

# THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MICHIGAN

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## LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2018 - 01

### STATE OF MICHIGAN THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

#### SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSIGNMENTS

This Administrative Order rescinds and replaces Administrative Order 1999-25

#### IT IS ORDERED:

Pursuant to MCR 8.112(B), Local Court Rules, Administrative Orders, it is ordered that the following procedure for Judicial Assignments in the Third Judicial Circuit Court shall be effective immediately:

- I. A judge may be assigned to another Division of the Wayne County Circuit Court when a vacancy occurs in that Division.
- II. The assignment to a vacancy in a Division shall be determined by seniority and preference, unless the Chief Judge determines that another judge shall be assigned to the vacancy.
- III. Factors considered in determining whether a judge's expressed preference may not be honored are:
  - a. status of the judge's docket and docket history;
  - b. impact upon the stability or status of current docket(s) should the judge(s) move into a different Division(s); or
  - c. a docket that requires special or unique skills.
- IV. Pursuant to MCR 8.110(C)(3)(a)(b)(c) and (i), the Chief Judge retains the authority to reassign judges to divisions when necessary to properly dispose of the business of the court. Reassignments under this section may be made only to address the needs of dockets; improve the status of dockets; or when judges volunteer to exchange dockets.

Dated: March 21, 2018

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

Date Approved by SCAO: March 22, 2018

