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Memorandum

DATE: September 19, 2003

TO: Judges
cc: Court Administrators, Court Clerks, Probation Agents,
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FROM: John Ferry

RE: State Minimum Costs

Beginning October 1, 2003, MCL 769.1j provides that if the court orders a person convicted of an offense to pay any combination of a fine, costs, or applicable assessments, the court shall order that the person pay state minimum costs of not less than the following amount, as applicable:

- (a) \$60.00, if the defendant is convicted of a felony.
- (b) \$45.00, if the defendant is convicted of a serious or specified misdemeanor.
- (c) \$40.00, if the defendant is convicted of a simple misdemeanor.

Assessment of state minimum costs are **per convicted count, not per case**. State minimum costs may not be waived and they are required to be made a condition of probation or parole.

If you have further questions about state minimum costs, please view the Fees, Costs, and Assessments Webcast Series at: <http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/resources/other/fcawebcast.htm>
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