

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
67TH DISTRICT COURT**

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Flint, Michigan 48502

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Administrative Order 2020- //

**THIS RESCINDS LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER 2017-04**

ASSIGNMENT OF CASES

PREAMBLE

This Administrative Order is Issued in accordance with Michigan Court Rule 8.111 and 8.112. The purpose of this Local Administrative Order is to address the assignment of cases within the 67th District Court.

It is also intended to allow for a consistent application of MCLA §600.8134 when read with the venue provisions of MCLA §§600.8312 and 600.8313 and the past practices of the Court since shortly after its inception on January 1, 1969 and due to its unique status of having six separate locations in one statutorily defined district and a seventh location not in the district.

MCLA §600.8134 established a Central Division in Flint, the Genesee County seat, and further provided for the continuation of the locations of the six already existing court locations in the cities of Flushing, Davison, Burton, Mount Morris, Fenton and Grand Blanc. Since 1974, these locations have been described internally by the 67th District Court using the following Court Division and geographical designations:

- (1) Flushing – First Division (City of Clio, Flint Township, City of Flushing, Flushing Township, City of Montrose, Montrose Township, Thetford Township, Vienna Township)
- (2) Davison – Second Division A (Atlas Township, City of Davison, Davison Township, Forest Township, Village of Goodrich, Village of Otisville, Otter Lake, Richfield Township)
- (3) Burton – Second Division B (City of Burton)
- (4) Mount Morris – Third Division (Genesee Township, City of Mount Morris, Mount Morris Township)
- (5) Fenton – Fourth Division A (Argentine Township, Clayton Township, City of Fenton, Fenton Township, Gaines Township, Village of Gaines, Village of Lennon, City of Linden, City of Swartz Creek)

- (6) Grand Blanc – Fourth Division B (City of Grand Blanc, Grand Blanc Township, Mundy Township)
- (7) City of Flint – Fifth Division
- (8) Central Division – (all of Genesee County)

MCLA §§600.8312 and 600.8313 are the general venue statutes for District Courts in Michigan.

The references to "Court Division" and "Central Division" in this Administrative Order shall be considered for all purposes as described above.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. All felony cases will be filed at the Central Division of the 67th District Court and assigned to the 67th District Court judges based on a blind draw system with the exception of Judge Herman Marable, Jr. Duty assignments will be shared equally by all judges.

If a single defendant is arraigned on multiple, single defendant felony cases and scheduled for the same initial pre-trial date, the district judge assigned to the lowest case number will be re-assigned to all cases.

2. Landlord tenant cases will be filed at the Court Division in which the defendant resides. Small claims cases shall be filed at the Court Division in which the cause of action arose or in which the defendant is established or resides or is employed. For other civil cases the provisions of MCLA §600.8312 are to apply, with the term "District" as specified in the statute and for purposes of this Local Administrative Order only, to be considered as being synonymous with "Court Division".
3. In the 5th Division for the City of Flint, all landlord tenant cases will be assigned to the 5th Division judges based on a blind draw system.
4. In the 5th Division for the City of Flint, Judge Herman Marable Jr. will be assigned to a specialized civil docket which includes a proportionate share of the landlord tenant cases assigned by blind draw between all judges of the 5th Division and 100% of the general civil and small claims filed in the 5th Division.
5. Misdemeanor criminal and traffic cases and civil infractions will be assigned to the Court Division in which the alleged offense occurred. The 5th Division misdemeanor criminal and traffic cases are assigned to all judges by blind draw.

6. In order to equalize judicial and/or clerical caseloads, the Chief Judge may periodically designate a court case filing location different from the locations and for the case types specified in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Order pursuant to MCR 8.111.

Effective: January 4, 2021

/s/ Christopher R. Odette
Christopher R. Odette, Chief Judge
67th District Court

Date: December 14, 2020