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**DOCKET DIRECTIVE 2001-11**

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT


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**SUBJECT:** Prior Action Verification Re: Domestic Cases and Personal Protection Complaints

**Effective:** May 17, 2001

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

This directive is issued to clarify Docket Directive 2001-09 and 1997-01, effective immediately, the County Clerk's Office is required to verify the existence or non-existence of prior actions arising out of the same transaction or occurrence [MCR 8.111(D)(1) and (2)], prior to the filing of all new domestic relations cases or personal protection complaints. In light of the fact that Judge Halloran is now being assigned the bulk of personal protection complaints, if the only prior case is a PH, PJ or PP action, a blind draw should occur for the new domestic case being filed. Notice of said requirement is to be visibly posted in the County Clerk's Office.

  
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Michael F. Sapala  
Chief Judge  
Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan

Dated: May 17, 2001