

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

IN THE MATTER OF THE REASSIGNMENT OF COGNATE
CASES INTERPRETING THE ELLIOT-LARSEN CIVIL
RIGHTS ACT IN LIGHT OF THE MICHIGAN SUPREME
COURT'S DECISION IN ROUCH WORLD, LLC V.
DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL RIGHTS.

Administrative Order
No. 23-CA-008

WHEREAS Magistrate Judge Phillip J. Green has found that the following cases fall within the cognate case rule, W. D. Mich. LCivR. 3.3.2(C):

Christian Healthcare Centers, Inc. v. Dana Nessel, et al., Case No. 1:22-cv-787;
St. Joseph Parish v. Dana Nessel, et al., Case No. 1:22-cv-1154;
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. v. Dana Nessel, et al., Case No. 1:22-cv-1214.

WHEREAS Magistrate Judge Green recommended that the latter two cases be reassigned to Judge Jane Beckering, the judge assigned to the earliest of these cases.

WHEREAS Judges Jonker and Beckering have consented to the reassignment of these cases.

WHEREAS the undersigned has concluded that the cases should be reassigned under Local Rule 3.3.2(c).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall reassign the following cases to Judge Beckering under the approved procedure:

St. Joseph Parish v. Dana Nessel, et al., Case No. 1:22-cv-1154;
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. v. Dana Nessel, et al., Case No. 1:22-cv-1214.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Magistrate Judge Green shall be assigned to the above-listed cases.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any future case raising claims requiring the interpretation of the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act in light of the Michigan Supreme Court's decision in *Rouch World, LLC v. Department of Civil Rights*, No. 162482, 2022 WL 3007805, shall be assigned to Judge Beckering and Magistrate Judge Green. Any question regarding this issue shall be directed to Magistrate Judge Green.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that another two cases shall be assigned to Judge Jonker, according to the approved procedure.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Administrative Order shall be filed in each of the above-listed cases, as well as any future case assigned to Judge Beckering under this order.

FOR THE COURT:

Dated: January 23, 2023



HALA Y. JARBOU
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE