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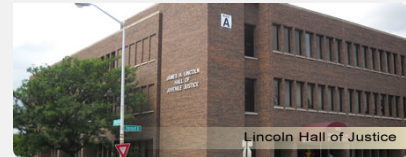
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Frank Murphy Hall of Justice



Lincoln Hall of Justice



Mediation Tribunal



Penobscot Building

### **Mission of Third Judicial Circuit Court**

The Court provides accessible and equal justice with timely dispute resolution.

### **Vision of the Future**

As a national leader in court performance and the administration of justice, the Court is recognized for:

- Using innovative and best practices;
- Building trust and confidence in the judicial branch; and
- Providing exemplary public service, programs, and work environment including professional facilities and effective technology.

### **Core Values**

- *Fair:* We are just, impartial, inclusive, and honorable in all we do.
- *Proactive:* We anticipate and prepare in advance for opportunities and challenges.
- *Responsive:* We are flexible and react quickly to changing needs and times.
- *User-friendly:* We are accessible and understandable.
- *Collaborative:* We involve and work well with each other, court users, and partners.



## THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MICHIGAN

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EXECUTIVE COURT ADMINISTRATOR

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Dear Chief Judge Kenny:

It is my pleasure to present to you Third Circuit Court's 2018 Annual Report.

As you take office as Chief Judge for 2019, I am happy to welcome you with the good news that the Court is on a forward trajectory. I have had an opportunity to review the status of strategic projects and am happy to report that we have completed projects to address courthouse security, ensure professional development, and to pilot statewide eFiling.

The work we have completed under Chief Judge Colombo is laudable, and our peers throughout the nation are beginning to take notice. We have been invited by the Michigan Supreme Court, the Casey Foundation, and the National Court Management Association to share our insights and ideas in best practices, innovative programs, and building public trust.

However, we are not resting on our laurels; there is still work to be done to fulfill our vision of becoming a national model. We have to continue to develop as a multigenerational workspace and improve our compensation to attract and retain talent. We have to continue to address the needs of the public who are self-represented, serve as jurors, and need additional services to access justice. These are not easy problems with ready-made solutions but will take the commitment of court leadership—judicial and administrative teams working collaboratively with many internal and external stakeholders and partners.

You have been at the table for the talks on the new Criminal Justice Center, you have been at the table as we have discussed various state reforms that will impact our operation, you have witnessed the administrative team in action, and we stand ready to continue to move us forward in 2019.

We accept our appointments and welcome the invitation to serve the court and the public under your leadership.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zenell B. Brown".

Zenell B. Brown  
Executive Court Administrator



## THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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TIMOTHY M. KENNY  
CHIEF JUDGE

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Dear Judges, Court Employees and Staff, Partners, and Stakeholders:

I extend my thanks to the hardworking members of our Third Circuit Court family for a successful year of delivering justice and excellent service to the public in 2018. Your diligence, professionalism, and commitment enabled us to serve as a model court for this state and the nation.

2018 was a year of additions, accomplishments, and new opportunities. It also was a time to say farewell to three retiring judges who left remarkable legacies after decades of service to the Court and the citizens of Wayne County.

Chief Judge Robert J. Colombo, Jr. retired at the end of this year after serving with distinction for 36 years in the Wayne County Circuit Court. In addition to five years of excellent service as the Court's Chief Judge from 2014-2018, Judge Colombo was instrumental in developing a five-year strategic plan in 2016 to assist the Court in identifying priorities, developing future action plans, and charting a course for continuous Court improvement. Over the years he received numerous awards from civic, bar, and community associations. In 2018, he was the recipient of the Dennis Archer Award from the Detroit Bar Association for his exemplary legal service.

Judge Virgil Smith served as Chief Judge of the Court from 2010 through 2013. He was the first African-American Chief Circuit Court Judge in the State of Michigan. During challenging economic times, he helped the Third Circuit Court secure stable financial funding for Court operations. He served as Chief Judge when innovative Court programs, such as a new case management system, eFiling, and other innovative programs were introduced to the Court. After serving as Chief Judge, Judge Smith served as Presiding Judge of the Family Division – Juvenile Section. Judge Smith was also instrumental in efforts to reduce generational recidivism in the Juvenile Division of the Court.

Judge Richard B. Halloran served in the Family Division – Domestic Section from 1998 until his retirement in 2018. Judge Halloran was widely recognized for his involvement in the fight against domestic abuse. Judge Halloran actively campaigned to help create personal protection orders and making stalking a crime. He served on various task forces and boards to raise judicial and public awareness of domestic violence. Judge Halloran has received numerous honors and has been especially proud of his work on behalf of domestic violence victims.

The Court also welcomed two new judges to the Third Circuit Court in 2018. Judge Donald Knapp, Jr. joined the Criminal Division and Judge Carla Testani joined the Family Division – Domestic Section of our

Court. Both Judge Knapp and Judge Testani are experienced litigators and excellent additions to the trial court bench.

The Court was additionally strengthened in 2018 by the appointment of Erin Lincoln as Friend of the Court/Deputy Court Administrator for the Family Domestic Division. She brings excellent administrative experience, as well as expertise in the area of Family Law. Her deep commitment to justice for families in Wayne County is a benefit to our Court and the community.

In 2018 Third Circuit Court made significant strides implementing the Court's strategic plan. Strategic focus areas and goals were identified and projects to accomplish the goals were set in motion.

In 2018 each division of the Third Circuit Court developed new, innovative programs in addition to providing excellence in services delivered. New programs included:

- Civil Division – Added discovery/facilitation masters to assist in resolving disputed motion matters.
  - Bench/Bar Meetings were conducted on a regular basis to open dialogue between the attorneys and judges in the Civil Division.
- Criminal Division – Continued work with the County and Bedrock Corporation toward the development of a new Criminal Courthouse that will better serve the needs of the public, staff, attorneys, and judges.
  - Enhanced the system for the appointment of defense counsel to represent indigent defendants in Criminal cases. The new system will provide an enhanced quality of service for defendants appearing in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.
- Family Division – Implemented/expanded the Self-Help Center to assist self-represented parties in Family Court matters. This resource is a great benefit to the parties, judges, and court staff as the number of self-represented individuals increase in the Family Division.
- Juvenile Division – Added seventeen new volunteers in the Court Appointed, Special Advocate (CASA) program in 2018. CASA volunteers assist the Court in placement issues by making recommendations regarding children in out-of-home placement.

Without question, the judges, management team, Court employees, pro bono volunteers, and other stakeholders enabled the Third Circuit Court to deliver legal service to the community consistent with our standard of excellence.

I thank you all for your hard work, professionalism, and the passion you have to serve those who come to the Third Circuit Court seeking justice. I am honored to serve with you in our justice and service journey.

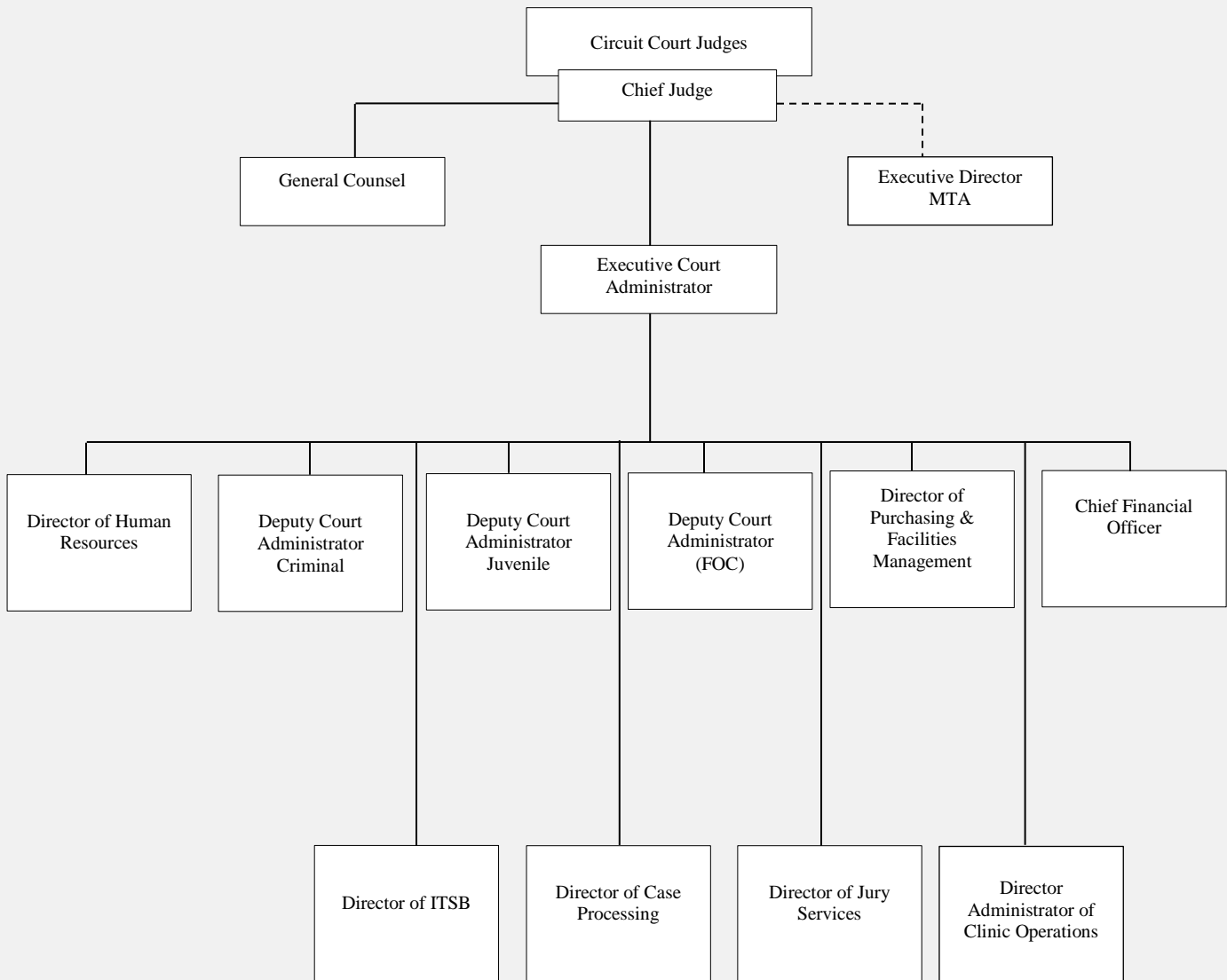
  
Hon. Timothy M. Kenny  
Chief Judge  
Third Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan

