

# Order

Michigan Supreme Court  
Lansing, Michigan

March 23, 2016

Robert P. Young, Jr.,  
Chief Justice

ADM File No. 2002-37

Stephen J. Markman  
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Amendment of Administrative Order No. 2011-1

Bridget M. McCormack  
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Revision of Administrative Order No. 2011-1  
Expands E-Filing in the 3rd Circuit Court  
(Wayne County)

Richard H. Bernstein  
Joan L. Larsen,  
Justices

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On order of the Court, Administrative Order No. 2011-1 is amended as follows, effective immediately.

[The present language is amended as indicated below by underlining for new text and strikeover for text that has been deleted.]

## **E-filing-Project in the 3rd Circuit Court (Wayne County)**

On order of the Court, the 3rd Circuit Court is authorized to continue its e-filing project during a transition period while the State Court Administrative Office prepares and implements a statewide e-filing system. The 3rd Circuit Court is aware that rules regarding electronic filing have been published for comment by this Court. If this Court adopts electronic-filing rules during the pendency of the 3rd Circuit Court Electronic Document Filing Project, the 3rd Circuit Court will, within 60 days of the effective date of the rules, comply with the requirements of those rules. In addition, it is anticipated that the 3rd Circuit Court, along with other courts that participated as e-filing pilot project locations, will be among the first group of courts that will connect with any statewide system for purposes of testing and early integration. Any expenses that arise from integration of the 3rd Circuit's e-filing system with the statewide system will be the sole responsibility of the 3rd Circuit Court.

The 3rd Circuit Court will report to and provide information as requested by the State Court Administrative Office.

1.-2. [Unchanged.]

3. Participation in the Program

- (a) Participation in the project shall be mandatory in all pending “C” type cases (i.e., CB, CC, CD, CE, CF, CH, CK, CL, CP, CR, CZ); as well as all pending ND, NF, NI, and PZ case types. All judges in the 3rd Circuit Court’s Civil Division shall participate. Expansion into the other Civil Division case types will occur as follows: upon the effective date of this order, the court may (except for good cause as stated in the paragraph below) include the following case-type codes in the e-filing project: all ~~eases~~ case types for appeals (case types AA, AE, AP, AR, and AV) ~~except for the AR case type~~, all cases for administrative review, superintending control and extraordinary writs (case types AH, AL, AS, and AW), all remaining civil damage suits (NH, NI, NM, NO, NP [including asbestos cases], NS, and NZ); all criminal cases (AX, FC, FH, and FJ) and all remaining case types regarding other civil matters (PC, PD, PR, and PS).
- (b) This is a mandatory e-filing project. It is presumed that all documents will be filed electronically. However, the Court recognizes that circumstances may arise that will prevent one from e-filing. To ensure that all parties retain access to the courts, parties that demonstrate good cause will be permitted to file their documents with the clerk, who will then file the documents electronically. Among the factors that the 3rd Circuit Court will consider in determining whether good cause exists to excuse a party from mandatory e-filing is a party's access to the Internet and indigency. A self-represented party is not excused from the project merely because the individual does not have counsel.

4.-15. [Unchanged.]



I, Larry S. Royster, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

March 23, 2016

Clerk