

**TMCLCR 8.2.2**  
**MOTION OF CITYWIDE SIGNIFICANCE**

Upon the filing of a motion in a criminal case, any party may request that such motion be designated as an “issue of citywide significance”. A judge may, on his or her own motion or upon receiving such a request from a party, request of the Presiding Judge that such motion be designated as an “issue of citywide significance”.

Upon receiving such request from a Judge, the Presiding Judge may designate such motion as an “issue of citywide significance”. Upon designation of a motion as an “issue of citywide significance”, the Presiding Judge shall assign three judges to act as a panel to hear the motion.

The panel of judges shall hear testimony and argument and enter Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Decision (“Ruling”) on the motion. Judges of the Court shall then have the following options:

- (1) accept such Ruling in its entirety;
- (2) not accept such Ruling and schedule a hearing before the referring judge for the presentation of testimony and argument; or
- (3) accept the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, in whole or in part, and make a separate decision thereon.