



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DISTRICT COURT DEPARTMENT


ORDER OF TRANSFER

Commonwealth v. Joseph Thompson
Northern Berkshire District Court, Docket No. 1928 CR 0435

To avoid a potential conflict of interest or appearance thereof, pursuant to the authority of the Chief Justice of the District Court under G.L. c. 211B, § 10 (iv) delegated by Administrative Regulation 1-06, I hereby ORDER that the above-entitled matter be transferred from the Northern Berkshire District Court to the Pittsfield District Court, with the matter to proceed in the Pittsfield District Court as if originally commenced therein. Upon receipt of this order, the Clerk-Magistrate of the Northern Berkshire District Court shall docket the order, provide a copy to each party or their attorney, the First Justice, and the Chief Probation Officer, retain a photocopy of the docket and case file, and forward the original docket and case file to the Clerk-Magistrate of the Pittsfield District Court.

Following receipt of the case papers from Northern Berkshire, the Clerk-Magistrate of the Pittsfield District Court shall take whatever steps may be needed to schedule the next case event and to so notify the parties and the Chief Probation Officer.

Dated and effective: June 24, 2020


Maureen E. Walsh
Regional Administrative Judge
Western Region 6


cc: Clerk-Magistrate Timothy J. Morey
Northern Berkshire District Court

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NOTICE OF LITIGATION INVOLVING COURT EMPLOYEE OR FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER pursuant to Administrative Regulation 1-08

COURT DIVISION
N. Berkshire District Court

Trial Court of Massachusetts District Court Department 

CASE NAME(S) Commonwealth v Joseph Thompson	DOCKET NO(S) 1920CR0435	CASE TYPE Criminal	NEXT COURT EVENT(S) Jury Trial	NEXT COURT DATE(S) Aug 10, 2020
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The case(s) involve(s) as a party, witness, or alleged victim (check all that apply):

- An employee assigned to this court division who is involved in a private capacity.*
- An employee assigned to this court division who is involved in an official capacity. (Explain below.)
- The spouse or domestic partner of an employee assigned to this court division.*
- Someone who resides in the household of an employee assigned to this court division.*
- A relative (within the third degree) of an employee assigned to this court division or his/her spouse or domestic partner. This includes a great-grandparent, grandparent, parent, uncle, aunt, brother, sister, child, grandchild, great-grandchild, niece or nephew.
- Someone with particularly close personal or business ties to an employee assigned to this court division.
- A Judge, or his/her family or household member. THESE MATTERS MUST BE REFERRED TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE DISTRICT COURT FOR TRANSFER OR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT.
- Other. (Explain below).

RELEVANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT PERSON INVOLVED & HIS/HER ROLE IN CASE(S)
Mr. Thompson is the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art (MassMOCA). MassMOCA is the landlord of the Northern Berkshire District Court. Mr. Thompson is charged with motor vehicle homicide by negligent operation.

Submit this form to the court's First Justice. Provide a copy to the Department Head and the Clerk-Magistrate.

SUBMITTED BY (PRINT NAME) Timothy J. Morey	TITLE Clerk-Magistrate	DATE Jun 24, 2020
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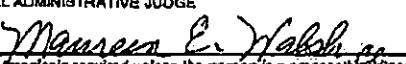
FIRST JUSTICE'S AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEAD'S COMMENTS (to be faxed to RAJ)

Since May of this year, Mr. Thompson has been visiting public and non-public areas of year in the Courthouse in connection with the Juvenile Court consolidation project that is currently ongoing. Judge Vrabel and I believe that this presents an appearance of a conflict.

FIRST JUSTICE OR DEPARTMENT HEAD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 	DATE 6-24-2020
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REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE'S DECISION (to be faxed to Clerk-Magistrate and to AODC)

- The matter(s) will be transferred to (name of court) Pittsfield District Court
- The matter(s) will not be transferred.
- The matter(s) will be specially assigned to (name of judge or clerk) _____
- Other: _____

REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 	DATE 06/24/2020
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*Mandatory transfer is required unless the person is a prospective witness (as opposed to a party or victim), and absent extraordinary circumstances.

Maureen E. Walsh
Regional Administrative Judge
Western Region 6

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