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# THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF MICHIGAN

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



**The Incoming 2019 Chief Judge & Administrative Team**

**(Back Row L-R)** Mike Gruich, Rich Lynch, Eric Weems, Richard Smart, Toby Horner

**(Front Row L-R)** Lyn Roberts, Tamela Aikens, Benita Cheatom, Cherece Hurley, Toielynn Smith, Chief Judge Timothy M. Kenny, Zenell Brown, Yvette Blackmon, Michelle Milligan, Jillian Fitzgerald, Tammi Palmer, Janice Hiller, Erin Lincoln

**(Not Pictured)** Alisa Shannon, Lisa Timmons

## **THIRD CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES**

Robert J. Colombo, Jr., Chief Judge

### **CIVIL DIVISION**

Patricia Perez Fresard, Presiding

David J. Allen  
Annette J. Berry  
Edward Ewell, Jr.  
Sheila Ann Gibson  
John H. Gillis, Jr.  
David A. Groner

Dana Margaret Hathaway  
Daniel A. Hathaway  
Susan L. Hubbard  
Muriel D. Hughes  
John A. Murphy

Lita M. Popke  
Leslie Kim Smith  
Martha M. Snow  
Craig S. Strong  
Brian R. Sullivan

### **CRIMINAL DIVISION**

Timothy M. Kenny, Chief Judge Pro Tem and Presiding

Mariam Bazzi  
Gregory Dean Bill  
Ulysses W. Boykin  
James R. Chylinski  
Kevin J. Cox  
Paul J. Cusick  
Prentis Edwards, Jr.

Vonda R. Evans  
Wanda A. Evans  
Cynthia Gray Hathaway  
Thomas M. J. Hathaway  
Catherine L. Heise  
Donald Knapp, Jr.  
Qiana Denise Lillard

Bruce U. Morrow  
Kelly A. Ramsey  
Mark T. Slavens  
Lawrence S. Talon  
Deborah A. Thomas  
Margaret M. Van Houten  
Shannon N. Walker

### **FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

Kathleen M. McCarthy, Presiding

Eric Cholack  
Melissa A. Cox  
Charlene M. Elder  
Alexis A. Glendening

Richard B. Halloran  
Adel A. Harb  
Charles S. Hegarty

Connie Marie Kelley  
Lisa M. Neilson  
Lynne A. Pierce  
Carla G. Testani

### **FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC – JUVENILE**

Virgil C. Smith, Presiding

Karen Y. Braxton  
Jerome C. Cavanagh

Christopher D. Dingell

Edward J. Joseph  
Frank S. Szymanski



# THIRD CIRCUIT COURT REFEREES

## FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Stephanie Witucki, Chief Referee

Diane Biggar  
David Calandro  
Eric Gloudemans  
Shannon Haneline  
Rosanne Hostnik

Michelle Letourneau-McAvoy  
Lauren Wright Middleton  
Christine Rodriguez  
Lynn Ruhlman

Anita Scott-Meisel  
Hulen Simpson  
Edrick Thompson  
Jessica Walker



## FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC – JUVENILE

Charles W. Wilson, III, Chief Referee

Kathleen Allen  
Nicholas J. Bobak  
James A. Catchings, Jr.  
Anthony Crutchfield

Raeigen Evans  
Leslie Graves  
Viola King

Daniel M. McGuire  
Peter J. Schummer, Jr.  
Brandi Taylor  
Mona M. Youssef



## JUDGES JOINING THE BENCH IN 2018

*I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of this State, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of **Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit Court** according to the best of my ability.*



**Hon. Don Knapp, Jr.**

Judge Don Knapp was appointed to the Third Judicial Circuit Court in April of 2018 and is assigned to the Criminal Division. Prior to that appointment, he served for nine years as the Livonia city attorney during which time he advised the Mayor, City Council, department heads, and commissions, handled criminal prosecutions, litigated civil litigation filed against the City of Livonia, and managed the Law Department's other attorneys and staff. He also specialized in commercial and civil litigation, probate and estate planning, and municipal law at Fausone Bohn, LLP in Northville for fourteen years. Judge Knapp's career began as a research attorney for Third Circuit Court Judge Timothy M. Kenny. He also worked as a legislative aide for then State Senator Thaddeus McCotter and as an associate attorney for a small medical malpractice defense firm, respectively. He is a graduate of the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University, University of Michigan-Dearborn, and Detroit Catholic Central.



**Hon. Carla Testani**

Judge Carla Testani was appointed to the Third Judicial Circuit Court in May of 2018 and is assigned to the Family Division – Domestic Relations. Judge Testani practiced domestic relations law in private practice for two decades before taking the bench. She was most recently employed with Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho, PLC before joining the law firm of Fausone Bohn, LLP in Northville, Michigan as Partner. In addition to acting as an advocate in complex divorce and custody litigation, Judge Testani was frequently utilized as a neutral to mediate and arbitrate family law matters. She has a Bachelor's of Science from the University of Michigan – Dearborn and a Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University Law School. She has presented for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education and is active in many community and legal organizations. Judge Testani and her husband, Tony, live in Northville and have three children.

## **EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION TEAM JOINING THE COURT IN 2018**



**Erin Lincoln – Friend of the Court, Deputy Court Administrator**

Erin spent a short time practicing law in a firm before following her public service passion to a position as a Staff Attorney with the Wayne County Friend of the Court, in 2008, working with Judge Maria L. Oxholm and Judge Deborah Ross Adams. Erin became a supervisor and was later appointed as the Legal Director-Assistant Friend of the Court. After five years in that capacity, she began serving as the Interim Friend of the Court/Deputy Court Administrator for the Family Domestic Division. Erin's service in various positions has laid a foundational understanding of policies and practices that she brings with her to her current position and allows her to make informed and knowledgeable decisions while leading the Friend of the Court.

Erin has made it a primary goal to focus on spreading education about the Friend of the Court through outreach in the community. Realizing that personally appearing in the Friend of the Court offices can be a scary and logistically difficult process for the litigants, Erin has grown a team of Friend of the Court employee volunteers who regularly appear at outreach events. Erin has been instrumental in forming relationships and developing outreaches with organizations such as the UAW, Resource Network, Focus: HOPE, ACCESS and La Sed. Between January 2018 and October 2018, these outreaches brought Friend of the Court information to over 3,200 people. Erin hopes to continue to expand these outreach events in the upcoming years by collaborating with community partners, agencies and Judges in the county to spread the word about these events. Under Erin's guidance, the Friend of the Court has also held several bench warrant amnesty events which dismissed over 700 warrants and collected over \$160,000 in child support.

Erin is a trained mediator. She has attended and participated in numerous leadership trainings including Crucial Conversations, Search Inside Yourself Leadership Institute, Speed of Trust training, Restorative Practices training and many more. She has been asked to speak at the Institute of Continuing Legal Education's Family Law Institute, Michigan Family Support Council Conferences, Criminal Advocacy Program attorney trainings and others. Erin graduated from the University of Michigan in 2003 and from Wayne State Law School in 2006. She lives in Royal Oak, Michigan with her husband, three children, and two cats.

## COURT ADMINISTRATION



**Lyn Roberts – Chief Financial Officer**

### **Budget and Finance**

The Office of Budget and Finance is responsible for the processing and recording of accounting and financial information for the Court. The office's responsibilities include budget and accounting services for general fund accounts, grants and contracts, and fiduciary accounts; accounts receivable and accounts payable processing; financial reporting; and collections.

### **Accounts Payable**

The Accounts Payable Unit processes payments to contractors and vendors that provide services to the Court. The unit is currently working with the IT Department to automate the payment process for high volume requests from vendors who provide language interpreting services, per diem court reporting services, transcripts and house counsel attorneys. During fiscal year 2017-2018, in addition to processing vendor, contractual payments and attorney payments for all Court Divisions, this unit processed payment on more than 6,400 requests from the aforementioned vendors. Implementing an automated payment system for these high volume requests will be a significant technological improvement to the Court. The unit is also reviewing and streamlining other payment forms and processes as part of several strategic initiatives.

### **Court Collections**

The Collections Unit, which is responsible for the collection of court-imposed costs, fines, and fees, is one of the top priorities of the Court. The Collections Unit in the Juvenile Division was established at the start of fiscal year 2014. During fiscal year 2018, \$23,104 was collected in court costs and attorney fees in the Juvenile Division. In February 2015, the Collections Unit devoted staff to the Criminal Division in order to increase collection efforts. During fiscal year 2018, \$3,768,732 was collected in court costs, attorney fees, and late fees in the Criminal Division. In addition, the unit mailed out 6,261 delinquency notices, and established 1,048 payment agreements.

### **Budget and Grants Accounting**

The Budget Unit and Grants Accounting Unit are responsible for managing and analyzing performance of the Court's general fund, capital fund, and grant-funded programs for short and long-term planning. This includes preparing and submitting annual budgets, annual five-year capital improvement plans, and quarterly revenue and expenditure projections to Wayne County in accordance with deadlines required by the County. The Grants Unit is responsible for all financial requirements set forth in the terms and conditions of all Court grant awards, which includes adherence to applicable federal and state laws, guidelines, financial reporting requirements, and regulations. In fiscal year 2018, the Grants Unit met the financial responsibilities related to the funding of the Friend of the Court (FOC), the Clinic for Child Study, three Juvenile Division Child Care Fund Programs, two Juvenile Division Specialty Court Programs, four Criminal Division Specialty Court Programs, and several other grants. The total available funding managed by the Grants Unit for these programs exceeds \$32.4 million, with approximately \$23.6 million for the FOC and \$8.8 million for other grants.

## **COURT ADMINISTRATION**

The Financial Services Unit (FSU) provides financial support to the Wayne County Friend of the Court. The primary function of FSU is local receipting of child support. In 2018, FSU processed 23,521 transactions totaling approximately \$7.1 million. Ancillary functions include suspense management and arrears adjustments in accordance with State and other applicable authoritative guidelines.



**Tammi Palmer – Director of Case Processing and Court Reporting Services**

### **Case Processing**

Case Processing provides central support to the bench, gathers and reports required data to the State Court Administrative Office, serves as a primary resource to judges and their staff on caseflow methods and procedures, and provides information to the public. Support to the bench includes scheduling and noticing hearings, maintenance of the party/attorney records, development and distribution of statistical and management reports, maintenance of automated caseflow management programs, and training judicial staff members. Annually, Case Processing prints and mails over 80,000 notices of court events to attorneys and parties and answers over 13,000 phone calls. Case Processing also performs many assigned counsel functions for the Family Division-Domestic Relations Section. In addition, Case Processing assists with caseflow management at Friend of the Court.

