DOCKET DIRECTIVE 2019 – 16

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

SUBJECT: **FAMILY DIVISION – JUVENILE CASE ASSIGNMENT - LAWYER GUARDIAN AD LITEM ASSIGNMENTS FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO THE JUDGE AND JUDICIAL TEAM OF JUDGE FRANK SZYMANSKI AND JUDGE CHRISTOPHER DINGELL**

This Docket Directive is issued pursuant to Michigan Court Rules 8.110 and is necessary to ensure the efficient transition of docket assignments within the Family Division – Juvenile Section of the Third Circuit Court.

IT IS ORDERED:

Effective: January 1, 2020

FAMILY DIVISION – JUVENILE SECTION

The following Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem groups will assume all responsibilities for the representation of children and juveniles in the respective courtrooms:

> Judge Frank Szymanski and his team referee –
>   Juvenile Advocacy and Defense Group (JADG) P00942

> Judge Christopher Dingell and his team referee –
>   Juvenile Legal Services of Michigan (JLSM) P00941

Any continued adjudication of a petition from 2019 to 2020 is to be completed by the previously assigned Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem until the petition is disposed. Once the open petition is disposed, then the responsibilities of the Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem will be assumed by the new Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem aforementioned.

All Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem groups may represent children/juveniles on appeal. Appellate assignments will be rotated amongst all Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem groups. The Lawyer Guardian Ad Litem group that represents the child/juvenile at trial will not be assigned to represent the child/juvenile on appeal.

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. Timothy M. Kenny, Chief Judge
Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan

Dated: December 18, 2019