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Ford, Livingston, Logan,
McLean, and Woodford

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TO: Members of the McLean County Bar Association

Greetings,

Attached you will find Administrative Order 2021-28 *2022 McLean County Judicial Assignments* effective January 1, 2022.

You will note some significant changes due to Judge Lawrence's impending retirement that will result in the number of judges available in the Circuit to be reduced by one judge for the majority of 2022. As soon as we are back to a full complement of Judges, you can expect further changes.

Here are some of the highlights:

McLean County:

- Judge Chambers will hear all misdemeanor and felony Driving Under the Influence ("DT") cases.
- Major and Minor Traffic ("MT" and "TR") will be heard by a rotation of four Judges Monday thru Thursday. Velda Harvey will be the judicial assistant for the Major/Minor traffic courtrooms. Those cases will be heard in the respective courtroom of the Judge presiding.
- Emergency and Plenary Orders of Protection will be heard by Judges Barnes, Eves and Kording on a weekly rotation in their respective courtrooms. Plenary Orders of Protection associated with a Dissolution of Marriage or Family case will be heard by the Judge presiding over the Dissolution or Family case.
- Judge Barnes will return to McLean County full-time on or about January 1, 2022.

Livingston County:

- Judge McFarland will hear cases in Livingston County one day per week.
- Judge Duffy will hear cases in Livingston County two days per week.

Woodford, Logan and Ford Counties:

- No changes expected at this time but could if additional judicial vacancies occur in 2022.

Miscellaneous:

- Updated courtroom/chamber assignments and judicial assistant assignments will follow.
- Updated Zoom Courtroom links/passwords/meeting IDs lists Judges' Virtual Courtrooms will follow with updates posted to the McLean County Website.
- You are encouraged to review the updated Manual on Recordkeeping to learn the newly created case-type designations as found in the Administrative Order.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation regarding these changes. Please see the weekly courtroom grid that is attached for further details. Please remember the grid is only intended as a general guide and that other case-types may be heard on other days even if not specifically designated on the grid. Court reporter availability may limit certain case-types from being heard on days other than as listed.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark A. Fellheimer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark. A. Fellheimer, Chief Judge
Eleventh Judicial Circuit

cc: McLean County Circuit Clerk
McLean County Court Services
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