

STATE OF MICHIGAN
GENESEE COUNTY
7th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

In Re:
Case Assignments

LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER
C07 2024-03

7th Judicial Circuit Court, 900 S. Saginaw St., Flint, MI 48502 (810) 424-4355

Local Administrative Order 2023-13 is hereby rescinded.

Criminal Case Assignments

Judge	Docket Percentage
Celeste D. Bell	15%
B. Chris Christenson	10%
Elizabeth A. Kelly	25%
Mark W. Latchana	25%
David J. Newblatt	15%
Brian S. Pickell	10%

Adult Felony Drug Court

Judge Mark W. Latchana is designated as the Adult Felony Drug Court judge, until further order of the court. All cases accepted into drug court shall be assigned to Judge Latchana.

Criminal Case Processing

Pursuant to the Concurrent Jurisdiction Plan (LAO 2004-4) a circuit judge will be assigned by lot, at the same time that a district judge is assigned.

If a single defendant is arraigned, in the district court, on multiple single defendant felony cases, scheduled for the same initial probable cause conference date, all cases will be re-assigned to the district and circuit judge assigned to the lowest case number.

In multiple defendant cases, the circuit judge assigned to the defendant with the earliest arraignment date will be the judge assigned to all co-defendant cases, pursuant to MCR 8.111(D)(1).

If a single defendant case is bound over to circuit court and the defendant has an earlier single defendant circuit court case pending or a closed case with an active probation violation pending, the judge to whom the earlier case is assigned will be reassigned to the subsequent case.

Every 90 days, the court administrator will compile a list of all criminal cases assigned to each judge. If directed by the Chief Judge, action may be taken to balance the pending criminal docket.

Civil Case Assignments

Judge	Docket Percentage
Celeste D. Bell	15%
B. Chris Christenson	25%
Elizabeth A. Kelly	10%
Mark W. Latchana	10%
David J. Newblatt	15%
Brian S. Pickell	25%

Business Court Assignments

The Michigan Supreme Court appoints Business Court Judges.

All Business Court Judges are included in the blind draw for business court case assignments, in an equal docket percentage.

For each case assigned to a business court judge, the next civil case that would otherwise be assigned will be reassigned by blind draw to another civil division judge.

Tax Foreclosure Assignments

All tax foreclosure cases will be assigned to Judge B. Chris Christenson. When filing a tax foreclosure case, the Genesee County Treasurer shall note Judge Christenson as the judge on the case caption.

Domestic Case Assignments

Judge	Docket Percentage
John A. Gadola	25%
Khary L. Hanible	25%
Ariana E. Heath	25%
Dawn M. Weier	25%

Juvenile Case Assignments

Judge	Docket Percentage
John A. Gadola	25%
Khary L. Hanible	25%
Ariana E. Heath	25%
Dawn M. Weier	25%

Juvenile Case Processing

Pursuant to the authority set forth in MCR 8.111(D), if there are petitions filed on more than one juvenile arising out of the same transaction or occurrence, the clerk of the court is directed to reassign all matter to the judge assigned the lowest case number.

Personal Protection Orders

The clerk of the court will assign personal protection orders to Family Division judges under the following circumstances:

- Respondent is the spouse, former spouse, an individual with whom he or she has a child in common, an individual with whom he or she has or has had a dating relationship or an individual residing or having resided in the same household as the Petitioner.
- Petitioner (or Petitioner's spouse-girlfriend-boyfriend) has or has had a dating relationship with the Respondent (or Respondent's spouse-girlfriend-boyfriend).
- Respondent is a juvenile.
- Respondent is a friend or relative who has a role in the transportation or supervision of a child or children of parties to a DM, DP or DS case in which there is a custody and/or visitation order and the complained of activity arises out of the performance of that role.

The clerk of the court will assign all other personal protection orders to Criminal-Civil Division judges in the following manner:

Judge	Docket Percentage
Celeste D. Bell	15%
B. Chris Christenson	25%
Mark W. Latchana	10%
Elizabeth A. Kelly	10%
David J. Newblatt	15%
Brian S. Pickell	25%

Re-assignments will be made in the following circumstances:

- Petitions where both parties have a pending domestic matter in common will be re-assigned to the judge assigned to the earliest domestic case.
- If there is no common case pending between the parties, the Petition will be re-assigned to the judge assigned to any personal protection order pending against the same Respondent.
- Subsequent requests for personal protection orders between the same parties shall be assigned to the judge who was assigned to the earlier matter.

Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPO)

The clerk of the court will assign extreme risk protection orders to Family Division judges under the following circumstances:

If an immediate ex parte extreme risk protection order is issued by the ERPO duty judge, the case will be assigned to the issuing duty judge.

If a petition for an extreme risk protection order is made during regular business hours of the court, the clerk shall assign the petition by blind draw in the following manner:

Judge	Docket Percentage
John A. Gadola	25%
Khary L. Hanible	25%
Ariana E. Heath	25%
Dawn M. Weier	25%

Effective upon approval of the State Court Administrative Office.

Dated: February 21, 2024

David J. Newblatt /s/
David J. Newblatt
Chief Judge
7th Judicial Circuit