

FORM FOC 68

OBJECTION TO REFEREE'S RECOMMENDED ORDER

Use this form if:

- you are objecting to a referee's recommended order.

You must state your objection in writing and file it with the court as soon as possible, **but not later than 21 days** after service of a copy of the referee's recommended order. Objections should be based on good reasons - if your objection is made without grounds, is unreasonable, or is only intended to delay the entry of an order, the court can require you to pay the court costs or attorney fees to handle your objection.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING
“OBJECTION TO REFEREE’S RECOMMENDED ORDER”**

Use this form if you are a party to an action and you have received a copy of a referee’s recommended order that you disagree with. By completing this form and filing it with the court, you are asking for a new hearing before a judge. You must fill out this form and file it with the county clerk within 21 days after service of a copy of the referee’s recommended order.

Please print neatly. After filling in the form, you will need to make three additional copies.

Items A through E must be completed before your objection can be filed with the court. Please read the instructions for each item. Then fill in the correct information for that item.

- (A)** Copy the “Case No.” and “Judge” name from the referee’s recommended order onto this form.
- (B)** See the court papers mentioned above to fill in the “Plaintiff” and “Defendant” boxes and, if applicable, the “Third Party” box. Copy your names from these court papers onto this form. For example, if your name is in the box that says “plaintiff,” then you should write your name in the “plaintiff” box on this response form.

You are the “moving party.” Once you have written the names where they belong, check the box “moving party” in the same box as your name.

- (C)** Write in the date the recommended order was signed by the referee. The date will be at the bottom of the order.
- (D)** Explain in as much detail as possible why you disagree with the referee’s recommended order.
- (E)** Write in today’s date and sign your name.

Stop here.

Now go to the Bay County Circuit Court Clerk’s office with the original and three copies of this form.

The clerk will keep the original and send the three copies to the Friend of the Court office.

What happens next:

The Friend of the Court will send you and the other party a Notice of Hearing for a court date with the Judge.

You must attend the hearing on the date and time stated on the Notice of Hearing.

STATE OF MICHIGAN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY	OBJECTION TO REFEREE'S RECOMMENDED ORDER	CASE NO. and JUDGE A
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Court address _____ Court telephone no. _____

B Plaintiff's name, address, and telephone no. <input type="checkbox"/> moving party Third party's name, address, and telephone no. <input type="checkbox"/> moving party	v	Defendant's name, address, and telephone no. <input type="checkbox"/> moving party
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I object to the entry of the referee's recommended order dated C _____ and request a de novo review by the court. My objection is based on the following reason(s):

D

E _____
Date

Moving party's signature

Name (type or print)

NOTICE OF HEARING

F A hearing will be held on this objection before _____
Judge
on _____ at _____
Date and time Location

If you require accommodations to use the court because of a disability, or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements. When contacting the court, provide your case number(s).

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I served a copy of this objection on the parties or their attorneys by first-class mail addressed to their last-known addresses as defined by MCR 3.203. I declare under the penalties of perjury that this certificate of mailing has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

G _____
Date

Signature of objecting party