



The Circuit Court
for the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Michigan

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TO MEMBERS OF THE SAGINAW COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION:

As most of you are aware Judge Jim Borchard will be retiring at the end of this year. His docket assignment primarily consists of handling domestic relations cases. Divorce actions, child custody and visitation matters, and things of that nature. The docket does not include any civil or criminal cases. Essentially it is the "family court" for circuit court. We have found that this system works best for litigants and for court administration.

I informed you all last week that those interested in running for the seat were now free to do so. But because I have received several questions concerning the seat, I also felt it would be appropriate to inform you all that the court will remain a family court until further notice from the Chief Judge, pursuant to MCR 8.110(C). So, whoever seeks the position needs to take note and be aware of that fact. The person elected to the position should anticipate that there will be no change in assignment in the docket for at least two years, if not more. Should you have any further questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me. Thanx.

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Chief Judge, Saginaw County Trial Courts
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