

The Circuit Court  
for the Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan

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SUBJECT: AUTHORITY TO ACT ON CASES INCLUDED IN THE TRIAL  
BACKLOG REDUCTION PROGRAM

EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 31, 1986

In order to provide for the expeditious disposition of civil cases included in the Trial Backlog Reduction Program and to avoid allowing the calendaring of matters before the originally assigned Circuit Court Judge or the trial judge to interfere with the Special Settlement Conference and/or trial, the following procedures shall apply to any of the above cases:

1. Any matters, including motions, which are not resolved as of the date of the first scheduled Special Settlement Conference at the Circuit Court Annex shall be automatically transferred to the docket of Judge Garber or his replacement judge and removed from the docket of the originally assigned Circuit Court Judge, and the originally assigned Circuit Court Judge no longer has authority to act in the case.
2. Judge Garber, or his replacement, is the only judge that has the authority to act on the case from the date of the first scheduled Special Settlement Conference to the date the case is assigned for trial or returned to the Circuit Court spin-off docket.
3. From the date the case is assigned for trial to a visiting District Court or Recorder's Court Judge, until the end of the Trial Backlog Reduction Program, the assigned trial judge is the only judge that has the authority to act.



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