Berrien County Trial Court

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Administrative Order 2015-12

This administrative order replaces and rescinds prior Berrien County Trial Court Administrative Order 2015-04 and establishes the current assignments of the Berrien County Trial Court, effective January 1, 2016. When a judge is reassigned from or to another division or specialty court, or a vacancy occurs in a division or specialty court of the Trial Court, the transferring or vacating judge's cases shall be reassigned to the successor replacement judge in that division or specialty court (all cases filed after the date of the reassignment, any pending matters, and post-judgment matters that relate to disposed cases) pursuant to MCR 8.111(C)(2).

IT IS SO ORDERED:

1 Judge assignments

Each judge is assigned as follows:

Chief Judge Pro Tem
Scott Schofield (replaced Gary J Bruce)

Civil Division
Sterling R. Schrock, Presiding Judge
John M. Donahue

Business Court
John M. Donahue

Criminal Division
Scott Schofield, Presiding Judge
Arthur J. Cotter
Donna B. Howard
Charles T. LaSata
Dennis M. Wiley (replaced Angela M. Pasula)
Angela M. Pasula (replaced Dennis M. Wiley in Niles)

Community Court
Arthur J. Cotter

Domestic Violence Court
Charles T. LaSata

Drug Court
Charles T. LaSata

Mental Health Court
Scott Schofield (replaced Judge Schrock)
Donna B. Howard (replaced Judge Pasula)

Swift & Sure Sanctions Probation Program
Charles T. Lasata (replaced Sterling R. Schrock)
Arthur J. Cotter (replaced Judge Bruce)

Family Division
Mabel Johnson Mayfield, Presiding Judge (replaced Scott Schofield)
Gary J. Bruce (replaced Scott Schofield)
Brian S. Berger (replaced Thomas E. Nelson)

2 Courthouse assignments

2.1 Judges

Each judge is assigned to a courthouse as follows:

St. Joseph Courthouse
Brian S. Berger
Gary J. Bruce
Arthur J. Cotter
John M. Donahue
Donna B. Howard
Charles T. LaSata
Mabel Johnson Mayfield
Scott Schofield
Sterling R. Schrock
Dennis M. Wiley

Niles Courthouse
Angela M. Pasula (replaced Dennis M. Wiley)

A Civil Division judge shall preside at the Niles Courthouse ½ day weekly. A Family Division judge shall preside at the Niles Courthouse ½ day bi-weekly and at the Juvenile Center each Tuesday.

2.2 Magistrates

Each magistrate is assigned to a courthouse as follows:

St. Joseph Courthouse
Steven Doak

Niles Courthouse
Robert Clark

2.3 Referees

Each Family Division referee is assigned to a courthouse as follows:

St. Joseph Courthouse
Steven Flood
Patsy Hartzell
Jennifer Kitzmiller
Dale Murney

A Family Division referee shall preside at the Niles courthouse ½ day weekly.

3. Reassignment

Pursuant to MCR 8.110, the chief judge may

change the appointment of chief judge pro tem or presiding judge of a division.

change the assignment of a judge, magistrate or referee to a division or a courthouse.

Effective Date: January 1, 2016

12-3-15
Date

Gary J. Bruce Trial Court Chief Judge