### **Court Reporting Services**

The Court Reporting Services Department is responsible for coordinating court reporting coverage for all divisions of the Court, assigns appellate counsel and submits transcripts to the Court of Appeals, and acts as the liaison between the Court of Appeals and the Third Circuit Court. The Department also processes all transcript requests in each division, maintains archival storage of all records of court reporters and recorders, provides staff support to video courtrooms, and orders interpreters for proceedings. In 2018, video court reporting technology by Justice AV Solutions (JAVS) was added to sixteen courtrooms and hearing rooms. There are now 52 JAVS units being utilized. The JAVS technology reduces costs and produces a video that is accessible to the public. Newly developed checks and balances have also increased the number of transcripts timely filed in the Court of Appeals.

## **COURT ADMINISTRATION**



**Benita Cheatom – Director of Human Resources**

### **Human Resources**

The Office of Human Resources manages all personnel-related activities for the Court's approximately 600 full-time positions, including judges. These activities include recruitment, timekeeping, payroll, benefits, interpretation of workplace laws and regulations, training and development, support for management staff, and negotiating and administering labor agreements. The Court filled vacancies through recruitment and promotional processes, conducted desk audits, and updated job descriptions. Labor negotiations were successfully completed with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), the Government Administrators Association (GAA), and the Judicial Attorneys Association (JAA).

In partnership with the Information Technology Services Bureau (ITSB), HR is continuing the implementation of the Kronos Workforce Central Timekeeping system upgrade, including the new Workforce Ready module. Restorative Practices training began for Court staff, with 75% of staff trained to date. Also, VitalSmarts Crucial Conversations training has been launched, with several training sessions already completed for Court staff. These trainings are intended to facilitate more effective operations by fostering an improved work environment where productive discussions and better relationships are built with both colleagues and clients. Future plans include wage discussion re-openers with the AFSCME, GAA, and JAA groups in accordance with current collective bargaining agreements.



**Mike Gruich – Director of Information Technology Systems Bureau**

### **Information Technology Systems Bureau**

The Information Technology Systems Bureau (ITSB) provides reliable, cost-effective information systems solutions that meet the Court's evolving business needs. The department provides the application and technical operating environment necessary to meet the operating and administrative business objectives of the Court. ITSB has upgraded all court locations with public Wi-Fi. Public Kiosks for payments have been added to Lincoln Hall of Justice, Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, and the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center. The Court has expanded its reach into the area of social media and now has a presence on Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn.

### **Odyssey Case Management System Implementation**

The Court has implemented the Odyssey case management system in all divisions (Adoptions, Guardianships, Criminal, Civil, Family Domestic, and Family Juvenile). The entire court now has the ability to use a single case management system – Odyssey.

## COURT ADMINISTRATION

The current Odyssey system has over 2.5 million current and historical cases. The Court has converted over 8 million historical images to cases. The Odyssey system has over 2,000 users, including staff from the Wayne County Prosecutor, Michigan Department of Corrections, Wayne County Sheriff, and local district courts. The public can access the court register of actions through the Court's website [www.3rdcc.org](http://www.3rdcc.org).

### Electronic Filing (eFiling) Implementation

In February 2018, the Court implemented eFiling with the state-wide vendor ImageSoft for the Civil and Criminal Divisions. eFiling allows the submission and processing of court documents electronically. The electronically filed documents are then moved throughout the court system without the need for a paper case file. eFiling allows the Court to make significant progress towards a paperless environment. eFiling now covers all civil and criminal cases.

### Electronic Signature

The Court implemented an electronic signature process for orders in the Juvenile, Family, and Criminal Divisions. This process allows orders generated internally to use workflow to process and sign electronically. In 2018, the Court processed 21,130 electronic orders in the Juvenile Division; 12,788 in the Family Domestic Division; and 396 in the Criminal Division.

### Website and Social Media

The Court's public website [www.3rdcc.org](http://www.3rdcc.org) is a 'responsive' design. Responsive design allows users to access our website regardless of the devices being used – phone, tablet, and personal computer (PC).

The Court has a presence on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

Twitter: 3rdccorg

Facebook: Third Judicial Circuit Court

Linked In: Wayne County Third Circuit Court

Website: 3rdcc.org

Instagram: 3rdccorg



Through social media, the Court publishes holiday closings, emergency closings, and press releases for upcoming events, performance measure data, legal community events, and accomplishments. The court staff and the public are welcome to visit, follow, and like the Court on social media.

To receive Third Judicial Circuit Court's monthly eNewsletter and stay informed, court staff and the public may join by sending contact information (name and e-mail address) to [3CCE-News@3rdcc.org](mailto:3CCE-News@3rdcc.org).

## COURT ADMINISTRATION



**Yvette Blackmon – Director of Jury Services**

### Jury Services

The Jury Services Department coordinates jury operations and obtains jurors for the Third Judicial Circuit and Probate Courts, as well as provides qualification services for all district courts in Wayne County.

The Department's responsibilities include developing processes and procedures for regularly collecting and analyzing information regarding the performance of the jury system to ensure fair representation and inclusiveness; the effectiveness of qualification and summoning procedures; the responsiveness of individual citizens to jury duty summonses; the efficient and effective usage of citizens called to serve for jury duty; and the cost effectiveness of the jury system. In 2018, there were 172,763 jury questionnaires/summons mailed and 1,161 jury panels requested.

In 2018, Third Circuit Court Jury Services Department focused on outreach to Wayne County residents regarding the importance of exercising their rights and responsibilities to appear for jury duty.

### **Jury Services 2018 Statistics**

Total Jurors Called to Appear for Service	62,763
Total Jurors Who Appeared	32,799
Total Jurors Who Failed to Appear	29,964

*I consider trial by jury as the only anchor ever yet imagined by man,  
by which a government can be held to the principles of its constitution.  
~President Thomas Jefferson*



## COURT ADMINISTRATION



**Eric Weems – Director of Purchasing and Facilities Management**

### **Purchasing and Facilities Management**

The Purchasing and Facilities Management Department, with a staff of three full-time employees, is responsible for the procurement of goods and services for all divisions of the Court. The department also oversees building services and renovations, organizes staff moves, processes metered mail and interoffice court mail, reports equipment repairs, transports employees, and addresses courthouse security issues.

The Purchasing and Facilities Management Department assisted with the relocation of the William Booth Legal Aid Clinic (the Clinic) and the opening of the Self-Help Service Center (the Center) in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center. The Clinic and the Center offer a variety of services to court users. The department also oversaw the relocation and renovations for the Criminal Division's General Counsel Office and Specialty Court Services Department, improving the work environment for staff.

The department was responsive to the workplace needs for efficiency, client privacy, and safety, and oversaw projects both big and small throughout Court locations. It helped usher in the new administration of the Chief Judge and newly elected judges by assisting with office coordination and set up.

Purchasing and Facilities helped coordinate and host the 2018 National Trial Competition. The event was sponsored by State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section, and 16 teams from across the nation utilized courtrooms and jury rooms at the CAYMC to prepare and present their advocacy skills before volunteer judges. Court volunteers had the opportunity to serve as observers and jurors. The event was a great experience for the students and staff that participated. Purchasing and Facilities assured the weekend event went smoothly and looks forward to future competitions.

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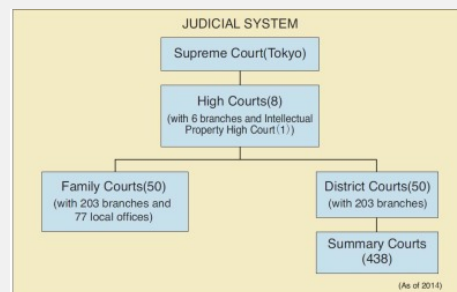
## Japanese Judge Program



Supreme Court of Japan



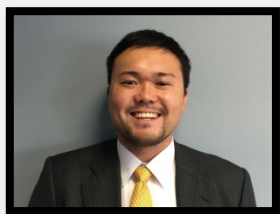
Courtroom of the Grand Bench  
of the Supreme Court



Japanese judges have been coming to study in the Third Circuit Court since 1972. Each year a judge from the Japanese judicial system has come to Michigan to research and study the American judicial system. This partnership between the Third Circuit Court, Wayne State University Law School, and the Supreme Court of Japan ensures that each visiting judge will return home with a wealth of knowledge concerning America's judicial system with an emphasis on Michigan trial courts.

The Japanese Judge will be in residence for two semesters at the Wayne State University Law School. The judge will study all the divisions of the Court by observing proceedings, trials, and the operations of Court departments including Jury Services, Case Processing, and the Mediation Tribunal Association. Additionally, the judge will network with staff from Pretrial Services, Intake, Probation, the Specialty Court programs, and the Clinic for Child Study, while touring both the Wayne County Jail and the Juvenile Detention Facility. To culminate this program, the judge will lecture in one of the courses at the Law School and be available to students and faculty to discuss the research.

This program enhances the judicial systems of both cultures, as well as the curriculum at Wayne State University. The Court looks forward to this ongoing partnership.



### **Hon. Keisuke Koizumi**

Judge Keisuke Koizumi began his training with the Third Circuit Court in September 2017. Judge Koizumi's main interest was to learn more about the litigation management in the courts of Michigan. He graduated from the Faculty of Law of Waseda University, which is located in Tokyo, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Law in 2009 and graduated from the School of Law of the Chuo University, which is also located in Tokyo, receiving the degree of Juris Doctor in 2012. He was appointed to be a judge in January 2014 and was hearing civil cases on a Panel at Tokyo District Court. (District Court in Japan is the first trial court like the circuit court in Michigan). Judge Koizumi likes to watch sports while he was here in Detroit. He has watched the Tigers, Pistons, Lions, and Red Wings games. He likes basketball the best, and his favorite team is the Pistons.

# COURT ADMINISTRATION

## Japanese Judge Program



**Hon. Tatsunori Mashimoto**

Judge Tatsunori Mashimoto began his training with the Third Circuit Court in September 2018. Judge Mashimoto's main interest is the system and practice of criminal procedure, especially the pretrial procedure and the jury system. He graduated in March 2013 from Kyoto University Law School, receiving the degree of Juris Doctor. He was appointed to be a judge in January 2015. He sits in the Aomori District and Family Courts where he is hearing civil and criminal cases as an associate judge on a panel.

