



Berrien County Trial Court

Gary J. Bruce, Chief Judge – Carrie Smietanka-Haney, Administrator

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Administrative Order 2018-09

This administrative order replaces and rescinds prior Berrien County Trial Court Administrative Order 2018-05 and establishes the current assignments of the Berrien County Trial Court, effective October 8, 2018. 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

Brian S. Berger

Civil Division

Dennis M. Wiley, Presiding Judge (replaced John M. Donahue)

Donna B. Howard

Business Court

Donna B. Howard (replaced John M. Donahue)

Criminal Division

Sterling R. Schrock, Presiding Judge

Arthur J. Cotter

Gordon G. Hosbein

Charles T. LaSata

Gary J. Bruce

Angela M. Pasula

Community Court

Arthur J. Cotter

Drug Treatment Court

Donna B. Howard
Sterling R. Schrock (back-up)

Mental Health Court

Donna B. Howard
Sterling R. Schrock (back-up)

Swift & Sure Sanctions Probation Program

Sterling R. Schrock
Gordon G. Hosbein (back-up)

Family Division

Mabel Johnson Mayfield, Presiding Judge
Brian S. Berger
Jennifer L. Smith

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
Gordon G. Hosbein
Donna B. Howard
Mabel Johnson Mayfield
Angela M. Pasula
Sterling R. Schrock
Jennifer L. Smith
Dennis M. Wiley

Niles Courthouse

Charles T. LaSata

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

One magistrate is assigned to the St. Joseph Courthouse and one magistrate is assigned to the Niles Courthouse.

2.3 Referees

Each Family Division referee is assigned to the St. Joseph Courthouse, except that 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: October 8, 2018

10-12-18
Date



Gary J. Bruce Trial Court Chief Judge