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Local Administrative Order 2015 – 03J (Rev. 12/15)
REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

IT IS ORDERED:

This administrative order is issued in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, as well as Michigan statutory law. The purpose of this order is to ensure that qualified individuals with disabilities have equal and full access to the judicial system. Nothing in this order shall be construed to impose limitations or to invalidate the remedies, rights, and procedures accorded to any qualified individuals with disabilities under state or federal law.

1. **Definitions**

The following definitions shall apply under this order:

- a. “An individual with a disability” means a person covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 *et seq.*) and the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, and includes individuals who have physical or mental impairments that substantially limit one or more major life activity, have a record of such an impairment, or are regarded as having such an impairment.
- b. “Qualified Individual with a Disability” means a person who meets the essential eligibility requirements for participation in any program, service, or proceeding in a court in Michigan. This not only includes persons involved in a case, such as lawyers, parties, witnesses, or jurors, but also includes spectators or anyone else who is eligible to participate in a program, service, or proceeding in a court in Michigan.
- c. “Accommodations” may include, but are not limited to, making reasonable modifications in policies, practices, and procedures; furnishing at no charge to the qualified individuals with disabilities auxiliary aids and services, which may include equipment, devices, materials in alternative formats, and qualified interpreters or readers; making each service, program, or activity, when viewed in its entirety, readily accessible to and usable by qualified individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations. To ensure that court services are accessible, access may be