

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE 17th CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

IN RE: ACCESS TO JUROR QUESTIONNAIRES LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 2014-01
ACCESS TO SEATED JUROR NAMES AND ADDRESSES

At a session of said Court, held in the Kent County Courthouse
In the City of Grand Rapids in said County.
March 14, 2014

Present: HON. DONALD A. JOHNSTON
Chief Circuit Judge

IT IS ORDERED:

This administrative order is issued in accordance with Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 1987-1, effective April 1, 1987. The purpose of this order is to regulate access to juror questionnaires upon approval by the State Court Administrative Office.

1. Juror Qualification Questionnaires, MCL 600.1315; MSA 27A.1315
 - a. Juror Qualification Questionnaires are confidential and are not public records.
 - b. Juror Qualification Questionnaires shall be kept on file by the Court for a period of 3 years from the time they are filled out.
 - c. The only persons allowed to examine Juror Qualification Questionnaires are:
 - 1) the Jury Board;
 - 2) the judges of the court;
 - 3) the court clerk and deputy clerks, or other designated court staff.
 - d. The answers contained on any Juror Qualification Questionnaire shall not be publicly disclosed.
2. Juror Personal History Questionnaire, MCR 2.510
 - a. Juror Personal History Questionnaires are confidential and are not public records.
 - b. Juror Personal History Questionnaires shall be kept on file by the Court for a period of 3 years from the time they are filled out.
 - c. The only persons allowed to examine Juror Personal History Questionnaires are:
 - 1) the judges of the court;
 - 2) the court clerk and deputy clerks or other designated court staff.
 - d. Attorneys of record, individuals or agencies acting on behalf of attorneys of record, and parties in pro per may request access to Juror Personal History Questionnaires through the Juror Personal History Report from the Court of jurors anticipated to be called for voir dire.
3. Seated Juror Names and Addresses
 - a. Seated juror names and addresses are confidential and are not public records.
 - b. The only persons allowed to examine seated juror names and addresses are:
 - 1) the judges of the court;
 - 2) the court clerk and deputy clerks or other designated court staff.
 - c. The press has a qualified right of post-verdict access to juror names and addresses. The press may request for this information by submitting a written, signed request to the Court after the conclusion of a verdict. The Court will fashion an order that takes into account the competing interest of juror safety and any other interests that may be impacted by the request.

This Order supercedes Kent County Circuit Court Local Administrative Order 2003-11. This Order shall be effective upon approval of State Court Administrative Office.

