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<p><b>ORDER AND NOTICE REGARDING ASSIGNMENT OF EXPEDITED CIVIL PROCEEDINGS</b></p>	

The following guidelines shall apply to all expedited district court civil cases filed in 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Courts effective July 23, 2013.

- 1) Currently, all civil cases are assigned randomly to one of the District Court Divisions. Nevertheless, some cases call for hearings within a rather short time frame. This applies, for example, to replevin and forcible entry and detainer actions.
  
- 2) In view of the fact that many of the courthouses in the District are over an hour's travel time from the locations where District Judges preside the majority of the time, responsibilities for routine docket matters in the District is divided between judges seated in Morgan County and Logan County. For purposes of this Administrative Order, those counties in which a District Judge presides over routine docket matters would be termed "home counties," while counties in which they do not handle routine dockets would be termed "outlying counties."

- 3) In accordance with this division of docket responsibilities, one or more District Judges preside over dockets in their home counties at least once per month in accordance with these routine assignments. The District Judges who are not assigned to such dockets would more rarely preside over cases or dockets in their outlying counties. Moreover, domestic and probate cases are typically assigned only to the District Judges who preside in their home counties on a routine basis.
- 4) Litigants who file for expedited relief are entitled to expeditious handling of their cases. This privilege is impaired, however, when such cases are assigned to judges who do not routinely conduct court proceedings in their outlying counties. As a result, other means of case assignment are appropriate in order to expedite handling of such cases.
- 5) As a result, case assignments for civil cases seeking expedited relief, or cases that may be routinely handled on regular docket days, (such as Petitions to seal criminal records, name changes and the like), shall be assigned in the first instance to one of the "home county" judicial officers. In the event expedited hearings are requested in such cases, the Clerks of Court shall thereupon notify the Division Clerk for the assigned judge concerning such assignment, and shall direct the parties to contact the Clerk for that Division for purposes of setting any such hearings. Thereafter, such cases will remain assigned to that same judicial officer, unless assigned to another judge by the Chief Judge, for cause.
- 6) This rule shall also apply to routine civil action motions such as requests for Rule 69 examinations, traverses to garnishment, and Rule 120 objections, which shall be assigned to a home judge for hearing, regardless of the identity of the judicial officer originally assigned to the case.

Dated and signed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2013.



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Michael K. Singer  
Chief Judge, 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial District