

STATE OF MICHIGAN



ISABELLA COUNTY TRIAL COURT

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TRIAL JUDGE

**Administrative Order 2014-4  
Disqualifications**

Assignment of motions for disqualification and assignment of cases after disqualification by a Judge of the Isabella County Trial Court.

If a motion is filed requesting that one of the Judges from the Isabella County Trial Court be disqualified, the challenged Judge shall decide the motion. If the challenged Judge denies the motion:

1. on the request of a party, the challenged Judge shall refer the motion to the Chief Judge, who shall decide the motion de novo;
2. or if the challenged Judge is the Chief Judge, on the request of a party, the challenged Judge shall refer the motion to the State Court Administrator for assignment to another Judge, who shall decide the motion de novo.

If one of the Judges of the Isabella County Trial Court is disqualified, or for other good cause cannot undertake an assigned case, the Chief Judge will reassign it on a rotating basis to one of the three other Judges in the Isabella County Trial Court.

If all four Judges are disqualified, the Chief Judge will refer the case to the State Court Administrator for assignment of another Judge.

If it becomes necessary because of the number of disqualifications to seek the assistance of a Judge from outside of the Isabella County Trial Court, the Chief Judge will request that the Regional State Court Administrator assign a Judge outside of the county who will be included in the rotation for assignment on cases where an Isabella County Trial Court Judge is disqualified. If necessary, the rotation may include more than one Judge from outside the county. Furthermore, if necessary, as long as random assignment is maintained, the Judges assigned from outside the county may take the proportion of cases necessary to allow the Isabella County Trial Court Judges to maintain their dockets in an efficient and timely manner.

This Administrative Order supercedes Local Administrative Order 1997-3.

Effective Date: March 31, 2014.

  
Hon. Paul H. Chamberlain  
Chief Judge

March 31, 2014  
Date