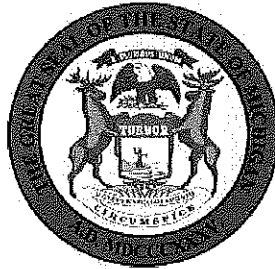


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STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF INGHAM

PLAN FOR THE CREATION OF A
SPECIALIZED BUSINESS COURT

2019-05
Rescinds 2013-01

IT IS ORDERED:

This local administrative order is issued in accordance with MCL 600.8031 *et seq.* It establishes a plan for a specialized business court in the 30th Circuit Court for the purposes outlined in MCL 600.8033(3). The business court has jurisdiction over business and commercial disputes as defined in MCL 600.8031(1)(c) and MCL 600.8035(1).

1. Judicial Resources/Services:

The Business Court shall consist of a judge or judges appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court as a business court judge.

2. Cases Eligible for Assignment to the Business Court:

Cases eligible to be assigned to the business court are identified in MCL 600.8031 and MCL 600.8035. Upon motion of a party, the chief judge of the judicial circuit may review assignments to the business court docket as provided by MCL 600.8035(7). The ruling of the chief judge under this section is not appealable.

3. **Judicial Review of Pleadings:**

A judge assigned to the business court shall review all new filings with a C-type case code to determine whether the case meets the statutory requirements to be assigned to the business court. The review will be conducted regardless of whether or not a party has verified that the case meets the statutory requirements to be assigned to the business court.

4. **Case Assignment to Judges in the Business Court**

- i. Cases identified as business court cases shall be assigned to the business court judge. In the event that more than one business court judge is appointed in the 30th Circuit Court, cases shall be assigned to a business court judge by blind draw.
- ii. A case assigned to a business court judge may be reassigned by blind draw to another judge if the action ceases to include a business or commercial dispute.
- iii. A case that does not initially include a business or commercial dispute but that subsequently includes a business or commercial dispute as a result of a cross-claim, counterclaim, third-party complaint, amendment, or any other modification of the action, shall be reassigned to the business court judge or re-assigned by blind draw to a business court judge in the event more than one business court judge is appointed.

5. **Docket Management:**

Attorneys will be required to attend an early scheduling conference for the purpose of addressing considerations outlined in MCR 2.401, 2.402, 2.403, and 2.410. The attorneys will also be asked to discuss the most effective schedule for alternative dispute resolution. Attorneys and/or parties may be required to attend additional status conferences throughout the life of the case as scheduled by the business court judge.

6. **Technology:**

Operator-assisted telephonic conferencing and video conferencing is available and will be used in all instances where authorized by the Michigan Court Rules, and where a determination has been made by the Business Court Judge that use of this technology will enhance the efficient processing of business court cases.

7. **Opinions:**

All opinions shall be e-mailed to the State Court Administrative Office for publication on an indexed website.

8. **Local Administrative Staff:**

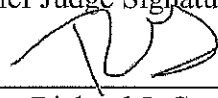
The court has provided the State Court Administrative Office with the name of a local staff person who has been designated as the primary contact for the business court.

Effective Date:

Date:

3/29/2019

Chief Judge Signature:



Hon. Richard J. Garcia
Chief Circuit and Probate Judge