## HISTORY OF THE JAPANESE JUDGES

Year	Name	Name: English Translation	Year	Name	Name: English Translation
1972	秋山壽延	Toshinobu Akiyama	1996	大垣貴靖	Takayasu Ogaki
1973	原田敏章	Toshiaki Harada	1997	青木孝之	Takashi Aoki
1974	安広文夫	Fumio Yasuhiro	1998	品田幸男	Yukio Shinada
1975	平谷正弘	Masahiro Hiraya	1999	上岡哲生	Tetsuo Kamioka
1976	池田勝之	Katsuyuki Ikeda	2000	坂田威一郎	Iichiro Sakata
1977	飯村敏明	Toshiaki Iimura	2001	近藤暁郎	Akio Kondo
1978	中山一郎	Ichiro Nakayama	2002	野澤晃一	Koichi Nozawa
1979	村瀬 均	Hitoshi Murase	2003	田辺暁志	Satoshi Tanabe
1980	園尾隆司	Takashi Sonoo	2004	倉成 章	Akira Kuranari
1981	升田 純	Jun Masuda	2005	宮崎朋紀	Tomoki Miyazaki
1982	井上弘通	Hiromichi Inoue	2006	出口博章	Hiroaki Deguchi
1983	杉原則彦	Norihiko Sugihara	2007	阿保賢祐	Kensuke Abo
1984	木口信之	Nobuyuki Kiguchi	2008	高原大輔	Daisuke Takahara
1985	永野厚郎	Atsuo Nagano	2009	大野健太郎	Kentaro Ono
1986	白井幸夫	Yukio Shirai	2010	新宅孝昭	Takaaki Shintaku
1987	始関正光	Masamitsu Shiseki	2011	倉知泰久	Yasuhisa Kurachi
1988	定塚 誠	Makoto Jozuka	2012	渡邊充昭	Mitsuaki Watanabe
1989	増田 稔	Minoru Masuda	2013	高石直樹	Naoki Takaishi
1990	吉村典晃	Noriaki Yoshimura	2014	栢分宏和	Hirokazu Kayawake
1991	矢尾 涉	Wataru Yao	2015	前田優太	Yuta Maeda
1992	西田隆裕	Takahiro Nishida	2016	藤井俊彦	Toshihiko Fujii
1993	田中健治	Kenji Tanaka	2017	小泉敬祐	Keisuke Koizumi
1994	西田時弘	Tokihiro Nishida	2018	増本龍憲	Tatsunori Mashimoto
1995	川畑正文	Masafumi Kawabata			

# JUDGES' LAW CLERKS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS



Civil Division



Criminal Division



Family Division – Domestic



Family Division – Juvenile

# MEDIATION TRIBUNAL ASSOCIATION



**Lisa Timmons – Director of Mediation Tribunal Association**

The Mediation Tribunal Association (MTA) is a non-profit agency established in 1979 that provides alternative dispute resolution services for the Third Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan, the United States District Court for the Eastern Division, and many district courts in the County of Wayne. The MTA is led by its Executive Director, Lisa W. Timmons, and governed by its Board of Directors. The MTA Board consists of judges from the Civil Division, Family Division, and Criminal Division of Wayne County Circuit Court; a judge from the United States District Court; a neutral director; and two attorney directors, representing both the Michigan Association for Justice (MAJ) and the Association of Defense Trial Counsel (ADTC).

The MTA maintains a roster of over 1,500 attorneys who serve as case evaluators under MCR 2.403. In 2018, there were 10,397 cases set for case evaluation. Those case types included general civil, employment, medical malpractice, commercial, and business court. Dispositions for 2018 are as follows:

## **Third Circuit Court Case Evaluation 2018 Caseload**

Total Cases Set for Case Evaluation	10,397
Cases Settled Prior to Case Evaluation	708
Cases Settled After Case Evaluation	1
Cases Not Evaluated (Removed for Cause)	897
Cases Adjourned by the Court	2,250
<b>Total Cases Evaluated</b>	<b>6,541</b>

## **Third Circuit Court Case Evaluation 2018 Dispositions**

Total Awards	10,677
Awards Accepted (15.98% of total)	1,706
<b>Total Awards Rejected and Continuing to Disposition</b>	<b>8,971</b>

## OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL



**Richard Lynch – General Counsel**

The Office of General Counsel serves as the official legal advisor to the Court. The Office staff consists of thirteen attorneys, a law librarian, two administrative assistants, and a Self-Help Navigator. The Office is divided into five sections overseen by the General Counsel with the support of an administrative assistant, Lisa Stroud. Lynn Reeves oversees the operations of the Law Library and supervises the Self-Help Center and Pam Copeland, a Navigator at the Center. The Civil Section has four attorneys: Ellen Sharf, Associate General Counsel – Civil Division, Julie Dale, Amanda Cunningham, and Jane Enright. The Criminal Section consists of four attorneys: Kimberley Reed Thompson, the Associate General Counsel for the Criminal Division, Sauda Ahmad-Green, Josef Funchess, and Valerie Albright. The Criminal Section also has the support of an administrative assistant. During the year, Brenda Westbrook succeeded long-time employee Karon Lee, who moved on to greener prairies. The Family Section, which supports the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Sections, consists of Cynthia Sherburn, Associate General Counsel-Family Division, Millicent Melhado, and Amelia Maggio. Finally, Andre Poplar serves as the Employment/Labor Relations Attorney.

The Office of General Counsel assists the Court in a number of ways. Operations include legal representation of the Court, its judges and staff, and the coordination of representation by outside counsel depending upon the case when claims are brought against the Court or its employees or judges. It also provides a number of other legal services to members of the bench and department managers for the Court. Services include legal research for the Court supported by formal proposed opinions and orders, legal memoranda, or informal briefings. Staff draft or review proposed local court rules, local administrative order, and docket directives. Staff review and help prepare comments to court rules or administrative orders proposed by the Supreme Court. Attorneys prepare, negotiate, and review requests for proposals, contracts, and memoranda of understanding between the Court and vendors, outside agencies, labor unions, and other governmental entities. The Office serves as a liaison between the Court and other agencies, such as the State Court Administrative Office, Wayne County Corporation Counsel, and the Attorney General's Office. Attorneys provide the syllabi of U. S. Supreme Court decisions and prepare updates on decisions by the Michigan Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. Finally, the Office provides a full range of law library services. This includes a traditional library at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center campus, assisting chambers with the maintenance of subject specific collections, and the coordination of electronic legal research resources.

The Self-Help Center program continues to operate under the umbrella of the law library with the continued financial assistance of a grant from the Mediation Tribunal Association. This year, the program expanded. Traditionally, the Wayne County Self-Help Center offers services at the Penobscot Building. The Center currently sits within the Friend of the Court space and serves the public Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This year witnessed an expansion of the Center into the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center (CAYMC), where services are offered each Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in courtroom 1901. Lynn Reeves oversees the Center and supervises Navigator Pam Copeland at the Penobscot Building. Ms. Reeves also provides services with the assistance of Lisa Stroud and Jalona Colvard at CAYMC.

## OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

The Office of General Counsel also assisted in the development or expansion of various specialty court programs in the Criminal and Juvenile Divisions. The Office continues to conduct the Business Court case screening to ensure proper case assignment. Attorneys in the Office also oversee the court officer program and assist the Court in the enforcement of orders through various show cause programs and the review of subpoenas and FOIA requests directed to the Court. In addition, the Office continued its integral role in the Court's summer law school intern program. Attorneys for the Office hosted brownbag lunches exposing the interns to the confidentiality requirements of working in the Court and various areas of law handled by the Court's divisions. The Office participated in the internal and external review required to move forward with the statewide implementation of the proposals of the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission regarding indigent criminal defense. This year the Office participated in a program designed to expose a high school student intern to the court system and various offices that assist the Court with daily functions and services.

Amidst a flurry of activity at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice during the year, the Criminal Section moved into new offices on the third floor. The space provides better working conditions and more privacy for the Section, which previously worked on the busy first floor.

Sadly, three staff members left the Office last year. Karon Lee left her Administrative Assistant position in the Criminal Section to move closer to family. Jane Enright, Civil Section, accepted a position with Wayne County Corporation Counsel and Valerie Albright, Criminal Section, transferred to become Judge Bruce Morrow's law clerk. However, the Office welcomes Brenda Westbrook as Ms. Lee's successor. Millicent Melhado and Amelia Maggio joined the Office in the Family Section. At this time, recruiting efforts continue to fill the vacant attorney positions in the Criminal and Civil Sections.

### Summer Law Clerks

The Third Judicial Circuit continued its long-standing practice of bringing summer law clerks into the Court. The internship process begins each spring when law students submit an application to the Court's Human Resources Department with a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and letter of recommendation. The complete files are circulated among the judges who select one or more students to serve as summer law clerks, whose applications are then processed through Human Resources.

For 2018, 29 law students were placed with judges in the Family Division-Domestic Relations Section, Civil Division, and Criminal Division. Many of this year's participants were students from University of Detroit's Dual enrollment program with Canada. The clerkships, which run from late May until mid-August, provide well-qualified law students an opportunity to enhance their academic studies by applying that knowledge to real world issues presented to the Court. Under the supervision of the assigned judge, each law student observes courtroom proceedings, performs legal research, and attends mandatory court tours and lunch and learn seminars designed to expose the summer law clerks to a wide sampling of the issues presented to a general jurisdiction trial court. Ideally, by shadowing a judge throughout the internship, each law clerk leaves the 12 week program with a greater understanding of how the law works and better prepared to continue their legal education and to serve future clients.



## CIVIL DIVISION



**Hon. Patricia Fresard, Presiding Judge – Civil Division**

The Civil Division is comprised of 18 Circuit Court Judges, including the Chief Judge. The Civil Division has original jurisdiction in all general civil cases initiated in Wayne County where the amount in controversy exceeds \$25,000. The Civil Division serves as the appellate court for civil appeals from every district court in Wayne County, and for administrative agency decisions.

This year the Civil Presiding, Judge Fresard, enlisted the Detroit Bar Association to apply for a grant from the Wayne County Mediation Tribunal for assistance for Civil Division lawyers and judges in their Friday motion call.

Pursuant to this grant, the Detroit Bar was able to open its offices which were previously closed Fridays from 8:30 to 12:30 every Friday to assist lawyers on motion call. Discovery/Facilitation Masters are now available every Friday on the 12<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center to expedite services by rendering recommendations on discovery issues and offering facilitation services.

