

DISTRICT #8 GOVERNANCE PLAN

- 1. Special Judge Plans:** The judges of our District have reviewed the TR 79 in each of the four (4) counties and have determined that each plan is current and allows for the efficient operation of special judge assignments in the District. Our District will use judges within the District or, as allowed by TR 79(H), drawn from counties that are contiguous to the county seeking a special judge.
- 2. Criminal Rule 2.2:** The judges of our District have reviewed the current Criminal rule 2.2 plans for each county in our District. We have determined that the counties in our District currently follow the provisions of Criminal Rules 2.2, 12, and 13.
- 3. Leadership:** From among the alternatives suggested to comply with AR 3(B), the judges of our District reviewed the three (3) suggested choices: (1) one administrative judge; (2) a district committee comprised of one representative from each county; and (3) any other specified organization established by the District. We have decided to select option two (2). Our district committee shall be the judges of Superior Court I of each county, currently Judge Muehlhausen of Cass County, Judge Steele of Fulton County, Judge Menges of Howard County, and Judge Grund of Miami County. Should any of those judges not wish to serve, his county by a majority vote of its members may designate someone else as that county's committee representative. The District representative to the Board of the Judicial Conference will report to the District committee with respect to administrative matters requiring action by the District membership.
- 4. Selection Process for Leadership:** The District representative who will serve on the Judicial Conference Board will be selected by majority vote, to serve a term of two (2) years. Currently, Judge Murray of the Howard Circuit Court is the District's Board representative through August 31, 2014. From August 1 to August 10, 2014 and each alternate year thereafter, nominees can self-nominate or be nominated by another judge of the District for selection as Board representative. If only one District member is nominated, that nominee shall be selected as the Board representative for the next two year term. If more than one District member is nominated, the District members will select the Board representative on or about August 15 by majority vote of the District membership. If the current Board representative is not a nominee, he or she shall administer the election. If the current Board representative is a nominee, a district member not in nomination shall be selected by the District's administrative committee to administer the election. A majority of the judges in the District will constitute a quorum for the purpose of selecting the District Board representative.

5. **Number of Meetings:** The District will hold one meeting per year in conjunction with the Annual Judicial Conference each September, said meeting to be organized by the Board representative. A majority of the judges in the District will constitute a quorum. Additional meetings as required may be scheduled either by the Board representative or the District committee. Meetings may be conducted in person, or electronically, or via conference call as determined by the needs of the District. Agenda items may be submitted by any member. Typical agenda items can include District wide-efforts at cooperation and collaboration, proposed District-wide rules, and proposals to the Board of the Judicial Conference.
6. **District Activities:** Our District is cooperating on TR 79 and CR 2.2 plans for the selection of special judges. Our District also cooperates with respect to the District Pro Bono Programs under Prof. Conduct Rule 6.6. Juvenile Detention arrangements have been made between each District county's juvenile court and the Kinsey Youth Center of Howard County. Our District will investigate sharing of judicial resources when more resources become available.
7. **Local Rules:** Currently we do not have any District rules.
8. **Compliance:** Our District Plan complies with the minimum requirements for District governance contemplated by AR 3(B). A majority of the judges in the District agreed to this plan on or before February 15, 2013. It will remain in effect until further notice.

Note: The most recent revisions to this Plan were made by the vote of a majority of the judges in the District at their annual meeting on September 15, 2017.