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SUBJ: SCAO Administrative Memorandum 2002-04
Appointment of Court Officers

MCR 3.106; Procedures Regarding Orders for the Seizure of Property and Orders of Eviction, provides that the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) shall develop a procedure for the appointment and supervision of court officers. Below are links to the appointment procedures for both court employee and independent contractor court officers, including application forms, a model independent contractor agreement, an order for appointment, and a sample identification card.

The new appointment procedures apply to appointments that occur on or after May 1, 2002. Court officers may be appointed by the court for a term not to exceed two years. Courts must post, in a public place at the court, a list of persons who are serving as court officers or bailiffs (MCR 3.106(B)(2)). Further, courts must provide a copy of the list to the SCAO. Any changes to the list must also be provided to the SCAO. Lists and changes should be directed to: SCAO, Attn: Court Officers, P.O. Box 30048, Lansing, MI 48909.

Also below is a link to the revised schedule of surety bond requirements that replaces pages 13-02-01 and 13-02-02 in Volume 2, Section 13 of the Court Administration Reference Guide. Please note that the amount of bond for magistrates, clerks, and those serving process under MCR 3.106(B)(1)(a) has increased to \$50,000.

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