

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

In re:

Administrative Order Pertaining to the Assignment
of Cases,

Administrative Order
No. 20-14

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
PERTAINING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF CASES**

The Honorable Phillip J. Shefferly is retiring on January 4, 2021. This administrative order is entered pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 154(b) and E.D. Mich. LBR 1073-1 to provide for the reassignment of pending cases presently assigned to Judge Shefferly. Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. **Reassignment of pending Chapter 11, 12, and 15 cases.** At or as soon as practicable after 5:00 p.m. on December 18, 2020, the Clerk shall reassign all of Judge Shefferly's pending Chapter 11, 12, and 15 cases pursuant to the Court's blind draw system to the other three Bankruptcy Judges for the Eastern District of Michigan located in Detroit: Judge Tucker, Judge Randon, and Judge Oxholm, except those cases that are listed on Exhibit A of this Order. Because there are hearings and other matters pending in the cases of Exhibit A, or in adversary proceedings filed in them, these cases shall remain assigned to Judge Shefferly until the date Judge Shefferly has concluded such hearings and matters but, in any event, by 5:00 p.m. on December 30, 2020. Companion cases and jointly administered cases will be kept together, consistent with the Court's ordinary practices.

2. **Reassignment of pending Chapter 7 cases.** At or as soon as practicable after 5:00 p.m. on December 18, 2020, the Clerk shall reassign all of Judge Shefferly's pending Chapter 7 cases

to Judge Applebaum, except those cases that are listed on Exhibit A of this Order. Because there are hearings and other matters pending in the cases of Exhibit A, or in adversary proceedings filed in them, these cases shall remain assigned to Judge Shefferly until the date Judge Shefferly has concluded such hearings and matters but, in any event, by 5:00 p.m. on December 30, 2020.

3. **Transfer of pending Chapter 13 cases.** At or as soon as practicable after 5:00 p.m. on December 30, 2020, the Clerk shall transfer all of Judge Shefferly's pending Chapter 13 cases to a docket titled "Successor to Judge Shefferly." Companion cases and jointly administered cases will be kept together, consistent with the Court's ordinary practices. Adversary proceedings filed in these Chapter 13 cases will be transferred with the Chapter 13 bankruptcy case in which it was filed to the docket titled "Successor to Judge Shefferly" docket. The Court will issue notices from time to time regarding the scheduling of these Chapter 13 cases and adversary proceedings.

4. **Reassignment of adversary proceedings.** The Clerk shall reassign all of Judge Shefferly's pending adversary proceedings, regardless of chapter, to the Bankruptcy Judge to whom reassignment of the bankruptcy case is made, on the date that such reassignment is made.

5. **Assignment of new Chapter 7, 11, 12, and 15 cases.** Using the Court's blind draw system, the Clerk shall assign all Detroit location Chapter 7, 11, 12 and 15 cases, filed on or after December 9, 2020, to Judge Tucker, Judge Randon, and Judge Oxholm.

6. **Assignment of new Chapter 13 cases.** Using the Court's blind draw system, the Clerk shall assign all Detroit location Chapter 13 cases, filed on or after December 30, 2020, to the docket titled "Successor to Judge Shefferly" and the other three Detroit Bankruptcy Judges: Judge Tucker, Judge Randon and Judge Oxholm.



/s/ Daniel S. Opperman

Daniel S. Opperman, Chief Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court for the
Eastern District of Michigan

Signed on December 17, 2020

CHAPTER / CASE NO.	CASE NAME
Chapter 7 16-54728-pjs	Delmer D. Shaffer
Chapter 7 17-55289	Iona Earl Locke
Chapter 7 18-46856-pjs	LaJeff Lee-Percy Woodberry
Chapter 7 19-54531-pjs	Joseph G. DuMouchelle and Melinda J. Adducci
Chapter 11 19-57161	Demlow Products, Inc.
Chapter 11 20-40285-pjs	Motif Diamond Designs, Inc.
Chapter 11 20-48744-pjs	Lapeer Industries, Inc.