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Local Administrative Order

10th Circuit Court 2024- 2024-04J

Saginaw Probate Court 2024- 2024-02J

Rescinds Local Administrative Order Numbers

10th Circuit Court 2019-05J

Saginaw Probate Court 2019-04J

FAMILY COURT PLAN FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT

This family court plan is submitted pursuant to MCL 600.1011 and Supreme Court Administrative Order 2003-02

IT IS ORDERED:

A judge's service in the 10th Circuit – Family Court shall be consistent with the requirements of developing sufficient experience in family law to properly serve the interests of the families and children whose cases are assigned to that judge.

1. General

This plan shall be referred to as the 10th Circuit – Family Court Plan.

The 10th Circuit - Family Court includes two divisions. They include:

- 10th Circuit Court – Juvenile and Family Division has exclusive jurisdiction over matters including adoptions, juvenile delinquency proceedings, child protective proceedings, juvenile traffic offences, emancipation of minors, juvenile guardianships, and other legal matters of children under 18 years of age.

The Chief Probate Judge has supervisory authority over the administration of the 10th Judicial Circuit Court – Juvenile and Family Division.

- 10th Circuit Court – Family Division has exclusive jurisdiction over all domestic relation cases and other related matters including name changes and personal protection orders.

The Chief Circuit Court Judge has supervisory authority over the administration of the 10th Circuit Court – Family Division. The Chief Circuit Court Judge has the authority to appoint and assign other Circuit and/or Probate judges to the 10th Circuit Court – Family Division.

The attachment to this LAO sets forth the judges assigned with this LAO. An organizational chart is attached to this LAO.

This plan supersedes any prior plans that have been approved for the operation of the 10th Circuit – Family Courts. The plan will be periodically reviewed and revised as necessary.

2. Judicial Resources and Services

One Probate Judge shall serve full-time in the 10th Circuit – Juvenile and Family Division. That judge will be assigned to the Juvenile and Family Division and preside over cases at the courthouse located at 3360 Hospital Rd. in Saginaw, Michigan 48604. A second Probate Judge shall serve up to 10% of the time in the Juvenile and Family Division because it is not practical for, nor do sufficient caseload and judicial resources exist for this Judge to serve full-time.

The Chief Circuit Court Judge has the authority and flexibility to determine the duration of a judge's service in the 10th Circuit Court – Family Division. One Circuit Court Judge shall serve 100% of their time in the 10th Circuit – Family Division. The other Circuit Court Judges shall be available for case assignment as needed for conflicts and docket control.

3. Assignment of Cases

Cases shall be assigned to the Judges serving in the 10th Circuit – Family Courts based on MCR 8.111 and pursuant to a separate local administrative order. Cases shall be assigned through the local administrative order based on the judicial resources available and particular judicial expertise.

The local administrative order regarding case assignments will also provide for how cases will be assigned as a result of disqualification of judges.

10th Circuit – Family Court cases will remain with the judges to which they are currently assigned.

The Probate Court Judge designated to serve in the 10th Circuit – Juvenile and Family Division shall continue until this plan is revised.

The Circuit Court Judge designated to serve in the 10th Circuit – Family Division shall continue until this plan is revised.

4. Administration

The Chief Probate Court Judge has final supervisory authority over the administration of the 10th Circuit Court – Juvenile and Family Division.

- The Presiding Judge of the 10th Circuit – Juvenile and Family Division is responsible for all day-to-day operations of the Juvenile and Family Division.
- The 10th Circuit – Juvenile and Family Division Court Administrator, under the supervision of the Presiding Judge, is responsible for the day-to-day supervision and fiscal responsibility of the budgets of the court.
- The Detention Superintendent, under the supervision of the Juvenile and Family Court Administrator, is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Court Operated Detention Facility.

The Chief Circuit Court Judge has final supervisory authority over the administration of the 10th Circuit Court – Family Division.

- The Presiding Judge of the 10th Circuit – Family Division is responsible for all day-to-day operations of the Family Division including the Friend of the Court.
- The 10th Circuit Court Administrator is responsible for the day-to-day supervision and fiscal responsibility of the budgets of the court.

5. Records Management

10th Circuit – Juvenile and Family Division pleadings shall be filed in the office of the Juvenile Court Clerk.

- The office of the Juvenile Court Clerk is the central access point to provide the public and the bar information regarding the Juvenile and Family Division and related activities, such as where to file documents, records storage, records access, and case scheduling. The County Clerk has been afforded the opportunity to participate in the development of the plan for records management.

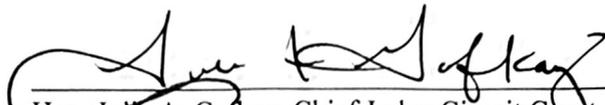
10th Circuit – Family Division pleadings shall be filed in the office of the Circuit Court Clerk.

- The office of the Circuit Court Clerk is the central access point to provide the public and the bar information regarding the Family Division and related activities, such as where to file documents, records storage, records access, and case scheduling. The County Clerk has been afforded the opportunity to participate in the development of the plan for records management.

Effective Date

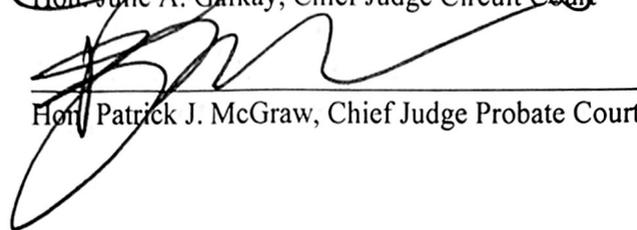
This plan shall take effect upon approval of the State Court Administrative Office.

Date: 5/6/2024



Hon. Julie A. Garkay, Chief Judge Circuit Court

Date: 5/6/24



Hon. Patrick J. McGraw, Chief Judge Probate Court

Attachment
10TH Circuit – Family Court
Judges

Juvenile and Family Division

Hon. Barbara L. Meter, Probate Judge, **Presiding Judge of the 10th Circuit – Juvenile and Family Division**

Hon. Patrick McGraw, Chief Probate Judge

Family Division

Hon. Brittany Dicken, 10th Circuit Court Judge, **Presiding Judge of the 10th Circuit – Family Division**

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

10TH CIRCUIT COURT – FAMILY COURT

