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Administrative Order 2014-01

JUDICIAL OFFICER VIDEOCONFERENCING

IT IS ORDERED:

This administrative order is issued in accordance with Administrative Order 2012-7. The purpose of this order is to allow judicial officers to preside by videoconference in certain types of court proceedings.

1. Use: When in a courthouse located within their judicial circuit or district, judicial officers may preside by videoconference in any court proceedings that may be conducted by videoconference without the consent of the parties under the Michigan Court Rules and statutes.
2. Administrative Procedures: [Please describe all administrative procedures that will apply to court proceedings conducted by videoconference. The following information should be included:
 - a) The 86th District Court in Grand Traverse, Antrim and Leelanau counties will utilize the Polycom video conferencing equipment to conduct court proceedings whenever possible.
 - b) The county where the case is filed will be the county responsible for recording the proceeding, docketing/processing case file, and sending notices.
 - c) Should a party object to the use of the videoconferencing equipment, the party is required to put their objection in writing and file it with the court. In the case of an objection, it is possible that the court will need to postpone the hearing

and request a writ of habeas corpus to bring the defendant to court in person.

d) ADA concerns may be submitted in writing to the court prior to the proceeding using MC70.

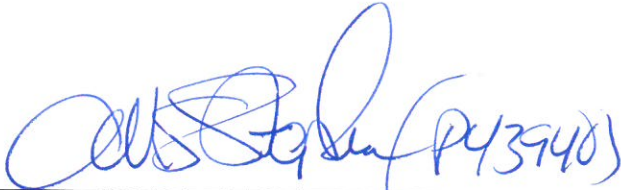
3. Equipment: The use of videoconferencing equipment must be conducted in accordance with any requirements and guidelines established by the State Court Administrative Office and must meet the following requirements:
 - a. Participants using videoconferencing shall have the ability to see and hear all parties participating in the court hearing.
 - b. Participants at the court and the remote location(s) shall have the ability to electronically send and receive documents at each location.
 - c. If the hearing is a public proceeding and no suppression order has been entered by the court, the public shall be permitted to see and hear the participants who are not physically present in the court room.
4. Recording: All court proceedings at which videoconferencing is used must be recorded verbatim by the court.
5. Data collection: The court shall maintain the following data on hearings at which the use of videoconferencing has been authorized by this LAO:
 - Number and type of each hearing.
 - Number and type of technical difficulties, and how the difficulty was resolved.
 - Number of objections to using videoconferencing, grounds for the objections, and the court' s resolution of the objections.

The data shall be provided to SCAO upon SCAO' s request. In addition, upon the request of SCAO, the court shall provide the names and contact information for parties or attorneys who have participated in a videoconference hearing. The contact information may be used by SCAO to conduct research regarding the use of videoconferencing.

Effective Date: 12/22/14

Date: _____

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