



# Berrien County Trial Court

Thomas E. Nelson, Chief Judge - Brian E. Ray, Administrator

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## Administrative Order 2014-02

### ELIMINATION OF CIRCUIT COURT ARRAIGNMENTS

This administrative order replaces and rescinds prior Berrien County Trial Court Administrative Order 2007-05 Elimination of Circuit Court Arraignments.

The Berrien County Trial Court issues this Administrative Order under the authority of MCR 6.113 (E).

In all cases where the defendant is represented by an attorney, the Court need not conduct an arraignment on the information.

Within 21 days after the defendant is bound over to circuit court, the prosecutor shall file the information and notice as required by MCR 6.112 (F) with the circuit court clerk, serve two (2) copies on the defendant's attorney, and file a proof of service, which may comply with MCR 2.107 (D). The defendant's attorney shall deliver to the defendant a copy of the information and notice as required by MCR 6.112 (F) and file a proof of service with the court.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Effective Date: April 30, 2014

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Dated

4/30/14

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Thomas E. Nelson, Trial Court Chief Judge