

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
THIRD CIRCUIT COURT

DOCKET DIRECTIVE 1997-4

SUBJECT: CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS ARISING OUT OF THE ST.  
JEAN WIDENING PROJECT

Effective Date: October 1, 1997

This directive applies to all civil proceedings filed in Wayne County Circuit Court relating to or arising out of the St. Jean Widening Project in the City of Detroit for the parcels listed on the attached Exhibit I.

1. Condemnation Actions:

After the initial filing, with normal random judge assignment procedures in these cases, Chief Judge Michael F. Sapala will conduct all show cause and other proceedings, including but not limited to the hearing on the complaint, prior to transfer of title and possession, if any, to the City. Only the Chief Judge is empowered to act in any matter relating to these actions until after the conclusion of the show cause or other proceedings. Upon the conclusion of the show cause or other proceedings in each case, jurisdiction over it will return to the previously assigned judge for all subsequent matters, until the action is concluded.

2. Other Related Actions:

All other civil cases filed in connection with or arising out of said project properties acquisition shall be assigned to the Chief Judge.

This Docket Directive, issued pursuant to the authority of the Chief Judge under MCR 8.110, is necessary for purposes of administrative efficiency and judicial economy and to avoid the potential for conflicting decisions on the same issue by judges of the same court .

DATED: October 1, 1997

  
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MICHAEL F. SAPALA, CHIEF JUDGE