In addition, the Civil Division participated in the Courtwide Strategic Planning meetings. The Civil Division's Strategic Plan included enhancement of civil court services to litigants by improving communication and effort through quarterly Bench/Bar meetings.

Throughout the years, the Civil Division has pioneered best practices increasing efficiency and productivity. In 2016, the Civil Division launched a mediation pilot. The pilot was developed to determine whether mediation resolves cases that evaluated \$25,000 or less more efficiently and economically than the traditional trial docket. Two dockets were selected to participate in the pilot, which was expanded in August of 2017 to all civil dockets. In 2018, there were 805 Business Court cases filed and 16,479 overall new case filings in the Civil Division.

### **CIVIL DIVISION**

Robert J. Colombo, Jr., Chief Judge  
Patricia Perez Fresard, Presiding

David J. Allen  
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Edward Ewell, Jr.  
Sheila Ann Gibson  
John H. Gillis, Jr.  
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Dana Margaret Hathaway  
Daniel A. Hathaway  
Susan L. Hubbard  
Muriel D. Hughes  
John A. Murphy

Lita M. Popke  
Leslie Kim Smith  
Martha M. Snow  
Craig S. Strong  
Brian R. Sullivan



# CIVIL DIVISION

## Civil and Tort Case 2018 Statistics

	General Civil*	Auto Negligence and No Fault	Other Civil Damage**	Other Civil***	Civil Appeals	Agency Appeals	Other Appeals	Total
<b>Pending Cases as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	2,674	9,188	1,771	106	72	67	36	13,914
New Filings	6,059	7,968	1,278	494	193	241	246	16,479
Reopened Cases	312	626	135	17	9	11	0	1,110
<b>Total Caseload</b>	<b>9,045</b>	<b>17,782</b>	<b>3,184</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>31,503</b>
<b>Dispositions Resulting From:</b>								
Jury Verdicts	9	19	8	0	0	0	0	36
Bench Verdicts	14	8	3	0	0	0	0	25
Orders Entered	0	0	0	0	50	139	56	245
Defaults, Uncontested, Settled	4,276	5,049	716	141	0	0	0	10,182
Transferred	127	105	87	3	9	8	0	339
Dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissed by Party	1,495	3,623	826	332	0	0	0	6,276
Dismissed by Court	604	549	72	40	156	112	153	1,686
Inactive Status	48	61	65	0	4	2	0	180
Other Dispositions	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Case Type Change	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Dispositions</b>	<b>6,579</b>	<b>9,414</b>	<b>1,777</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>18,975</b>
<b>Pending Cases as of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2,466</b>	<b>8,368</b>	<b>1,407</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>12,528</b>

\*General Civil cases are business claims, partnership termination, condemnation, employment discrimination, environmental matters, forfeiture, housing and real estate, foreclosure, land contracts, contractual obligations, labor relations, antitrust, franchising, trade regulation, and corporation receivership.

\*\*Other Civil Damage cases include Medical malpractice, other professional malpractice, other personal injury, product liability, dram-shop act and all other claims for damages not otherwise included.

\*\*\*Other Civil cases are proceedings to restore, establish or correct record; claim and delivery to recover personal property; receivers in supplemental proceedings; supplemental proceedings; and, miscellaneous proceedings.

## CRIMINAL DIVISION



**Hon. Timothy M. Kenny, Chief Judge Pro Tem & Presiding – Criminal Division**

The Criminal Division is comprised of 22 Circuit Court Judges, including the Chief Judge Pro Tem, and has sole jurisdiction over all felony and high misdemeanor offenses committed in Wayne County. This Division also serves as the appellate court for criminal appeals filed from every district court in the county. The Criminal Division’s mission is to administer criminal justice in a fair, professional, and efficient manner. The Division manages various ancillary services and departments throughout the Court, including Pretrial Services, Trial Court Services (formerly Assigned Counsel Services), Mental Health Court, Veterans Treatment Court, Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program, and Adult Drug Treatment Court. In 2018, there were 9,826 new case filings in the Criminal Division.

### CRIMINAL DIVISION

Timothy M. Kenny, Chief Judge Pro Tem and Presiding

Mariam Bazzi	Vonda R. Evans	Bruce U. Morrow
Gregory Dean Bill	Wanda A. Evans	Kelly A. Ramsey
Ulysses W. Boykin	Cynthia Gray Hathaway	Mark T. Slavens
James R. Chylinski	Thomas M. J. Hathaway	Lawrence S. Talon
Kevin J. Cox	Catherine L. Heise	Deborah A. Thomas
Paul J. Cusick	Donald Knapp, Jr.	Margaret M. Van Houten
Prentis Edwards, Jr.	Qiana Denise Lillard	Shannon N. Walker

### Criminal 2018 Statistics

	Capital	Non-Capital	Felony Juvenile	Criminal Appeals	Total
<b>Pending Cases as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	323	1,632	5	15	1,975
New Filings	902	8,840	16	68	9,826
Reopened Cases	148	1,285	2	1	1,436
<b>Total Caseload</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>11,757</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>13,237</b>
<b>Dispositions Resulting From:</b>					
Jury Verdicts	171	215	1	0	387
Bench Verdicts	40	187	1	0	228
Orders Entered	0	0	0	43	43
Guilty Pleas	581	7,188	12	0	7,781
Transferred	5	290	0	1	296
Dismissed	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissed by Party	3	36	0	0	39
Dismissed by Court	94	1,055	3	14	1,166
Inactive Status	116	1,065	2	0	1,183

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### Criminal 2018 Statistics (Cont'd)

	Capital	Non-Capital	Felony Juvenile	Criminal Appeals	Total
Other Dispositions	0	0	0	0	0
Case Type Change	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Dispositions</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>10,036</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>11,123</b>
<b>Pending Cases as of Dec. 31st</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2,114</b>



**Alisa Shannon – Deputy Court Administrator (Criminal Division)**

The Court Administration Office of the Criminal Division manages the following Court Departments: Trial Court Services, Specialty Court Services, and Pretrial Services. It provides oversight of all other Court Departments in the division. This office also serves as the liaison for all outside agencies which impact the division, including but not limited to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, Wayne County Clerk's Office, Wayne County Sheriff's Office, Michigan Department of Corrections, Michigan State Police, the State Court Administrative Office, as well as other circuit and district courts.

#### **Trial Court Services**

The Office of Trial Court Services (TCS) is responsible for coordinating the assignment of counsel in criminal matters for indigent defendants pursuant to the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution and *Gideon v. Wainwright*. Trial Court Services coordinates the assignment of counsel in criminal cases for the various district courts in the county. Additionally, the Trial Court Services Department is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of all warrants within forty-eight (48) hours of entry (excludes holidays and weekends). This process is mandated by The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Michigan State Police (MSP) for second party verification of all Failure to Appear (FTA) and Violation of Probation (VOP) warrants entered into LEIN for Third Circuit Court.

#### **Specialty Court Services**

The Office of Specialty Court Services oversees the following operations in the Criminal Division: Adult Drug Treatment Court (ADTC), Mental Health Court (MHC), Veterans Treatment Court (VTC), and Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program (SSSPP). Throughout the year, the Office of Specialty Court Services partners with various organizations and events: Michigan State University—Detroit Center Healthy Living Classes, Networking, Organizing and Advocating for the Homeless (NOAH) Project—Central United Methodist Church, Annual Mental Health Court Community Health Fair, John D. Dingell VA Medical Center—Mental Health Summit, Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority and ADTC's Holiday Relapse Prevention Forum, Michigan State University's Office of Government Affairs and VTC's bi-monthly Veterans Forum and Southeastern Michigan Veterans Stand Down.



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The **Adult Drug Treatment Court (ADTC)** is a sentencing alternative to non-violent prison-bound felony offenders whose criminal justice involvement stem from alcohol and/or drug abuse. Court staff and community service providers work together to break the cycle of addiction and crime. Successful program completion may result in the dismissal of the original charge, a reduced sentence, no jail or prison time, or a combination of the above.

<b>Adult Drug Treatment Court</b>	<b>ADTC</b>
Participants from previous year	61
New Participants Accepted	44
Discharged Participants	26
<b>2018 Graduated Participants</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Active Participants 2018</b>	<b>67</b>

The **Mental Health Court (MHC)** is designed to provide comprehensive, judicially monitored, psychiatric treatment for individuals who have non-violent criminal backgrounds and are severely and persistently mentally ill. Many clients also have co-occurring substance abuse disorders. Defendants are given an opportunity to voluntarily participate (through conditional release) in community treatment and court approved service plans as an alternative to incarceration and the normal criminal prosecution process and punishment. The goals of the program are to provide reduced recidivism, quicker and less costly case resolution, jail bed space savings, and more consistent mental health treatment.

<b>Mental Health Court</b>	<b>MHC</b>
Participants from previous year	39
New Participants Accepted	40
Discharged Participants	18
2018 Graduated Participants	<b>11</b>
<b>Active Participants 2018</b>	<b>50</b>

The **Veterans Treatment Court (VTC)** program is designed to divert eligible Veterans from the traditional criminal justice system and ensure their treatment needs for PTSD, mental health issues, or co-occurring disorders are addressed and provided. Candidates must have a discharge other than dishonorable to be eligible for VTC. Like the Court's other treatment programs, VTC provides a sentencing alternative to non-violent prison-bound felony offenders. The court staff, the Veterans Administration, and community service partners work together to address the various needs of the VTC participants. Successful program completion may result in the dismissal or reduction of the original charge, a reduced sentence, no jail or prison time, or a combination of the above.

<b>Veterans Treatment Court</b>	<b>VTC</b>
Participants from previous year	36
New Participants Accepted	14
Discharged Participants	6
2018 Graduated Participants	<b>19</b>
<b>Active Participants 2018</b>	<b>25</b>

## CRIMINAL DIVISION

The **Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program** (SSSPP) is an intensive probation compliance program modeled after Hawaii’s Opportunity Probation with Enforcement (HOPE) program. SSSPP is designed to provide an immediate response to non-compliance. Any proven violation will result in a swift and certain response from the court. SSSPP works closely with the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) to provide supervision of all probationers. Probationers are required to undergo frequent, scheduled, and random drug screenings while under supervision. They are also subjected to face-to-face monitoring by the court and MDOC to ensure probation compliance. Although the main goal is to increase compliance, SSSPP also strives to address any other needs of the probationer to help them to be successful and productive citizens once off probation.

