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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 15, 2012

TO: District Court Chief Judges
cc: District Court Administrators
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FROM: Laura Hutzel

RE: Revision to Caseload Reporting Instructions for Part 4

This memo describes a revision to the district court caseload reporting instructions that makes case age reporting of landlord-tenant (LT) and land contract (SP) cases correspond to Administrative Order (AO) 2011-3.

As you know, AO 2011-3 provides two time guidelines for LT and SP cases: cases with a jury demand should be disposed within 154 days and cases without a jury demand should be disposed within 126 days. The current caseload reporting instructions, however, state that disposed LT and SP cases should be reported in one of two categories: cases disposed by jury verdict, either within or over 154 days, and cases disposed by another method, either within or over 126 days. As a result, a case with a jury demand that is disposed by a bench verdict or settlement would have been reported as disposed either within or over 126 days. Instead, this case should be reported as disposed either within or over 154 days.

Any case that has a jury demand during the life of the case, regardless of its method of disposition, should be counted as disposed either within or over 154 days.

The revised instructions are attached and read:

Line 9: Count the number of cases disposed ~~by any method other than jury verdict~~ (no jury demand) within 126 days.

Line 10: Count the number of cases disposed ~~by any method other than jury verdict~~ (no jury demand) after 126 days.

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Line 11: Count the number of cases disposed ~~by jury verdict~~ (jury demand) within 154 days.

Line 12: Count the number of cases disposed ~~by jury verdict~~ (jury demand) after 154 days.

The instructions for pending LT and SP cases were not revised because they already correspond to AO 2011-3.

If you or your staff members have any questions, please contact me by phone at 517-373-2222 or by e-mail at hutzell@courts.mi.gov.

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