



Berrien County Trial Court

Mabel Johnson Mayfield, Chief Judge – Carrie Smietanka-Haney, Administrator

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Administrative Order 2021-05

This administrative order replaces and rescinds prior Berrien County Trial Court Administrative Order 2020-01 and establishes the current assignments of the Berrien County Trial Court, effective August 5, 2021. 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

Angela M. Pasula

Civil Division

Dennis M. Wiley

Donna B. Howard, Interim Presiding Judge

Business Court

Donna B. Howard

Criminal Division

Gary J. Bruce

Arthur J. Cotter, Interim Presiding Judge

Gordon G. Hosbein

Charles T. LaSata

Angela M. Pasula

Sterling R. Schrock

Community Court

Arthur J. Cotter

Drug Treatment Court

Donna B. Howard

Mental Health Court

Donna B. Howard

Swift & Sure Sanctions Probation Program

Charles T. LaSata

Gordon G. Hosbein (back-up)

Expungements

Gary J. Bruce

Family Division

Brian S. Berger, Presiding Judge

Mabel Johnson Mayfield

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

Charles T. LaSata

Mabel Johnson Mayfield

Angela M. Pasula

Sterling R. Schrock

Jennifer L. Smith

Dennis M. Wiley

Niles Courthouse

Sterling R. Schrock

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: August 5, 2021

August 4, 2021
Date


Mabel Johnson Mayfield, Trial Court Chief Judge