<b>Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program</b>	<b>SSSPP</b>
Participants from previous year	27
New Participants Accepted	24
Discharged Participants	12
2018 Graduated Participants	<b>6</b>
<b>Active Participants 2018</b>	<b>33</b>

### Pretrial Services

The Office of Pretrial Services monitors defendants released on bond and submits oral and written bond recommendations to the circuit court bench, and to judges and magistrates in the district courts throughout Wayne County. Pretrial Services also calculates Preliminary Sentencing Guideline Reports for the Circuit Court Judges. These reports are used to assist in plea negotiations and management of the dockets. The Court, Wayne County, and the community benefit from the cost savings of decreased pretrial detention by identifying those defendants who can be safely released back to the community pending disposal of felony matters.

### Pretrial Services 2018 Statistics

<b>BONDS</b>	
Written Bond Recommendations	2,278
Oral Bond Recommendations	5,950
<b>Total Bond Recommendations</b>	<b>8,228</b>
<b>SUPERVISION (Yearly Averages)</b>	
Total Defendants Monitored	970
Cumulative Total of Defendants Monitored	4,969
Compliance Rate	90%
Failure to Appear Rate	9.8%
<b>SENTENCING GUIDELINES</b>	
Sentencing Guidelines Processed	8,653
Percentage of Cases Guidelined	90%
<b>LEIN QUERIES</b>	<b>34,283</b>

## FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS



**Hon. Kathleen M. McCarthy, Presiding Judge – Family Division – Domestic**

The Family Division – Domestic Relations is comprised of 11 Circuit Court Judges and one Probate Judge. The Family Domestic Relations Division realized many successes in meeting the growing and diverse needs of families. As anticipated last year, the trends of increased self-representation and out-of-wedlock births greatly impacted the work of the Family Domestic Relations Division in 2018. Cases handled include divorce, paternity, personal protection, emancipation of minors, name changes, parental waivers, and infectious disease matters. Each of these case types may include matters concerning custody, support, parenting time, property, and other issues. In 2018, there were 23,387 new case filings in the Family Division – Domestic Relations Section.

### FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Kathleen M. McCarthy, Presiding

Eric Cholack  
Melissa A. Cox  
Charlene M. Elder  
Alexis A. Glendening

Richard B. Halloran  
Adel A. Harb  
Charles S. Hegarty

Connie Marie Kelley  
Lisa M. Neilson  
Lynne A. Pierce  
Carla G. Testani

### FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS REFEREES

Stephanie Witucki, Chief Referee

Diane Biggar  
David Calandro  
Eric Gloudemans  
Shannon Haneline  
Rosanne Hostnik

Michelle Letourneau-McAvoy  
Lauren Wright Middleton  
Christine Rodriguez  
Lynn Ruhlman

Anita Scott-Meisel  
Hulen Simpson  
Edrick Thompson  
Jessica Walker

### Domestic Relations 2018 Statistics

	Divorce w/Child	Divorce No Child	Paternity	UIFSA*	Support	Other Domestic**	Total
<b>Pending Cases as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	1,439	1,159	3,834	263	4,233	262	11,190
New Filings	2,923	3,444	7,615	230	8,565	610	23,387
Reopened Cases	154	108	75	0	43	24	404
<b>Total Caseload</b>	<b>4,516</b>	<b>4,711</b>	<b>11,524</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>12,841</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>34,981</b>
<b>Dispositions Resulting From:</b>							
Bench Verdicts	82	60	1	0	1	7	151
Defaults, Uncontested, Settled	2,082	2,598	3,131	71	4,510	371	12,763
Transferred	2	0	2	0	0	0	4
Dismissed by Party	512	611	1,024	214	1,168	236	3,765
Dismissed by Court	451	293	3,468	0	3,762	58	8,032

## FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS

### Domestic Relations 2018 Statistics (Cont'd)

	Divorce w/Child	Divorce No Child	Paternity	UIFSA*	Support	Other Domestic**	Total
Inactive Status	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Case Type Change	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Dispositions</b>	<b>3,135</b>	<b>3,562</b>	<b>7,626</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>9,441</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>24,721</b>
<b>Pending Cases as of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>1,381</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>3,898</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>10,260</b>

\*These cases were filed under the Uniform Interstate Support Family Support Act and the Court was asked to establish paternity, or to establish or modify child support in matters where the custodial party and the child lived outside of Michigan.

\*\*These matters are custody actions and other family matters.

### Domestic Violence Program



**Dennis Donahue**

Dennis Donahue is the Legal Director of the Domestic Violence Program and oversees the Personal Protection Order and the Solution Oriented Domestic Violence Prevention Court.

### Personal Protection Order (PPO)

The Family Division – Domestic Relations has a Personal Protection Order (PPO) docket to serve the civil personal protection order needs of domestic abuse, violence, and stalking victims. In 2018, the PPO docket processed 7,966 new cases.

### Personal Protection Order (PPO) 2018 Statistics

	Domestic Relations	Non-Domestic Relations	Juvenile	Total
<b>Pending Cases as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	5	2	0	7
New Filings	5,418	2,483	65	7,966
Reopened Cases	1	2	0	3
<b>Total Caseload</b>	<b>5,424</b>	<b>2,487</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>7,976</b>
<b>Dispositions Resulting From:</b>				
Orders Issued Ex Parte	3,888	894	33	4,815
Orders Issued after Hearing	8	2	0	10
Transferred	0	0	0	0
Dismissed: Denied Ex Parte	1,499	1,581	32	3,112
Dismissed: Denied after Hearing	4	7	0	11
Dismissed by Party	18	0	0	18
Orders Issued after Denial	0	0	0	0
Case Type Change	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Dispositions</b>	<b>5,417</b>	<b>2,484</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>7,966</b>
<b>Pending Cases as of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>

## **FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

### **Solution Oriented Domestic Violence Prevention Court (SODVPC)**

The Solution Oriented Domestic Violence Prevention Court (SODVPC) is a specialized docket dedicated to those cases in the Family Division – Domestic Relations with the most severe allegations of domestic abuse between intimate partners.

By giving litigants access to a trained and dedicated domestic abuse and violence prevention staff, SODVPC provides resources for extended judicial monitoring and increased access to a coordinated community response.



**Erin Lincoln – Deputy Court Administrator (Friend of the Court)**

### **Friend of the Court**

The Third Circuit Friend of the Court (FOC) is the largest FOC in Michigan, with over 274,000 active domestic relations cases. The FOC is an administrative arm of the Court responsible for investigating, reporting, and making recommendations to the Court on matters of custody, parenting time, and support of minor children; and providing mediation as an alternative method of dispute resolution.

The FOC’s mission of encouraging positive relations and ensuring financial security for the children and families is accomplished through the collective efforts of the Referee Department, the Case Establishment Department, the Legal Division, Information Services Division, the FOC Scheduling Office, the Family Assessment, Mediation, and Education Department, and Administrative Operations.

Friend of the Court referees, attorneys, and their support staff process referrals to establish paternity and family support obligations. The attorneys assist the Family Division-Domestic Relations judges at review hearings to ensure that the “best interests of the children” are served.

Once support is established, the departments work in concert to ensure collections. Over 9,600 hearings were scheduled to ensure child support compliance. In 2018, the Friend of the Court partnered with external agencies and organizations offering services for bench warrant resolution and arrearage discharge, giving many an opportunity to make good faith payments and avoid arrest.



## FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS

### FOC Fiscal Year 2018 Statistics

Caseload-Open FOC Dockets	274,432
Medical Support Notices Issued	84,963
Custody and Child Support Reports and Recommendations	16,302
Hearing Held by Referees	27,519
Child Support Show Cause Hearings	9,678
Bench Warrant Issued	5,763
Bench Warrant Arrests	3,074
Custody and Parenting Time Enforcement Requests Processed	3,461
Amount of Child Support Collected for the Year	245,028,710

### FOC Child Support Outreach

Community Partners	Number of Participants
Salvation Army William Booth Legal Aid Clinic	1,292
Focus Hope	64
United Auto Workers Vote Center	45
Resource Network	58
ACCESS	41
Detroit Public Library Every Day Legal Issues (April & Oct. 2018)	440
Other events in the community	1,764
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,704</b>

The Family Assessment, Mediation, and Education Department (FAME) is a Department of the Friend of the Court. It is comprised of two units. The Family Evaluation, Mediation, and Counseling Unit (FEMC) provides court-ordered evaluations and mediations for families where the parents are in conflict regarding custody and/or parenting time. The Dispute Resolution Unit (DRU) partners with Wayne Mediation Center and serves the increasing need for mediation and alternative dispute services in Domestic Relations. DRU also coordinates both Court-funded and grant-funded family education programs.

On the Parenting Time Docket, 269 cases were mediated resulting in 163 agreements placed on the record. The In-Court Mediation Project (ICMP) received 242 referrals, 178 matters were meditated and 86 of the mediations reached agreements.

FAME offers parent education for divorcing and never married parents who live apart from each other. The program, Kids First, continues to benefit the children in our community with 933 parents served in 2018. Additionally, FAME has approved two online four hour parent education programs: Children in Between and Online Parenting Programs.com. The Co-Parenting, Communication, and Coaching (3C) Program is a more intensive eight hour live parent education program. In 2018, 287 parents completed the 3C program. Participant satisfaction surveys consistently indicate very high satisfaction and parents wish they would have “had this information sooner.”

FAME also coordinates supervised visitation. Through the State Court Administrative Office – Access and Visitation Grant, the Court has contracted with Growth Works, Inc. to conduct supervised parenting time. In 2018, Growth Works, Inc. served 174 families.

## **FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS**

FAME continues to foster an active internship program by offering master level social work students from area universities hands-on training in family evaluation, psychological testing, mediation, and a host of other valuable assessment and mental health tools. Wayne State University, Eastern Michigan University, and other universities utilize FAME as a field placement for their students.



## FAMILY DIVISION – JUVENILE



**Hon. Virgil C. Smith, Presiding Judge – Family Division-Juvenile**

The Family Division – Juvenile is comprised of five Circuit Court Judges and one Probate Judge. Twelve Referees assist the judges by conducting hearings and preparing written recommendations and findings of fact, as well as conducting informal hearings, which include traffic and ordinance violations, school truancy, and consent matters. The Court also services parents with their children that may be incorrigible by filing incorrigibility petitions. There were 3,436 new case filings in the Family Division – Juvenile in 2018. The judges and referees of the Juvenile Division continue their efforts to meet and exceed stringent time guidelines set by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) in Permanency Indicator Reporting (PIR).

