

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

IN RE: FAMILY DIVISION
JUDICIAL VACANCY

LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER: 2015-05

At a session of said Court, held in the Kent County Courthouse
in the City of Grand Rapids, in said County on May 27, 2015

Present: HON. DONALD A. JOHNSTON, Chief Circuit Judge

Circuit Court Judge James R. Redford resigned from the bench effective January 13, 2015, thereby creating a judicial vacancy. Judge Redford's judicial seat was filled by gubernatorial appointment. The appointee is Probate Judge George Jay Quist who was assigned to the Circuit Court Family Division. It is anticipated that Judge Quist's Probate judicial seat will be filled by gubernatorial appointment.

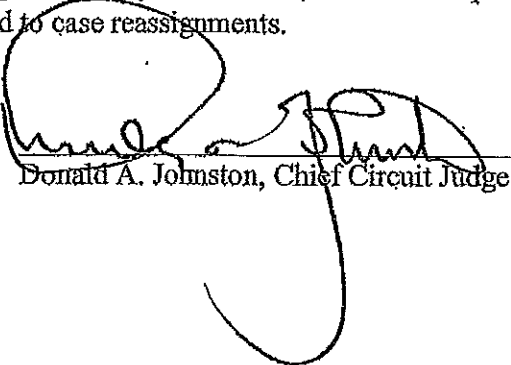
For a variety of reasons, the undersigned has decided to assign the Civil-Criminal Division caseload TBA/Redford to the Honorable George Jay Quist as stated in Circuit Court LAO 2015-01. Judge Quist's Family Division caseload shall be reassigned to "TBA Family Division." The Court shall continue to assign cases to the vacant seat to maintain a sufficient caseload for the newly appointed judge.

To best effectuate the above assignment, **IT IS ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Effective June 1, 2015, the Kent County Clerk shall assign newly filed cases in accordance with approved Local Administrative Order[s], reflecting however, the above judicial reassignment.
2. All closed or pending cases assigned TBA Family Division will be handled by the Family Division judges and referees, or another judge assigned to the Circuit Court, on a temporary basis. These cases will not be formally reassigned to the judges hearing these matters.
3. The newly appointed judge will assume the caseload assigned TBA Family Division. Shortly after appointment, notice of reassignment will be sent in pending cases to each attorney, or in their absence, to the parties. In addition, an entry to the register of actions referencing this LAO will be made with respect to all reassigned cases.

As required by MCR 8.112(B)(3), this Order was submitted to the State Court Administrator for review. Accordingly, as permitted by MCR 8.111, this Order supersedes the customary provision of said rule with regard to case reassignments.

Date: 5/27/15


Donald A. Johnston, Chief Circuit Judge