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New Case Types Are Now Added to Mandatory E-Filing System

(Wayne County, MI) – Earlier this year, Wayne County Clerk, Cathy M. Garrett steadfastly worked to deliver on her promise of offering enhanced services to the Third Judicial Circuit Court.

“Gaining the approval of the Michigan Supreme Court is a hugely pivotal marker in the technological transformation of the way court business will be conducted in the future. Our team is laser-focused on the need to modernize the largest court system in the State of Michigan. This initiative is a complete game winner for the Wayne County Clerk’s Office. The goal is simple – to establish a rich technological environment that effectively makes it easier, not harder, for our hardworking employees and the Bar to execute court business,” stated Caven West, Wayne County Chief Deputy Clerk and Chief of Staff.

Since the beginning of November, a total of 861 new contract cases (CK) have been e-filed during this innovative system’s pilot run. Extremely positive feedback has been garnered from both the Michigan Bar Association and the Michigan Supreme Court regarding the system’s efficiencies and capabilities. In turn, these reviews lead to the Michigan Supreme Court’s decision to authorize an additional set of cases for e-filing, as the pilot system was hugely successful.

While the newly implemented system originally required that only contract cases (CK) are mandatory for e-filing, effective May 21, 2012, the following new case types will also be added to the list:

- CB (Business Claims);
- CC (Condemnation);
- CD (Employment Discrimination);
- CE (Environment);
- CH (Housing and Real Estate, Except Tax Foreclosures);
- CL (Labor Relations);
- CP (Antitrust, Franchising, and Trade Regulations);

- CR (Corporate Receivership); and
- PZ (Miscellaneous Proceedings, Except Tax Foreclosures).

By June 25, 2012, CZ (General Civil) cases are also expected to be added to the list of case types on board for e-filing. CF (Forfeiture Claims) cases are only administered to the Chief Judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court Virgil Smith, and will subsequently not be e-filed.

Attorney trainings will be offered via Webinar commencing on May 7, 2012. Registration links will be posted at www.3rdcc.org, alongside further information pertaining to utilizing the system.

This innovative e-filing system now allows for the Third Judicial Court to fully maximize its resources by enabling attorneys within Wayne County to submit filings electronically in nearly any format, 24 hours a day, and from virtually any PC with internet access. The system's prowess ensures that court services are efficiently streamlined, and it also cuts down on the extraneous time and waste associated with solely keeping paper based records.

Additionally, this system does not cost taxpayers a single dime, as it pays for itself through nominal user-fees.

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