



Virgil C. Smith, Chief Judge  
Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan

Karen Khalil, Chief Judge  
17<sup>th</sup> District Court

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Date  
July 17, 2013

Date

**Effective Date:** Upon the approval of the State Court Administrative Office.

1. Until further order of the Court, if the defendant, the defense attorney, and the prosecutor consent on the record, the judges of 17<sup>th</sup> District Court may conduct the Circuit Court arraignment and take a plea of not guilty, guilty, nolo contendere, guilty but mentally ill, or not guilty by reason of insanity in criminal cases cognizable in the Circuit Court.
2. The Circuit Court arraignment may be conducted immediately after bindover if the prosecutor has given a copy of the information or amended information to the defendant prior to the arraignment.
3. Following a plea, the case shall be transferred to the Third Circuit Court where the Circuit Court judge shall preside over all further proceedings, including sentencing.
4. Arraignments conducted pursuant to MCR 6.111 shall be conducted in conformity with MCR 6.113.
5. Pleas taken pursuant to MCR 6.111 shall be taken in conformity with MCR 6.301, 6.302, 6.303, and 6.304, as applicable, and once taken shall be governed by MCR 6.310.
6. The 17<sup>th</sup> District and the Third Circuit Court will cooperate with the State Court Administrative Office in the assessment of this program.

**IT IS ORDERED:**

**SUBJECT: CIRCUIT COURT ARRAIGNMENTS IN DISTRICT COURT**

THIRD CIRCUIT COURT JOINT LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2013 - J  
17<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT COURT JOINT LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2013 - J

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