

EATON COUNTY TRIAL COURTS

56TH CIRCUIT COURT
EATON COUNTY PROBATE COURT
56A DISTRICT COURT

HON. THOMAS K. BYERLEY
CHIEF JUDGE
PROBATE COURT JUDGE

HON. JANICE K. CUNNINGHAM
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

HON. JOHN D. MAURER
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

HON. JULIE H. REINCKE
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

HON. JULIE A. O'NEILL
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2018-02

Rescinds – 2017-02 D56A, Assignment of Cases

ASSIGNMENT OF CASES

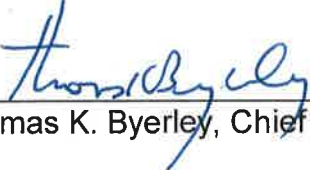
IT IS ORDERED per MCR 8.111 and 8.112:

Michigan Court Rules mandate trial courts assign cases randomly. The assignment of cases in the 56A District Court will be assigned via an even/odd management system in which all EVEN numbered cases are assigned to the Honorable Julie O'Neill and all ODD numbered cases are assigned to the Honorable Julie Reincke.

The following shall serve as modification to assignment of cases in the 56A District Court in Eaton County, effective immediately:

1. **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (DV) COURT:** All domestic violence 2nd offenses, aggravated domestic violence, stalking and child abuse cases; upon initial filing shall be assigned to the judge handling domestic violence court.
2. **SOBRIETY COURT:** All cases screened, found eligible or pled into sobriety court shall be transferred to the sobriety court judge upon agreement between the judges.
3. **CO-DEFENDANT CASES OR CASES FROM THE SAME INCIDENT OR OCCURRENCE:** All co-defendant cases or cases arising out of the same incident or occurrence shall be assigned as normal, however transferred to the judge already presiding over the related case(s).
4. **MULTIPLE OFFENSES:**
 - a. An individual charged with more than one offense stemming from the same incident shall have all charges assigned as normal, however transferred to the judge already presiding over the related case(s).
 - b. An individual with other files open or currently on probation to a particular judge shall have all new files assigned as normal, however transferred to the judge already presiding over the open case(s).

5. **COUNTER CLAIMS AND SAME PARTIES (CIVIL):** Counterclaims and cases involving the same parties shall be assigned to the same judge. Counterclaims receive the same case number as the original file and do not count as another case for assignment purposes. Cases filed with the same parties involving different issues shall count as a new case for assignment purposes.
6. **SMALL CLAIMS:** All small claim cases shall be assigned to Judge O'Neill, while Judge Reincke is presiding over the DV and Sobriety specialty courts.
7. **CASES PREVIOUSLY DISMISSED:** Cases which were dismissed and reissued, shall be assigned to the judge who previously handled the case.
8. **REASSIGNMENT OF CASES:** Reassignment of cases under this order, the Chief Judge Rule (MCR 8.110) or applicable court rules, shall only occur after the initial assignment is made via the even/odd management system and proper documentation is made on the record of action.
9. **ERRORS:** Any errors made in the assignment of cases shall be immediately brought to the attention of the Court Administrator for appropriate and prompt resolution, consistent with the intent of this order. All actions shall be properly documented.



Thomas K. Byerley, Chief Judge

3-19-18

Date