

**THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF MICHIGAN**

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

SUBJECT: Proceedings Regarding Nuisance Abatement Actions involving Commercial Properties filed by the Detroit Land Bank Authority or the City of Detroit

This Docket Directive is issued pursuant to MCR 8.110 and 8.111.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Effective: May 27, 2014


This Docket Directive applies to all nuisance abatement actions filed by the City of Detroit or the Detroit Land Bank in the Third Judicial Circuit Court involving commercial properties including malls, retail stores, apartment buildings, manufacturing facilities, warehouses, office buildings, gasoline stations or other commercial properties (such actions are referred to in this Docket Directive as "Commercial Nuisance Abatement Actions"). The Docket Directive is necessary for the purposes of administrative efficiency, judicial economy, establishing adequate minimum due process, including notice requirements, and to avoid the potential for conflicting decisions on the same issue by judges of the same court.

The following procedures will apply to all Commercial Nuisance Abatement Actions filed on or after May 27, 2014.

1. All Commercial Nuisance Abatement Actions ("CH") will be assigned to the docket of the Chief Judge. The Detroit Land Bank Authority and City of Detroit will clearly identify all actions subject to this Docket Directive at case initiation.

2. Commercial properties identified by the Detroit Land Bank Authority or City of Detroit as a nuisance, that are contiguous or under common ownership, may be joined and filed as one action.
3. In the event a Commercial Nuisance Abatement Action requires use of alternative service of process, the Detroit Land Bank Authority or City of Detroit shall follow the procedures set forth in Docket Directive 2014-06.

The Wayne County Clerk, the Third Circuit Court Case Processing Department, and the Third Circuit Court Information Technology Systems Bureau are directed to take the steps necessary to accomplish this Directive.


Hon. Robert J. Colombo, Jr., Chief Judge
Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan

Dated: May 27, 2014