

# DISTRICT COURT - 35TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

660 PLYMOUTH RD., PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN 48170-1891

734-459-4740 FAX 734-454-9303

[www.35thdistrictcourt.org](http://www.35thdistrictcourt.org)

RONALD W. LOWE  
CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE

MICHAEL J. GEROU  
DISTRICT JUDGE



JAMES A. PLAKAS  
CHIEF JUDGE PRO TEM

JENNIFER LADA  
COURT ADMINISTRATOR

## LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025 – 02 RESCINDS LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-03

### 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 35<sup>th</sup> District Court.

Judges of this court are assigned to dedicated docket categories: arraignment docket, criminal docket, civil docket, and traffic and non-traffic civil infractions. Dockets are scheduled on rotation.

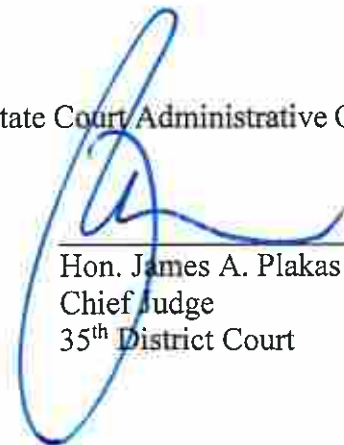
Judges of this court will be assigned new cases on a random basis, consistent with all applicable statutes and court rules, except in the following defined circumstances:

1. Felony cases will be immediately scheduled for the probable cause conference and preliminary examination after arraignment and within the statutorily required timeframes.
2. Misdemeanor cases will be 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.
3. Traffic and non-traffic civil infraction cases will be assigned to a judge under the following circumstances:
  - a. A civil infraction arising from the same incident as a criminal charge will be included and assigned to the judge handling the criminal case.
  - b. A civil infraction not arising from the same incident as a criminal charge will be assigned based on random draw and equal distribution.
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 will be assigned based on random draw and equal distribution
6. In the event of multiple cases (co-defendants) arising out of the same event, all cases shall be assigned to the same judge.

Effective date: Upon approval by the State Court Administrative Office

Dated: 2/13/25



\_\_\_\_\_  
Hon. James A. Plakas  
Chief Judge  
35<sup>th</sup> District Court