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CHAPTER II. UNIFORM RULES FOR THE NEW YORK STATE TRIAL COURTS >

PART 202. UNIFORM CIVIL RULES FOR THE SUPREME COURT AND THE COUNTY COURT

§ 202.3 Individual assignment system; structure

(a) General. There shall be established for all civil actions and proceedings heard in the Supreme Court and County Court an individual assignment system which provides for the continuous supervision of each action and proceeding by a single judge. Except as otherwise may be authorized by the Chief Administrator or by these rules, every action and proceeding shall be assigned and heard pursuant to the individual assignment system.

(b) Assignments. Actions and proceedings shall be assigned to the judges of the court upon the filing with the court of a request for judicial intervention pursuant to section 202.6 of this Part. Assignments shall be made by the clerk of the court pursuant to a method of random selection authorized by the Chief Administrator. The judge thereby assigned shall be known as the "assigned judge" with respect to that matter and, except as otherwise provided in subdivision (c) of this section, shall conduct all further proceedings therein.

(c) Exceptions.

(1) Where the requirements of matters already assigned to a judge are such as to limit the ability of that judge to handle additional cases, the Chief Administrator may

authorize that new assignments to that judge be suspended until the judge is able to handle additional cases.

(2) The Chief Administrator may authorize the establishment in any court of special categories of actions and proceedings, including but not limited to matrimonial actions, medical malpractice actions, tax assessment review proceedings, condemnation actions and actions requiring protracted consideration, for assignment to judges specially assigned to hear such actions or proceedings. Where more than one judge is specially assigned to hear a particular category of action or proceeding, the assignment of such actions or proceedings to the judges so assigned shall be at random.

(3) The Chief Administrator may authorize the assignment of one or more special reserve trial judges. Such judges may be assigned matters for trial in exceptional circumstances where the needs of the courts require such assignment.

(4) Matters requiring immediate disposition may be assigned to a judge designated to hear such matters when the assigned judge is not available.

(5) The Chief Administrator may authorize the transfer of any action or proceeding and any matter relating to an action or proceeding from one judge to another in accordance with the needs of the court.

(6) The Chief Administrator may authorize the establishment in any court or county or judicial district of a dual track system of assignment. Under such system each action and proceeding shall be supervised continuously by the individually assigned judge until the note of issue and certificate of readiness have been filed and the pretrial conference, if one is ordered, has been held. The action or proceeding then may be assigned to another judge for trial in a manner prescribed by the Chief Administrator.

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Judiciary Law, Art. 2

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