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Rescinds 2011-02

This is to advise that we have reviewed the above referenced administrative order and find that it conforms to the requirements of MCR 8.112(B). This order is being accepted and filed until advised by your court of any change.

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Administrative Order 2015 - 03

CASEFLOW MANAGEMENT PLAN – CLARE AND GLADWIN COUNTIES

Rescinds Local Administrative Order 2011-02

IT IS ORDERED:

This administrative order is issued in accordance with Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 2013-12.

A. Goals of the Court

The court adopts the following Caseflow Management Plan to:

1. Expedite the disposition of all cases in a manner consistent with fairness to all parties and what is permissible under law;
2. Minimize the uncertainties associated with processing cases;
3. Ensure equal access to the adjudicative process for all litigants.

B. Case Processing Time Guidelines

The court adopts this plan to comply with the time guidelines as set forth in Administrative Order 2013-12. The court will not dismiss a case for the sole reason that it is likely to exceed the guideline.

C. Scheduling Policy

The court will schedule all cases or contested matters in a manner that minimizes delay for the parties and that reduces the possibility of adjournment of scheduled events. The court will control all cases from case initiation through post-disposition proceedings by:

1. Appropriate case screening;
2. Scheduling conferences and orders for the purpose of achieving date certainty;
3. Management of discovery and motion practice;

4. Realistic scheduling of all court events.

The court will monitor all cases and contested matters to ensure that no case exists for which a future action or review date has not been scheduled. The court will schedule all cases pursuant to the time guidelines set forth in Administrative Order 2013-12. The court will not permit a case or contested matter to remain on this court's docket in excess of the guidelines set forth in this local administrative order without immediate judicial review.

D. Adjournment Policy

The court strictly adheres to MCR 2.503.

E. Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

The court encourages alternative means to resolve disputes. Litigants will be provided with information regarding area dispute resolution and counseling centers. Cases referred to ADR shall remain open.

F. Pretrial Scheduling Orders

1. The 80th District Court is a two county court
2. Pre-trials are scheduled at a minimum two days per month in each county
3. Extra days may be ordered as required.

G. Settlement or Final Pretrial Conferences

Every action that is not disposed of through mediation, case evaluation, or other means will be scheduled for a settlement conference and conducted in accordance with MCR 2.401.

H. Trial Scheduling and Management

1. If resolution is not researched at pre-trial, the case will be set for trial.
2. Trial dates are set by the judge and court recorder.
3. Attorneys are notified by mail of trial dates.
4. Several trials are set on trial dates. Preference is given to the oldest case.
5. Civil bench and non-jury trials are set as back-ups for jury trials.

I. Monitoring Systems

The court's case management system will:

1. Monitor case progress;
2. Generate reports for measuring pending inventory and measuring compliance with the time guidelines.

Specific reports that will be available from the case management system are: cases with no next action date, age of pending cases, number of cases pending beyond time standards by judge, age of cases at each event, age of cases at disposition, time intervals between events, and exception reports.

Date:

6/8/15



Joshua M. Farrell, Chief Judge