

**Effective Date:** Upon Approval of the State Court Administrative Office

The purpose of this administrative order is to establish a case assignment system pursuant to MCR 8.111 (B) and in accordance with Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Orders 2010-1 (Collections) and 2003-7 and 14A District Court Order 2007-7 (Caseflow Management). Assignment will occur at the time the case is filed. The case assignment system will allow 14A District Court to:

1. Recognize and share in the resolution of severe resource reductions facing court funding units and other related participant agencies.
2. Coordinate and determine the number of court personnel required to be present at any one time to perform necessary work of the court.
3. Manage and assign the Judicial workload to fairly apportion the business of the court.
4. Select presiding Judges to assist in the administrative management of the four separate court locations now in service for the 14A District Court.

#### GOALS OF THE CASE ASSIGNMENT SYSTEM

1. Maximize the use of new court technology and prepare for expected implementation of a new Judicial Information case management system.
2. Advance the use of therapeutic justice and continue to share judicial resources and specialized dockets with the cross assigned District Judges and Magistrates in Washtenaw County.
3. Ensure appropriate use of incarceration alternatives, courthouse probation programs, court run employee training, consistent enforcement of court orders, and improved collections programs, thereby reducing costs and improving collection of ordered revenue.

#### JUDICIAL CASELOAD ASSIGNMENTS

1. Criminal Cases:

All criminal cases filed in 14A District Court will be assigned to Judge Kirk W. Tabbey or to Judge Richard E. Conlin according to the following table (includes location for hearings):

Venue:	Assigned to:	Heard at:
Ann Arbor Twp	Hon. Kirk W. Tabbey	14A-1, Pittsfield Twp
Augusta Twp	Hon. Kirk W. Tabbey	14A-1, Pittsfield Twp
Bridgewater Twp	Hon. Richard E. Conlin	14A-4, Saline
Chelsea City	Hon. Richard E. Conlin	14A-3, Chelsea
Dexter Twp	Hon. Richard E. Conlin	14A-3, Chelsea
Freedom Twp	Hon. Richard E. Conlin	14A-4, Saline

Lima Twp	Hon. Richard E. Conlin	14A-3, Chelsea
Lodi Twp	Hon. Richard E. Conlin	14A-4, Saline
Lyndon Twp	Hon. Richard E. Conlin	14A-3, Chelsea
Manchester Twp	Hon. Richard E. Conlin	14A-4, Saline
Milan City	Hon. Richard E. Conlin	14A-4, Saline
Northfield Twp	Hon. Richard E. Conlin	14A-3, Chelsea
Pittsfield Twp	Hon. Richard E. Conlin	14A-1, Pittsfield Twp
Pittsfield Twp Domestic Violence	Hon. Kirk W. Tabbey	14A-1, Pittsfield Twp
Salem Twp	Hon. Kirk W. Tabbey	14A-1, Pittsfield Twp
Saline City	Hon. Richard E. Conlin	14A-4, Saline
Saline Twp	Hon. Richard E. Conlin	14A-4, Saline
Scio Twp	Hon. Richard E. Conlin	14A-3, Chelsea
Sharon Twp	Hon. Richard E. Conlin	14A-4, Saline
Superior Twp	Hon. Kirk W. Tabbey	14A-1, Pittsfield Twp
Sylvan Twp	Hon. Richard E. Conlin	14A-3, Chelsea
Village of Barton Hills	Hon. Kirk W. Tabbey	14A-1, Pittsfield Twp
Village of Dexter	Hon. Richard E. Conlin	14A-3, Chelsea
Village of Manchester	Hon. Richard E. Conlin	14A-4, Saline
Webster Twp	Hon. Richard E. Conlin	14A-3, Chelsea
York Twp	Hon. Richard E. Conlin	14A-4, Saline
Ypsilanti City	Hon. Kirk W. Tabbey	14A-2, Ypsilanti

Cases pending on the effective date of this order will be reassigned as they are scheduled for new hearings, when bench warrants are issued, or when arraignments are set, and matters are adjourned. Defendants having no objection to being sentenced by a judge other than the judge who took the plea will file a sentencing judge waiver form prior to scheduling the sentencing hearing. Defendants who object to being sentenced by a different judge will have their cases re-assigned to the original judge for sentencing.

## 2. Civil Cases

Judge J. Cedric Simpson will be assigned to all civil cases filed in 14A District Court. Civil cases pending on the effective date of this order will be reassigned as they are scheduled for new hearings. Judge Simpson will hear civil cases at each of the 14A District Court locations where the case was filed.

## 3. Presiding Judges

Chief Judge Pro Tempore Richard Conlin, will sit in and preside at both the 14A-3 and 14A-4 locations, which is his current assignment. Chief Judge Kirk Tabbey, will continue to sit in and preside at the 14A-2 location and will now additionally sit in and preside at the 14A-1 location. Judge J. Cedric Simpson's chambers will remain at 14A-1.

4. Judicial presence at multiple court locations


The current practice for all Judges of conducting their dockets in the various locations, as assigned by the Chief Judge, will be continued in accordance with the policy of the 14A District Court to serve the public in regional locations throughout the jurisdiction.

5. Implementation and Review

Implementation of this system and the detail needed to properly communicate this plan to court users will be promulgated by separate court policy with input from ongoing consultations with the Judges, Magistrates, Court Administration, court personnel, the private bar, Prosecuting Attorney, Public Defender, Legal Services, law enforcement agencies, and others as needed.

This system will be reviewed and evaluated in six (6) months from implementation and periodically thereafter, with adjustments to be made to achieve the goals set forth herein.

Date: 6-9-10

  
Kirk W. Tabbey  
Chief Judge