

STATE OF MICHIGAN



DISTRICT JUDGES
Hon. Sam A. Salamey
Hon. L. Eugene Hunt, Jr.
Hon. Mark W. Somers

19TH DISTRICT COURT

16077 MICHIGAN AVENUE
DEARBORN, MICHIGAN 48126

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Court Administrator
Court Information
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Administrative Order 2026-02
Rescinds Administrative Order 2021-01

ASSIGNMENT OF CASES

IT IS ORDERED:

This administrative order is issued in accordance with MCR 8.111 and regulates the assignment of cases in the 19th District Court.

Judges of this Court are assigned to dedicated docket categories, including the Arraignment Docket, Criminal Docket, Civil Docket, and Traffic and Non-Traffic Civil Infraction Docket. The Arraignment and Criminal Dockets are scheduled on a rotating three-week assignment basis. Judge L. Eugene Hunt, Jr. is assigned to a three-week Arraignment Docket rotation followed by a three-week Criminal Docket rotation. Judge Sam A. Salamey is likewise assigned to a three-week Arraignment Docket rotation followed by a three-week Criminal Docket rotation. During each judge's respective three-week Arraignment Docket rotation, each of Judge Hunt and Judge Salamey preside over one Civil Landlord-Tenant Docket, as scheduled by the Court. Judge Mark W. Somers is assigned to the Civil Docket on a continuing basis. In addition, Judge Somers is assigned to conduct the State Docket, which includes probable cause conferences and preliminary examinations, on the third Friday of Judge Salamey's Arraignment Docket rotation and the third Friday of Judge Hunt's Arraignment Docket rotation.

This docket assignment schedule shall remain in effect beginning June 1, 2026, and shall continue unless modified by further administrative order of the Court.

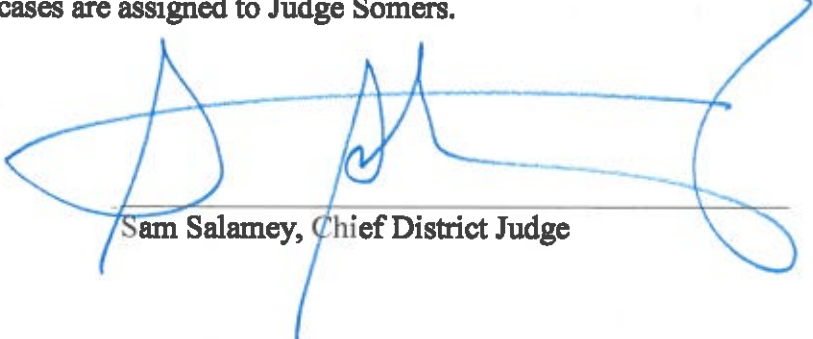
Cases are randomly assigned to the judge's, consistent with all applicable statutes and court rules, per the adopted and approved rotation cycle, except in the following defined circumstances:

1. Felony cases are scheduled for the probable cause conference and preliminary examination after arraignment and within the statutorily required 14 and 21 day timeframes. The case is assigned to the judge that is on the arraignment docket.
 - a. If there is a misdemeanor plea at the time of the probable cause conference or preliminary examination then the case will be scheduled and assigned to Judge Hunt or Judge Salamey to take the plea.
2. Misdemeanor cases are assigned according to the following guidelines:
 - a. A new case will be scheduled for the next available arraignment docket.
 - b. The case will be assigned to the arraigning judge.
 - c. After arraignment, in-custody arraignments on the state misdemeanor docket are scheduled for pre-trial and assigned to Judge Hunt or Judge Salamey, depending on which judge is assigned to the docket per the adopted and approved rotation cycle.

3. Traffic and non-traffic civil infraction cases are assigned to a judge under the following circumstances:
 - a. Informal and formal hearings for civil infractions issued by the Michigan State Police and the Wayne County Sheriff's Department are assigned to Judge Somers and scheduled on the state docket. An appeal from an informal hearing will be assigned to a judge on the next available state formal hearing docket.
 - b. A civil infraction arising from the same incident as a criminal charge will be included and assigned to the judge handling the criminal case.
 - c. All other informal hearings issued by any other agency will be scheduled before the attorney magistrate. A formal hearing or appeal from an informal hearing will be randomly assigned to Judge Hunt or Judge Salamey and scheduled on the next available formal hearing docket regardless of whether the defendant has other non-civil cases pending.
4. Upon defendants meeting eligibility criteria for acceptance to a problem-solving court, the case will be assigned to the judge presiding over the problem-solving court.
5. Civil cases are assigned according to the following guidelines:
 - a. General civil cases are assigned to Judge Somers.
 - b. Landlord tenant and Land Contract Forfeiture cases are randomly assigned to Judge Salamey or Judge Hunt. A new case will be scheduled for the next available judges docket.
 - c. Small claims cases are assigned to the magistrates and if removed by the litigants, then they are assigned to the general civil docket before Judge Somers.
 - d. Miscellaneous civil cases are assigned to Judge Somers.

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Date



Sam Salamey, Chief District Judge