

**DOCKET DIRECTIVE RE:**

Reassignment of Cases Previously Assigned to the Chief Judge to the Docket of the Presiding Judge of the Civil Division

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This Docket Directive, issued pursuant to MCR 8.110(C)(3)(b) and MCR 8.111, is necessary for purposes of administrative efficiency.

This Docket Directive concerns the following cases, which were previously assigned to the Chief Judge:

1. Nuisance Abatement Cases (including Land Bank Cases)
2. City of Detroit Property Tax Collection Cases
3. Wayne County Foreclosure Cases (Excluding the 2022 and 2023 Cases)
4. Miscellaneous Proceedings Cases (Excluding Structured Settlement Payment Rights Cases)

**IT IS ORDERED:**

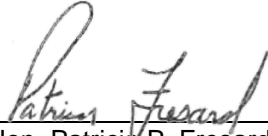
Effective April 29, 2024:

1. The following cases (pending and post-judgment) are reassigned from the docket of the Chief Judge (Hon. Patricia Perez Fresard) to the docket of the Presiding Judge of the Civil Division (Hon. Leslie Kim Smith):
  - a. The Tax Foreclosure Docket encompassing all Housing and Real Estate cases (CH) involving tax foreclosure claims in which the City of Detroit, Wayne County Treasurer, or the County of Wayne is a named party (excluding Case Nos. 22-006263-CH and 23-007684-CH);
  - b. All causes of action to quiet title, whether or not the City of Detroit, Wayne County Treasurer, or County of Wayne is a named party, that arise from tax foreclosure actions heard on the tax foreclosure docket;
  - c. All nuisance abatement actions (CH), drug house actions (CF), nuisance abatement actions involving commercial property (CH), nuisance abatement actions involving illegal dumping, littering, dangerous conditions and/or blight violations (CH), or expedited quiet title/foreclosure actions (CH) that are filed by the Detroit Land Bank Authority, the City of Detroit, or the Wayne County Land Bank Corporation;

- d. All civil lawsuits (CH) brought by the City of Detroit pursuant to the Detroit City Charter at § 8-403(7) seeking to collect unpaid property taxes pursuant to MCL 211.47(2);
2. All newly filed cases in each of the above categories 1.a. – 1.d. shall be assigned to the Presiding Judge of the Civil Division (Hon. Leslie Kim Smith).
3. A Plaintiff will clearly identify in the caption of the complaint any action that should be assigned to the Presiding Judge of the Civil Division pursuant to this docket directive.
4. All Miscellaneous Proceedings cases (PZ), excluding Structured Settlement Payment Rights cases, Judicial Tenure Commission cases, and Jury Commission cases, shall be reassigned to the Presiding Judge of the Civil Division (Hon. Leslie Kim Smith).

The Wayne County Clerk, the Third Circuit Court Case Processing Department, and the Third Circuit Court Information Technology Systems Bureau are directed to take the steps necessary to accomplish this Directive.

Dated: 4/19/2024

  
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Hon. Patricia P. Fresard, Chief Judge  
Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan