



**DOCKET DIRECTIVE RE JUDGE DINGELL AND  
ASSIGNMENT OF FAMILY DIVISION DOMESTIC CASES**

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This Docket Directive, issued pursuant to MCR 8.110 and MCR 8.111, is necessary to ensure efficient processing of cases within the Family Division.

**IT IS ORDERED:**

**Effective: September 29, 2025**

A new docket is being created in the Family Division – Domestic and assigned to Judge Christopher D. Dingell. Judge Dingell will begin with a phased assignment of a 50% draw of new Family Division – Domestic filings. The docket assignment distribution will be reviewed on March 29, 2026.

In addition, Judge Dingell is designated to hear the de novo hearings from State Initiated Friend of the Court cases, including those filed under:


- The Family Support Act
- The Paternity Act, and
- The Uniform Interstate Family Support Act.

In addition, Judge Dingell will preside over motions filed under the Revocation of Paternity Act in the above designated cases.

In the event that Judge Dingell's draw is increased from 50%, the docket will be reviewed to ensure a fair distribution of cases and adjustments may be made, including but not limited to a re-designation of the State Initiated Friend of the Court cases described above to the Family Domestic Presiding Judge and/or a docket consisting of Family Domestic and Family Juvenile Abuse and Neglect cases in furtherance of the Court's One Family One Court initiative.

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

Dated: 9/25/2025

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