICE STAFF
FROM: HONORABLE JOSEPH B. SULLIVAN, CHIEF JUDGE
DATE: MARCH 14, 1986
RE: MEDIATION AND TRIAL SETTING POLICIES FOR CASES
SCHEDULED UNDER THE MASTER CALENDARING SYSTEM -
DOCKET DIRECTIVE 1986-3.

This memorandum is to inform you of the continuation of the Court's mediation and trial setting policies previously mandated by Local Court Rule 2.301. These policies are as follows:

1. Mediation: The Deputy Administrator for Trial Services is hereby directed to submit all civil cases to the Mediation Tribunal Association for the purpose of mediation pursuant to MCR 2.403 in which the addendum claims seek money damages or division of property. No case shall be submitted to mediation earlier than (91) days after the filing of the answer. General civil cases determined to be likely to involve less than the jurisdictional limit of Circuit Court shall be scheduled for mediation in the 18th month after filing of the complaint. All general civil cases not mediated earlier shall be scheduled for mediation in the 27th month after filing of the complaint.
2. Trials: General civil cases shall be set for trial in the 30th month after filing of the complaint unless ordered otherwise by the Chief Judge. All trials will be preceded by a mandatory settlement conference.


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