

Effective date: Upon Approval of the State Court Administrative office.

The purpose of this Administrative Order is to establish a system of case assignments for the 15th Judicial District Court consistent with MCR 8.111(B) and MCR 8.112. This Order rescinds and replaces Local Administrative Order 2018-03.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

1. All General Civil cases shall be assigned to Judge Joseph F. Burke.
2. All Landlord-Tenant matters shall be assigned to Judge Karen Q. Valvo.
3. All Small Claims post-judgment and appeal matters shall be assigned to Judge Joseph F. Burke.
4. All Operating While Intoxicated, Operating While Visibly Impaired, and Operating with the Presence of Drugs cases wherein a 2nd or 3rd Offense Notice is charged, or a defendant is determined to be eligible, shall be heard on the 15th Judicial District Court specialized Sobriety Court docket.
5. All cases involving substance abuse that are not originally assigned to Judge Joseph F. Burke but are subsequently determined to be eligible for Sobriety Court shall be reassigned to Judge Joseph F. Burke and shall be heard on the 15th Judicial District Court specialized Sobriety Court docket.
6. All misdemeanor cases charging violations of state law that involve intimate partner domestic violence, including cases of intimate partner Stalking, as defined in MCL 400.1501 (d)(i-vii) shall be assigned to Judge Elizabeth P. Hines and shall be heard on the 15th Judicial District Court's specialized Domestic Violence docket.
7. All civil infraction cases charged under the Ann Arbor City Code that are set for a Formal Hearing shall be assigned to Judge Karen Q. Valvo.
8. All civil infraction cases charged under state law or University of Michigan Regents Ordinance set for Formal Hearing shall be randomly assigned to Judge Elizabeth P. Hines or Judge Karen Q. Valvo in a 50/50 split.
 - a. In the event that Judge Karen Q. Valvo recuses or disqualifies herself from hearing a particular case, that case shall be reassigned to Judge Elizabeth P. Hines.
 - b. In the event that Judge Elizabeth P. Hines recuses or disqualifies herself from hearing a particular case, that case shall be reassigned to Judge Karen Q. Valvo.

- c. In the event that both Judge Elizabeth P. Hines and Judge Karen Q. Valvo recuse or disqualify themselves from hearing a particular case, that case shall be reassigned to Judge Joseph F. Burke.
9. All vehicle impound appeal matters shall be assigned to Judge Karen Q. Valvo.
10. All cases determined to be eligible for Veterans Treatment Court in accordance with MCL 600.1200 et seq. shall be reassigned to Judge Karen Q. Valvo and shall be heard on the 15th Judicial District Court's specialized Veterans Treatment Court docket.
11. All cases determined to be eligible for Mental Health Treatment Court in accordance with MCL 600.1090 et seq. shall be reassigned to Judge Karen Q. Valvo and shall be heard on the 15th Judicial District Court's specialized Mental Health Treatment Court docket.
12. All criminal cases not otherwise excepted shall be randomly assigned to Judge Elizabeth P. Hines or Judge Karen Q. Valvo in a 50/50 split.
 - a. In the event that Judge Karen Q. Valvo recuses or disqualifies herself from hearing a particular case, that case shall be reassigned to Judge Elizabeth P. Hines.
 - b. In the event that Judge Elizabeth P. Hines recuses or disqualifies herself from hearing a particular case, that case shall be reassigned to Judge Karen Q. Valvo.
 - c. In the event that both Judge Elizabeth P. Hines and Judge Karen Q. Valvo recuse or disqualify themselves from hearing a particular case, that case shall be reassigned to Judge Joseph F. Burke.
13. When a prosecuting official files multiple cases stemming from one incident for multiple co-defendants, all cases will be assigned to one judge. The first case filed will be assigned randomly to one judge subject to the provisions contained within this order. Any related cases will then be assigned to the same judge.
14. All 15th Judicial District Court cases not otherwise excepted which are determined to be eligible for the 15th Judicial District Court's specialized Street Outreach Court docket shall be reassigned to Judge Elizabeth P. Hines and shall be heard on the Street Outreach Court docket.
15. For all sections, except 8 and 12, if the assigned judge recuses or disqualifies himself/herself from hearing a particular case, then that case shall be randomly reassigned to one of the two other 15th Judicial District Court judges.
16. All cases where assignment has not been specified in the provisions above shall be assigned by random draw to any 15th Judicial District Court judge.

Date: _____

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Joseph F. Burke, Chief Judge

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