### FAMILY DIVISION – JUVENILE

Virgil C. Smith, Presiding

Karen Y. Braxton  
Jerome C. Cavanagh

Christopher D. Dingell  
Edward J. Joseph

Frank S. Szymanski

### FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC – JUVENILE

Charles W. Wilson, III, Chief Referee

Kathleen Allen  
Nicholas J. Bobak  
James A. Catchings, Jr.  
Anthony Crutchfield

Raeigen Evans  
Leslie Graves  
Viola King

Daniel M. McGuire  
Peter J. Schummer, Jr.  
Brandi Taylor  
Mona M. Youssef

### Juvenile 2018 Statistics

	Designated*	Delinquency	Traffic	Child Protective	Total
<b>Pending Cases as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	7	518	587	266	1,378
New Filings	11	2,117	387	921	3,436
Reopened Cases	2	264	29	0	295
<b>Total Caseload</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2,899</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>5,109</b>
<b>Dispositions Resulting From:</b>					
Jury Verdicts	0	1	0	2	3
Bench Verdicts	0	48	0	455	503
Guilty Pleas/Admissions	4	661	182	301	1,148
Prosecutor Waiver	0	0	0	0	0
Traditional Waiver	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissed Incompetent	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissed by Party	0	17	26	0	43
Dismissed by Court	1	635	70	0	706
Dismissed/Withdrawn	0	0	0	54	54
Consent Calendar	0	0	0	0	0
Transferred	0	67	0	13	80

## FAMILY DIVISION – JUVENILE

### Juvenile 2018 Statistics (Cont'd)

	Designated*	Delinquency	Traffic	Child Protective	Total
Diversion/Not Authorized	0	357	120	44	521
Designation Granted	0	0	0	0	0
Inactive Status	2	170	0	0	172
Not Charged	0	1	0	0	1
Case Type Change	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissed: Denied after Hearing	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissed: Denied Ex Parte	0	0	0	0	0
Orders Issued after Hearing	0	0	0	0	0
Orders Issued Ex Parte	0	0	0	0	0
Orders Issued after Denial	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Dispositions</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1,957</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>3,231</b>
<b>Pending Cases as of Dec. 31st</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>942</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>1,878</b>

\*These are criminal matters in which the juvenile has been designated as an adult.



**Richard Smart – Deputy Court Administrator (Juvenile Division)**

The Court Administration Office of the Juvenile Division oversees various departments and operations to help ensure the best interest and well-being of children are served in protective cases and deterrent and rehabilitative measures are available in delinquency cases.

### Adoptions

The Adoptions Unit is responsible for processing all adoptions for Wayne County residents. The Unit handled a total of 561 new filings in 2018. The Unit helps ensure permanently bonded families through the timely termination of parental rights, formal placement of children into approved homes, adoption finalization, and the delivery of efficient post-adoption services. In addition to the adoption petitions that were filed, 41 voluntary releases of Parental Rights and 236 requests for release of post-adoption information were processed.

### Adoptions 2018 Statistics

2018 Filings	590
Voluntary Release of Parental Rights	41
Requests for Release of Post-Adoption Information	236
Pending Adoption Petitions as of January 1, 2018	151
New Filings	561
Reopened Cases	0
Total Caseload	712
Adoptions Finalized	581
Adoption Petitions Withdrawn	8
Adoption Petitions Dismissed	16

## **FAMILY DIVISION – JUVENILE**

### **Adoptions 2018 Statistics (Cont'd)**

Adoption Petitions Transferred	0
Total Dispositions	685
Pending Adoption Petitions as of December 31, 2018	151

### **Assigned Counsel Services**

The Assigned Counsel Services (ACS) Unit is responsible for processing attorney assignments and scheduling attorneys as Emergency House Counsel and House Counsel to represent indigent parties. The Unit also addresses attorney assignment and payment inquiries and ensures that attorneys are available and dispatched to the courtrooms when needed.

#### **Assigned Counsel Services (ACS)**

Attorney Assignment Scheduled	2,584
Orders of Appointment/Updated Petitions	735
Request for Emergency House Counsel Assignments	1,764
Notice of Removal of Assigned Counsel	643
Appearances	120
Attorney Payment/Assignment Inquiries	290

### **Court Appointed Special Advocates Program**

The Court Appointed Special Advocates Program (CASA) plays a valuable role in child protective proceedings and services children in out-of-home placements. Volunteers are trained to serve as an extra set of eyes and ears for the Juvenile Jurists when making a decision regarding placement. By reviewing records, observing parenting time visits, attending (family team meetings, etc.), CASA volunteers can make fact-based recommendations to the jurists.

CASA volunteers make recommendations regarding what is best for the children. In 2018, 17 new volunteer staff were trained and sworn in. The total number of children served by CASA volunteers was 259. In addition, the CASA program maintains a donation-driven clothing closet, which has benefited hundreds of disadvantaged families. Donations made are through the “Wayne County Friends of CASA” and are tax deductible.

Approximately over 350 families and children combined have been served by the Clothes Closet. One hundred and twenty-five book bags were given to CASA children for the start of the school year via Quicken Loans and Wayne County Friends of CASA. CASA participated in the Eastern Market Community Health Awareness fair in the summer of 2018. At this Community Awareness fair, thirteen signatures were collected for possible CASA volunteers.

One hundred and twenty CASA children were the recipients of the Chrysler UAW Local 1700 giving tree for December 13, 2018.

The Wayne County CASA Department was awarded the Thrive Award from 7<sup>th</sup> Generation for taking an active role in advocacy on behalf of children in Wayne County. Friends of CASA sponsored the attendance of four CASA volunteers at the CASA state conference held in Grand Rapids, MI where the CASA director, Roland Smith, presented a workshop on “Developing Cultural Competence in your local CASA program.”

## FAMILY DIVISION – JUVENILE

### CASA Program 2018 Statistics

	Number of Cases	Number of children involved
New Cases Assigned	65	259

#### CASA Volunteers sworn in in 2018:

Zaharaa Alkhafaji	Lorraine Getkin	Emily Magnuson
Rachel Aston	Dayna Haenke	Brandon Martin
Joan Ben-David	Heidi Haidar	Louis Martin
Heidi Eichbauer	Margurite Kaiser	Walter Martin
Melissa Fernandez	Julia LeBrell	Debra Pernell-Simmons
Kirsten Gardner		Sarah Tobias



#### Juvenile Status Unit

The Juvenile Status Unit provides services for certain youth on probation, as well as diverted youth whose petitions have not been made official. The Unit also provides services to families in which a parent is seeking help for a youth exhibiting incorrigible behavior.

The Intake Unit interviews, screens, and processes all youth admitted in the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Center, 24 hours a day. The Intake Unit's 24-Hour Desk located inside of the Juvenile Detention Center assists police agencies, the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS), and the public outside of regular court business hours. This Unit also provides pre-sentence and re-sentencing reports to the Court on designated cases and oversees fingerprinting for all new Court employees.

Additionally, the Status Unit coordinates transportation for transfer cases within the state and also coordinates with interstate transportation through Interstate Compact.

#### Intake 2018 Statistics

Interviews on Admittance Into Juvenile Detention Facility	1,277
Family Interviews	528
Informal Probation (Consent, Diversion, Incorrigible)	401
Designated Cases	20
Out County/Plea Under Advisement/Truancy	3
Petitions Filed	21







## **FAMILY DIVISION – JUVENILE**

### **Juvenile Drug Court**

The Supervised Treatment for Alcohol and Narcotic Dependency (S.T.A.N.D.) Program is a juvenile drug court program that was designed to eliminate a juvenile's substance use and abuse and delinquent behavior. The program utilizes a non-adversarial approach, therapeutic jurisprudence, and case management to develop, coordinate, and monitor the juvenile's treatment. It forges partnerships with other public agencies and community-based organizations to enhance the program's effectiveness. The S.T.A.N.D. Program is supervised by Judge Karen Braxton.

Participants in the S.T.A.N.D. Program are provided access to a continuum of alcohol and drug-related treatment services. The program also provides many other services such as family therapy, a parent group, tutoring, and mental health services. The Court focuses on incentives as rewards for the progress a program participant makes. Additionally, the program promotes participation in pro-social activities by hosting annual baseball games, basketball games, and bowling tournaments for the participants and their families and friends.

The program lasts approximately one year, but the actual length of the program depends upon the participant's progress. In some circumstances, if the juvenile successfully completes the program, the original charge will be dismissed, allowing the participant to maintain a clean juvenile record. After successful completion of the program, the youth participate in a formal graduation ceremony sharing their successes with family, friends, and other participants still enrolled in the program.

The S.T.A.N.D. Program is a very intense program; however, the benefits to the participants and their families are extraordinary. Not only are the youth substance free after completion of the program, but they are well prepared for a productive life without any further court involvement.

The 2018 highlights for the S.T.A.N.D. Program included increasing community partnerships. S.T.A.N.D. became a community partner that participated in several planning meetings along with the Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) and 40 other community organizations and universities. The focuses of the planning meetings were Adult Education and creating Family Community Hubs.

The S.T.A.N.D. Program's newest addition of Opioid Awareness Groups, thrusts S.T.A.N.D. into the forefront of equipping participants with industry leading knowledge and preparedness to deal with the alarmingly increasing rise of the Opioid epidemic.

The S.T.A.N.D. Program, through its collaboration with the Third Judicial Circuit Court – Clinic for Child Study, focuses on co-occurring disorders and provides mental health services.

Some of the measurable outcomes during 2018 were increased attendance and participation, increased incentives, increased program compliance and completion, lower recidivism rates, and increased participant focus and expectations.

S.T.A.N.D. continues to be a model Juvenile Drug Treatment Court. The program has been able to sustain and thrive through its funding from significant federal grants. In 2018, as a result of the success of the program, S.T.A.N.D. was awarded three grants from new sources. With the addition of these new grants, the program is able to maintain its high level of commitment and services to the participants and their families.

