



**THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF MICHIGAN**

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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SUBJECT: THIRD CIRCUIT COURT PROCEDURE FOR CASES BROUGHT UNDER THE PARENTAL RIGHTS RESTORATION ACT, MCL 722.901-722.908, SUBSEQUENT TO *IN RE AST*, __ MICH APP __ (2022), AND IN LIGHT OF *WHITMER V LINDERMAN*, SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 22-193498-CZ

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. This Docket Directive, issued in accordance with Michigan Court Rule 8.110(C)(2)(c), sets forth rules for cases brought under the Parental Rights Restoration Act.
2. With the deference to be given to court orders by *Kirby v Michigan High Sch Athletic Ass'n*, 459 Mich 23, 40 (1998), this Court will continue to hear cases subject to the Parental Rights Restoration Act. Hearings will adhere to the standard established at MCL 750.14 that the efforts to induce an abortion in a pregnant woman are not actionable if it is "necessary to preserve the life of such woman."
3. This Docket Directive will remain in effect until further order of the Court.

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: August 15, 2022