



THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
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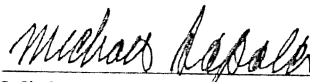
SUBJECT: Docket Successor Policies and Processes

This Directive, issued pursuant to MCR 8.111, delineates the policies and processes governing the transfer of dockets between judges within the Court.

1. When a judge leaves the Court, his or her docket of pending and post-judgment matters shall be reassigned, in its entirety, to a "docket successor". *
2. When a judge remains with the Court but transfers to another division, his or her docket of pending and post judgment matters shall be reassigned, in its entirety, to a docket successor.
3. When a judge leaves a division and subsequently returns to that division, he or she will assume an available docket, in its entirety.
4. If a judge switches between a criminal "trial" docket and a criminal "AOI" docket, all pending cases, except cases awaiting sentencing will be reassigned to the docket successor. All cases awaiting sentence and all post-conviction matters shall remain assigned to the original judge.
5. All post-conviction matters shall be assigned to either the original judge or the docket successor as dictated by an appellate court order.
6. Any cases returning to the Court without an apparent docket successor shall be blind drawn by the Presiding Judge of the appropriate division.

Docket Directive 1999-02 is hereby rescinded.

* A docket successor is not always a judicial successor. Judicial succession is exclusively due to the filling of a vacancy on the Bench, either by election or appointment. Docket succession may be due to the filling of a vacancy or the reassignment of a judge to a different division within the court.



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