

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

IN THE MATTER OF REASSIGNMENT
OF CASE NO. 1:16-CV-698

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JANE DOE,

Plaintiff,

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No. 16-CA-063

v.

LANSING PUBLIC SCHOOLS, et al.,

Defendants.

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Cases in this District are normally subject to random assignment. LCivR 3.3.1(c). Related cases are an exception and may be directly assigned to the judge handling the earliest filed (lowest numbered) case. Here, Magistrate Judge Philip J. Green determined Case No. 1:16-CV-698, *Doe v. Lansing Public Schools, et al.*, was not related to Case No. 1:16-CV-580, *Presas v. Lansing Public Schools*, a case pending before the undersigned. Accordingly, the *Doe* case should have been randomly assigned. It was not. Instead, it appears the *Doe* case was directly assigned to this office presumably because Magistrate Judge Green suggested the cases might be cognate, albeit not “related.” Potential cognate cases must first go through random assignment, however, and may then be reassigned only if all affected judges agree. LCivR 3.3.2(c).

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall randomly assign Case No. 1:16-CV-698, and reassign another case to the undersigned in its stead. Following random assignment, the affected judges may seek reassignment under the cognate rule, if appropriate.

Dated: June 29, 2016



ROBERT J. JONKER
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

NOTICE TO THE PARTIES FROM THE CLERK OF COURT:

This case has been randomly reassigned to the Honorable Gordon J. Quist. All future filings shall reflect his name.