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IN-PERSON OFFICE STAFFING AND HEARING INFORMATION

Starting May 2, 2022, the Michigan Tax Tribunal office will have staff physically in-office Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM.

Pursuant to MOAHR Administrative Standard 2022-1, all administrative hearings will by default continue to be scheduled to be conducted remotely. Thus, hearings will continue to be scheduled as either telephonic or virtual.

Scheduling in the Small Claims Division will continue to default to telephonic, with the option for Teams/Zoom virtual hearings continuing to be available with the agreement of both parties. In-person hearings will be scheduled at the request of one or both parties and the availability of a hearing location. A non-moving party that is scheduled to appear at an in-person hearing can continue to choose the option to appear telephonically and in that event should notify the Tribunal and serve the other party by letter of their request to participate via telephone. Please note that In-person hearings historically take longer to schedule depending on the caseload for the locality and hearing site availability.

Hearings in the Entire Tribunal Division will likewise continue to be scheduled as virtual, on either the Zoom or Teams platform, with consideration given to in-person hearings depending on accessibility limitations, specific evidentiary issues, complexity of the case and other unique factors. Parties should either motion for in-person or discuss this with the judge during the Prehearing Conference Hearing or Status Conference. Options for hybrid hearings – part virtual and part in-person, will also similarly be considered.

As always, we appreciate the feedback given as we continue to seek ways to improve our service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven M. Bieda".

Steven M. Bieda, Chairperson