**Courts in Massachusetts That Handle Eviction**

1. Massachusetts Housing Court
   1. 15 judges across six divisions: Central, Eastern, Metro South, Northeast, Southeast, and Western (<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/housing-court>)
   2. Questions:
      1. When a case is filed, what determines what division it is assigned to?
         1. Landlord
      2. After a case is assigned to a division, what determines what session within the division it is assigned to?
         1. In-person trials: Based on the county
            1. Plymouth -> Brockton session
            2. Norfolk -> Cnaton
      3. What exactly is a “session” within a division?
      4. How are judges assigned to divisions?
      5. Is each judge associated with a single division?
      6. How are judges assigned to sessions?
      7. Is each judge associated with a single session?
      8. Why are new judges sometimes assigned to cases?
      9. Under what circumstances and with what methodology are new judges assigned to cases?
   3. Judge assignmet
      1. Speak to clerk:
         1. Attention clerk magistrate, assistant clerk
            1. [metrosouthhousingcourt@jud.state.ma.us](mailto:metrosouthhousingcourt@jud.state.ma.us)
      2. Judges stay at ONE SESSSION the entire day