

Honorable Nanci J. Grant

In order to better serve the attorneys and litigants appearing in Judge Grant's courtroom, we have adopted the following guidelines. Please advise your clients and staff so that there are no misunderstandings.

Location

Courtroom 4A, Fourth Floor - Oakland County Courthouse
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Biography

Background

Judge Grant is a graduate of The University of Michigan and Wayne State University Law School. She has served on the Circuit Court since 1997. Previously, Judge Grant was in private practice. Judge Grant served as Chief Judge of the Oakland County Circuit Court as appointed by the Supreme Court of Michigan.



Scheduling/Conference

CIVIL

- A scheduling conference will be held only in case of change of venue.
- The Court utilizes a joint final pretrial order, filed shortly after issuance of scheduling order; due one week before trial.
- It is the expectation of the Court that the parties participate in ADR prior to trial.

CRIMINAL

- Arraignment, pretrial, sentence, and violation of probation hearings are held weekly on Wednesday, at 11:00 am. All criminal proceedings are held in person, in Courtroom 4A.
 - Use the sign in sheet. The clerk calls the cases.
- Arraignment by mail (ABM) submission will be considered only with good cause showing.
- Oral bond motions are not permitted during Criminal Call. Instead, file a written motion and praecipe the matter to the Court's motion docket.

Motion Practice

In accordance with the Michigan Supreme Court directives, Judge Grant will continue to hold **Motion Call via Zoom, on Wednesdays, beginning at 8:30 a.m. All those with motions being heard will be contacted by the Court the afternoon before, with a specific time for their appearance.** Parties must appear in the Zoom waiting room 10 minutes prior to their scheduled motion hearing time.

- **All Criminal Bond Motions must be accompanied by a copy of the district court bond order and a proposed order granting the relief requested, including all bond conditions.**
- If a **Motion Response** is **not received by** 12:00 p.m. on the **Monday** prior to the scheduled motion hearing, the motion **will be considered unopposed** (*excepting dispositive motions*).
- **Dispositive Motions:** Judge Grant follows the Michigan Court Rules for the scheduling of dispositive motions (**no scheduling order will be issued.**) Prior permission must be given by the Court to exceed page limit (see MCR 2.119(A)(2). A judge's copy is requested of all summary disposition pleadings. The pleadings' format must comply with the Michigan Court Rules.
- **Motion for Reconsideration:** A judge's copy is required. Unless the Court otherwise indicates, no hearing is scheduled and no response is permitted. (See MCR 2.119(F))
- **Motion to Adjourn:** All trial counsel must be present for motions to adjourn, including those that are unopposed.
- **Motions for Alternate Service:** Must be submitted on approved SCAO form. A process server affidavit indicating the specific attempts at service (minimum of three attempts, varied in time and day of week) is required. Specific requirements of proposed order include: (1) Certified mail (return receipt requested) to the last known address; (2) Posting/affixing to the last known address; and (3) Publication in the Oakland County Legal News for 3 consecutive weeks.
- **Motions for Second Summons:** Must be submitted on approved SCAO form. A 45-day extension will be considered when appropriate.

Temporary Restraining Orders/Injunctions

The Court strictly adheres to the Michigan Court Rules, including MCR 3.310(B)(1). Please ensure compliance before such a request is brought.

Discovery

The scheduling order dictates the time for discovery. It can be extended prior to cutoff by stipulation; after cutoff by motion. The Court may intervene during depositions if compelled upon showing of good cause.

Trial

- The docket is computer-generated. Adjournments are allowed by motion with all parties present for good cause. A trial brief is due one week prior to trial; all exhibits must be marked and agreed to by the parties. Exhibits shall be labeled as follows: Plaintiff - numbers; Defense - letters. The Court requires a bench book of exhibits for bench trials.
- Trial days are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The Court requires proposed findings in bench trials. The Court conducts initial voir dire; counsel participates.
- Preliminary jury instructions must be submitted to the Court on plain paper, 14 point font, one instruction per page, double spaced, without citation to case law, no later than noon of the business day preceding the scheduled date of trial. The jury is generally charged after final argument. Upon request, the jury may take notes in lengthy matters and into jury deliberations

Appeals

No scheduling order will be issued. The Court strictly adheres to the Michigan Court Rules. See MCR 7.101 et seq.

General

Follow court rules for license restoration.