

3rd Circuit Court's Collections Website

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THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MICHIGAN COLLECTIONS OF COURT ORDERED COSTS AND FEES

The Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan Collections Division was created with the overall mission of enforcing financial obligations imposed by the court and initiating collections efforts.

POLICY

The policy of the Third Circuit Court is to require a party in any action before this Court to reimburse the Court for appointed counsel fees, court ordered costs and other fees as determined by the Judge. A party shall be defined as either a defendant, or a parent/legally responsible adult (LRA) for a minor child.

A defendant in a criminal proceeding; or the parent/LRA in a child protective or delinquency proceeding will not be denied counsel because of their inability to pay. A Third Circuit Court Judge may determine the ability of the party (defendant, parent/LRA) to pay part or all of the ordered **court costs and attorney fees**. It is within the discretion of any Third Circuit Court Judge to make a finding of indigence, based on the Affidavit of Indigency. The result could mean a waiver or reduction of the obligation to the Court for these fees and court costs.

“Fines, costs and other financial obligations imposed by the court must be paid at the time of assessment, except when the court allows otherwise for good cause shown.”

Michigan Court Rule 1.110

Where payment of attorney fees, court costs and other financial obligations have not been paid in full in accordance with MCR 1.110, an accounting containing the party’s identifying information may be referred to a private collection agency for further enforcement action within the approved policies and procedures of the Court.

Any party in a Third Circuit Court action who is subject to collection activity shall be treated with dignity and respect.

CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE MATTERS

It is a party's responsibility to make timely payment of all court ordered costs and fees. A final order will clearly state the total costs assessed, which most often will include: any state mandated fees, victim restitution, attorney fees, court costs, and fines. Immediate payment on an account will avoid penalties and the assessment of late fees. **The non-payment of court ordered costs and fees could result in a referral to the credit bureaus, possible termination of probation, or even incarceration.**

Reimbursement of court costs and attorney fees is based on financial circumstances. The responsible party's income and monthly expenses once verified will be considered in the Court's decision. Full and accurate disclosure will allow the Court to determine fairly and equitably the obligation for court services rendered.

Failure to pay court obligations within 56 days of the due date of the debt will result in a penalty of 20% based on the outstanding delinquent balance per MCL 600.4803. The full amount ordered by the court is required, however the court is willing to work with any party to arrive at reasonable payment terms. If the amount ordered is in dispute, a petition for modification must be filed. The judge will determine if the costs and fees should be modified. A party should not wait to receive a late notice to make any concerns known.

Failure to fulfill a payment obligation, could result in one or more of the following actions:

- Order to appear in Court to "Show Cause" for non-compliance with the Court's order to make payment;
- Probation revocation;
- The debt being reported to credit bureaus;
- The Seizure, lien, and/or sale of real or personal property;
- Garnishment of wages.

HOW TO MAKE PAYMENTS

Payments may be made by mail or in person at the appropriate address listed below. Payments must include **Name, Address, Phone Number, and CTN (Case Tracking Number) or Case Number** to allow for the proper application of the payment. Payments must be made by cashier's check or money order, or by Credit Card by calling Government Payment Services (GPS), 888-604-7888 available 24 hours a day, Pay Location Code: 5443. GPS requires you to provide the following to make a payment: Defendant Name, Date of Birth, CTN # and Case #. A 5% Service Fee will be added by GPS for Credit Card Services. **No personal checks will be accepted.** Cash payments must be paid directly at the Wayne County Clerk cashiers window only.

Payments are to be remitted and made payable to:

Wayne County Clerk

at

Criminal Matters: Frank Murphy Hall of Justice

1441 St. Antoine, Rm. 102

Detroit, MI 48226

313-224-2414

or

Juvenile Matters: Lincoln Hall of Justice

1025 E. Forest, Rm. 238

Detroit, MI 48226

313-833-0591

Again, payments must clearly include the CTN or Case Number for proper distribution on the account, as well as the name, address, and phone number. A completed [payment form](#) must accompany all payments remitted by mail. (link to form) **Cash payments are only accepted at the above locations.**





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COURT ORDERED COSTS, FINES AND FEES ARE DUE IMMEDIATELY UPON
ASSESSMENT**

PAYMENTS (EXCEPT SUPERVISION FEES)
MUST BE DIRECTED IN PERSON OR BY MAIL
TO THE
**WAYNE COUNTY CLERK CASHIER
1441 ST. ANTOINE, ROOM 102
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226**

DEFENDANT _____ **CTN or CASE # REQUIRED** _____

ADDRESS/CITY/ZIP _____

PHONE # _____ AMOUNT OF PAYMENT _____

- CERTIFIED CHECK OR MONEY ORDER. (NO PERSONAL CHECKS ACCEPTED)
- CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ACCEPTED THROUGH GPS 888-604-7888 (CODE: 5443)
 - CASH MAY BE PAID AT THE CASHIER'S WINDOW ONLY

COMPLETE THIS PORTION AND RETURN WITH PAYMENT



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PARENT /LRA _____ **CASE # REQUIRED** _____

ADDRESS/CITY/ZIP _____

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AVAILABLE 24 HOURS

*A fee for service will be added to the
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**MONDAY-FRIDAY FROM
8 AM UNTIL 3 PM
EXCLUDING WEEKENDS AND
HOLIDAYS**

*A fee for service will be added to the
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*A valid photo ID will be required to
complete the transaction.*