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Oakland's 6th Judicial Circuit Court Transitions to E-Filing Praecipes

Oakland County, MI (November 28, 2007) – Beginning November 29, 2007, all e-filing civil cases assigned to Oakland Circuit Judge Michael Warren will require attorneys to submit praecipes electronically when scheduling motions. The electronic filing of praecipes is in conjunction with the e-filing program that was initiated in August of this year for Judge Warren's civil docket. The program replaces a workaround to the e-filing program by which praecipes are being delivered to the Court. All praecipes on e-filing cases must be submitted through the Oakland County e-praecipe screen at <http://courts.oakgov.com/ePraecipe>. Links will also be available through the court's home page, as well as through Court Explorer and the Wiznet e-filing portal. Praecipes will no longer be scheduled if submitted through the e-filing program attached to the motion. There is no fee to file a praecipe in this manner. Praecipes generated will be approved through the Case Management Office, received into the Court's Mainframe Register of Actions, and placed on the court's docket.

The required fields for electronic praecipe submissions will carry sufficient case management data to enable automation of the Court's process. Information such as case number, judge, motion date (with the exception of summary disposition motions), title of motion, certification of personal contact, and user's signature, in the form of attorney name, and phone number to identify the person filing will be standard.

The benefits of this program are many and include the elimination of paper copies, more accurate information, faster case processing, acknowledgment of receipt, and saving attorneys trips to the courthouse. In accordance with the 6th Judicial Circuit Local Rule 2.119 and posted practices, all motions must be certified and submitted to the Case Management Office by 4:30 pm, on or

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before the Wednesday preceding motion day. With e-filing praecipes, an attorney whose office is far from the court can prepare the praecipe and file it by 4:30 pm without ever leaving his office.

As a result of the success of the e-filing project that began with Judge Michael Warren this past year, three additional judges in the Sixth Circuit Court will be transitioning to a paperless courtroom and e-filing as of January 1, 2008. They are, Chief Circuit Judge Wendy Potts, Circuit Judge Fred Mester, and Circuit Judge Colleen O'Brien. Effective January 1, 2008, all e-filing civil cases assigned to these judges will also require attorneys to submit praecipes electronically when scheduling motions.

To learn more about process of e-filing praecipes, the Court recommends accessing its web based training demo available at:

http://www.oakgov.com/circuit/form_application/praecipe_demo.htm.

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