

Rule 39-249

Judicial Assignment In Civil Actions

In every civil complaint other than actions pursuant to the Protection from Abuse Act; actions for support; actions for custody, partial custody and visitation of minor children; and actions of divorce or for annulment of marriage, the *Court Administrator* upon the filing of the complaint shall assign the case to a Judge. The Prothonotary will receive notice of the assignment and record the Judge's name on the docket and note the Judge's name on the caption of the initial document commencing the action. Thereafter, the name of the Judge to whom the case is assigned shall be included in the caption of all pleadings and papers filed with the Court.

Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, all motions, petitions and other applications shall be submitted to the Judge assigned to a case who will rule on pretrial issues, conduct pretrial conferences and preside at the trial of the case.