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Sixth Judicial Circuit Court Expands E-Praecipe Program

Oakland County, MI (April 9, 2008) – Effective April 17, 2008, the 6th Circuit Court will expand the e-praecipe program to accept electronic praecipis on all civil, criminal, and domestic cases. Under this voluntary program, judges not currently participating in the e-filing pilot program will accept both traditional and electronic praecipis. All e-filing civil cases assigned to Chief Judge Wendy Potts, Judge Fred Mester, Judge Colleen A. O’Brien and Judge Michael Warren will still require attorneys to submit praecipis electronically when scheduling motions. The electronic filing of praecipis was created in conjunction with the e-filing program that was initiated in August 2007.

All praecipis may be submitted through the Oakland County e-praecipe screen at <http://courts.oakgov.com/ePraecipe>. Links are available through the Court’s home page, as well as through Court Explorer and the Wiznet e-filing portal. There is no fee to file a praecipe in this manner; however, statutory fees still apply for the submission of motions. E-praecipes, which are accepted through the Case Management Office, are recorded on the Court’s Mainframe Register of Actions, and placed on the court’s motion docket.

The required fields for electronic praecipe submissions carry sufficient case management data to enable automation of the Court’s process. Information such as complete 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 are standard.

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The benefits of this program 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 before the Wednesday preceding motion day. With e-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/her office.

To learn more about the electronic praecipe form, 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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