

STATE OF MICHIGAN



ISABELLA COUNTY TRIAL COURT

300 NORTH MAIN STREET

Mt. PLEASANT, MICHIGAN 48858

TEL. (989) 772-0911 FAX (989) 772-7337

HON. PAUL H. CHAMBERLAIN
CHIEF JUDGE
LANCE S. DEXTER
COURT ADMINISTRATOR

HON. WILLIAM T. ERVIN
TRIAL JUDGE
HON. MARK H. DUTHIE
TRIAL JUDGE
HON. ERIC R. JANES
TRIAL JUDGE

Administrative Order 2014-1

APPOINTMENT OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS ATTORNEY REFEREE

This administrative order is issued in accordance with Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Order 2009-6, effective January 1, 2010. In accordance with MCL 552.507(1) and MCR 3.215(A), and upon approval of the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO),

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The chief judge of the Isabella County Circuit Court (C21) appoints Nicholas B. Wood as attorney referee. The referee's contact information is:

Name	Nicholas B. Wood
Bar Number	P74715
Court Address	300 North Main Street
	Mount Pleasant, MI 48858
Phone Number	989-772-0911 x299
E-mail Address	nwood@isabellacounty.org

It is the responsibility of the referee to notify the State Court Administrative Office of changes in the individual's contact information during the course of the appointment.

2. Nicholas B. Wood:
 - a. Will serve at the pleasure of the chief judge of the circuit court.
 - b. Has taken the constitutional oath of office.
 - c. Is a member, in good standing, of the State Bar of Michigan, pursuant to MCL 552.5071.
3. The following types of motions may be heard initially by Domestic Relations Referees. Referee Nicholas B. Wood is authorized to perform the following duties pursuant to MCL

552.507(1) and MCR 3.215(A):

- a. Hear all domestic relations motions.
 - b. Hear all domestic relations motions and any ancillary (related non-domestic relations) motions that the court determines to be related to a domestic relations case.
 - c. Hear all domestic relations motions, with the exception of those listed below:
 - i. Post-judgement alimony modifications.
 - ii. Post-judgement transfers.
 - d. The following types of domestic relations motions shall be initially heard by a circuit court referee:
 - i. Change of domicile
 - ii. Custody
 - iii. Parenting time
 - iv. Child support
 - v. Spousal support
 - vi. Show cause hearings
 - vii. Medical
4. The Domestic Relations Referee is authorized to conduct the following scheduling and settlement conferences in domestic relations cases in accordance with MCR 3.215:
- a. Settlement conferences in domestic relations cases.
5. Recommendations for certain orders by the Domestic Relations Referee shall be given interim effect pending a judicial hearing on a timely objection or pending the twenty-one (21) day waiting period as authorized by MCR 3.215(g):¹
- a. Orders establishing custody
 - b. Orders establishing support

¹ MCR 3.215 (G)(2) provides that the court may not give interim effect to a referee's recommendation for an order for incarceration, an order for forfeiture of any property, or an order imposing costs, fines or other sanctions.

MCR 3.215 (G)(3) provides that the court may not by administrative order give interim effect to a referee's recommendation for an order that falls within MCR 3.215 (G)(2), that changes a child's custody, that changes a child's domicile, or that would render subsequent judicial consideration of the matter moot.

If the court issues an administrative order that gives interim effect to a referee's recommended order, the court must notify the parties of its interim effect by including a notice, under a separate heading, within the referee's recommended order. The notice should be printed in 12-point-or-larger boldface type.

- c. Orders establishing parenting time
 - d. Orders modifying support when custody does not change
6. If a domestic relations referee's recommended order does not have interim effect pursuant to this order, the court may enter a case-specific order giving the recommended order interim effect pending the judicial hearing, unless interim effect is prohibited by MCR 3.215(G)(3).

Effective Date: March 17, 2014



Honorable Paul H. Chamberlain
Chief Judge

3-17-14

Date