

State Furlough Days

“Furlough Days” seems to be the buzz in the State of Michigan. Not only for state employees but it’s residents. Everyone is concerned with how the furlough days will affect them. JIS wants to assure the courts that there will be support on those days. If you need assistance on any of the furlough days, please contact the helpdesk either by email or the toll free number and someone will be available to assist you.

However, phones will only be staffed from 9 am to 4 pm and only a limited number of JIS employees will be available. As always, we want to discourage the courts from using direct numbers for help as your call may go unanswered, because that individual may not be working on that day.

The furlough days are as follows: June 19, July 6, July 24, August 7, August 21 and September 4.

Caseload Upload Instructions

Our website has been recently updated with new caseload upload instructions. To view this information go to our website courts.mi.gov/jis

Stay of Proceedings

Lately we have been receiving a lot of calls regarding Stays on domestic cases. Per SCAO and caseload instructions for Part 2 Method of Disposition, Section D: Domestic Relations, Line 6, it states, “Count when a case is stayed through an order issued by a higher court for interlocutory appeal or through an

order issued by the trial court for military stay.” Therefore, bankruptcy stays only apply to civil cases not domestic. Stays cannot be placed on domestic cases unless there is an order by a higher court or it’s a military stay. If a court doesn’t want the case to age then it would have to be dismissed, then refiled if necessary. In some instances, the case possibly could be reopened if necessary. Otherwise the case must remain open and age per SCAO.

Summer Training Classes

Every other year JIS offers an extensive training in the areas of Data Entry, Dispositions & Deferrals, Abstracts & CHR, Financials and Reports. This year due to State budget cuts these classes will only be offered at the Hall of Justice in Lansing. The class schedules will be sent out to all the courts as soon as they have been set.

Next Generation Project

For those of you who are interested in the progress of our future software package, we have developed a link from our JIS website. To view the progress of the project go to <http://courts.mi.gov/jis> and click on the technical initiatives tab.

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