## FAMILY DIVISION – JUVENILE

### Juvenile Drug Court Statistics

#### 2018 Program Participants

Returning Participants	41
New Admissions	21
<b>Total Participants in Program for the Year</b>	<b>62</b>

#### 2018 Outcomes

Total Participants	62
Removed Participants	20
Graduated	16
<b>Active Participants at the end of 2018</b>	<b>26</b>

### TIP – Truancy Intervention Project

The Truancy Intervention Project (TIP) was launched during the 2013-2014 school year to address the rise of chronic absenteeism problems throughout the schools in Wayne County, Michigan. Since the 2014-15 school year, TIP has expanded as a community outreach model for school districts providing support services to address and reduce school truancy problems. Students receive services from TIP to avoid formal court involvement. The Juvenile Court Referee conducts informal hearings with students referred by their school attendance officers with parents and if needed law enforcement, social service agencies, and mental health providers in attendance. The representatives attending these hearings will assist with the development of viable intervention plans for each student. While each case is unique, TIP always seeks to improve student attendance, promote academic achievement, facilitate greater parental involvement, and build strong partnerships with local service providers.

During the 2017-18 school year, the following schools received TIP services: Detroit Public Schools Community District, Garden City, Brownstown Middle, and Patrick Henry Middle Schools. Additionally, TIP provided attendance information dissemination to assist schools throughout the county. During the 2017-18 school year, over 300 students have been referred to the program. TIP continues to be an integral part of reducing school truancy and absenteeism while providing support services to schools in Wayne County.

The TIP Program Coordinator provided informational presentations to schools throughout Wayne County; Annapolis High School, Cass Technical High School, and Munger Elementary. The program shares information about the services provided and how it positively affects the community. The work of TIP has been shared with the Wayne County Dispute Resolution Center and the Community Health Fair, which emphasizes the commitment of the TIP Program to combat chronic absenteeism and truancy.

<b>Truancy Intervention Project (TIP) Statistics School Year 2017-18</b>	
Number of Students Referred by Schools	385
Number of Cases Processed in Program	377
Number of Initial Hearings Scheduled	402
Number of Schools Participating in Program	20

## **FAMILY DIVISION – JUVENILE**

### **The Clinic for Child Study**

The Third Circuit Court Clinic for Child Study fosters relationships that empower court-involved youth and families to build healthy futures in their communities by providing an array of family-centered therapeutic services. The Clinic extends the continuum of care of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (DWMHA) by providing mental health services to a population that is traditionally underserved: youth who have the dual concerns of delinquency and mental health. Given this unique focus, the Clinic has been able to utilize therapeutic jurisprudence to motivate youth and families to comply with mental health treatment. The accreditation body, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), has repeatedly recognized the Clinic's success in balancing the needs of both mental health and the Court systems.

The following Clinic programs are accredited under the mental health umbrella of CARF: Assessment and Referral (adults, children, and adolescents); Case Management/Services Coordination (children and adolescents); Court Treatment: Mental Health (children and adolescents), Outpatient Treatment (children and adolescents); and Intensive Family-based Services (children and adolescents).

Assessment services include mental health assessments, psychological assessments, and psychiatric assessments for delinquency, protective hearings, and treatment planning. Specialized assessments for delinquency include competency and criminal responsibility.

Case management services link Intensive Probation, Diversion, Incurability, and at-risk youth with appropriate community resources. Youth are seen at home, in the school or community, and at the Court. In addition, probation monitoring is provided to those youth placed on Intensive Probation.

Home-based services include intensive in-home family and individual therapy, case management services, and support coordination with schools and community.

Outpatient therapy services for youth and their families include individual, family, group, psychiatric evaluations, and medication monitoring. The Clinic runs a very successful specialized group, Sexual Awareness, Information & Treatment (SAIT, Y-SAIT & DDSAIT) for youth exhibiting inappropriate sexual behaviors and the Rainbow Teen group for youth who are "out" to friends and family as LGBTQ. Groups are created with age and development in mind.

Trauma-focused interventions are available for moderately to highly traumatized youth utilizing the following evidenced-based modalities: Sensory Interventions for Traumatized Children, Adolescent and Parents: At-Risk Adjudicated Treatment Program (SITCAP-ART), and Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT).

# FAMILY DIVISION – JUVENILE

## 2018 Referrals/Consumers Served

Family Assessments for Protective Hearings Referrals	355
Custody Assessments Referrals	7
Adolescent Assessments for Delinquency Disposition /Probation Planning Referrals (includes JSAU and CAAU)	586
Adolescent Competency Assessments Referrals	65
Adolescent Criminal Responsibility Assessments Referrals	50
Adolescent Assessments for S.T.A.N.D. Referrals	29
Case Management Served (Intensive Probation and Diversion)	444
Clinic Treatment Unit Served	332
Home-Based Unit Served	67
Ongoing Psychiatric Services Served	141

## 2018 Outcomes

Satisfaction Surveys (181 surveys completed-average satisfaction across all questions)	<b>94.0%</b>
Intensive Probation/Case Management Successful Closures	<b>139/232 60%</b>

### Intensive Probation Recidivism – Felony Convictions Per Criminal and Juvenile Odyssey Lookups

Closure Year	Date Reviewed	Total Successfully Closed	No Felony Convictions	Felony Convictions	Recidivism %
2017	March 2019 (1 year post closure)	167	163	4	2.40%
2015	March 2018 (3 years post closure)	203	186	17	8.37%

### SAIT/Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) Recidivism – Felony Convictions Per Criminal and Juvenile Odyssey Lookups

Closure Year	Date Reviewed	Total Successfully Closed	No Felony Convictions	Felony Convictions	CSC Convictions	Recidivism %
2017	March 2019 (1 year post closure)	16	15	0	1	Felony: 0% CSC: 6%
2015	March 2018 (3 years post closure)	31	31	0	0	Felony: 0% CSC: 0%

### Improvement on Child/Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale

Scale Area	Improved	Not Improved	Total	Percent Improved
Meaningful and Reliable Improvement	217	88	307	70.68%

## **FAMILY DIVISION – JUVENILE**

### **Juvenile Mental Health Court**

The Juvenile Mental Health Court (JMHC) is a problem-solving court that combines judicial supervision with community mental health and other ancillary services in an effort to reduce court contact and improve the quality of life for program participants.

JMHC strives to identify youth with mental health concerns and divert them from the formal court docket. The youth and families are connected to appropriate services in the community, with the goal of reducing the number of youth with mental health issues who reoffend, and to increase adherence to appropriate services for mental health issues by using a multi-disciplinary team approach to develop and monitor service plans and compliance.

The supervising Judge of the JMHC is Judge Edward Joseph. Youth and families have weekly status review hearings and the judge closely monitors these cases. The judge rewards progress through the program with various incentives, and handles non-compliance with graduated sanctions.

Clinical Assessments, Home-Based Therapy, Medication Reviews, and other Clinical Groups are provided by the Clinic for Child Study. Home-Based Therapy provides a therapist in the home for 2-20 hours per week, as needed by the participant. Drug testing, assessment, and treatment referrals are handled through the Court's Case Management Team. This year, the Clinic was able to add a Parent Support Partner to the services being provided. This addition has enhanced JMHC's ability to engage parents in the program.

In 2018, JMHC has continued to grow. The year started with 28 active participants, and has grown to 34. Twelve youth are awaiting entry into JMHC at this time. JMHC has added a second jurist to assist with the additional cases. A part-time case manager will soon be added to the team. Four participants graduated from the program in March, and seven graduated in September. The Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness was the keynote speaker at September's graduation. The event was filmed and a documentary was completed by the State Court Administrator's Office .

JMHC's Education Advocacy service has also grown; and in 2018, all participants with a need for education advocacy have been assigned their own attorney advocate from Michigan Children's Law Center.

In 2018, JMHC was again highlighted in the Wayne County System of Care's Annual report to the Community, as a part of their spectrum of effective community-based services for children and youth with Serious Emotional Disturbances. Judge Joseph was awarded the Stakeholder of the Year Award by the System of Care for the partnerships that JMHC has built with the agencies under the umbrella of the Wayne County Mental Health Authority.

In 2018, JMHC has accomplished a community service day at Gleaners Food Bank, hosted a presentation of "In Our Own Voices" by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), and hosted a Sexual Awareness Class for participants presented by the Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health. The JMHC team also presented our program and its challenges at the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals annual conference, and Judge Joseph has spoken at Fellowship Chapel about mental health and the legal system. He has also spoken at the Teen Hype regarding mental health.

## FAMILY DIVISION – JUVENILE

### Juvenile Mental Health Court Statistics 2018 Program Participants

Returning Participants	28
New Admissions	34
Graduates	11
<b>Total Participants</b>	<b>62</b>

## Miscellaneous

### Miscellaneous Family 2018 Statistics

	Other Family*	Ancillary**	Total
<b>Pending Cases as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup></b>	125	0	125
New Filings	869	0	869
Reopened Cases	0	0	0
<b>Total Caseload</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>994</b>
<b>Dispositions Resulting From:</b>			
Orders Issued Ex Parte	61	0	61
Orders Issued after Hearing	683	0	683
Petition Granted	0	0	0
Transferred	0	0	0
Dismissed: Denied Ex Parte	0	0	0
Dismissed: Denied after Hearing	33	0	33
Petition Denied	0	0	0
Dismissed by Party	97	0	97
Petition Withdrawn/Dismissed	0	0	0
Deferred	0	0	0
Case Type Change	0	0	0
<b>Total Dispositions</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>874</b>
<b>Pending Cases as of Dec. 31st</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>

\*Other Family includes name change, safe delivery, personal protection filed, emancipation of minors, infectious disease, parental waiver actions, and Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care.

\*\*Ancillary Proceedings includes guardianship and conservatorships, mental illness, as well as judicial admissions matters.

## HISTORY OF THE THIRD CIRCUIT COURT

The Third Judicial Circuit Court is the largest trial court in the state. It has been an important court in the state because of the cases litigated, decisions issued, and the public service careers of its judges on this bench and elsewhere. The Historical Society Committee was created to do further research and develop the history, so that it may be preserved and shared. In 2018, the Historical Committee hosted three portrait unveilings.



Third Circuit Court's Historical Society Committee



On January 18, 2018, the portrait unveiling of Judge Frank Murphy was held in Presiding Judge Timothy M. Kenny's courtroom.



Video of the portrait unveiling



Judge Frank Murphy Article by Julie M. Dale



On October 10, 2018, the portrait unveiling of Judge Harry Keidan was held in Judge David Groner's courtroom.



Video of the portrait unveiling



On November 1, 2018, the portrait unveiling of Judge George Hosmer was held in Judge Annette Berry's courtroom.



Video of the portrait unveiling

## HISTORY OF THE BENCH – CHIEF JUDGES



**(Left to Right:** Hon. James Rashid, Hon. Michael Sapala, Hon. Mary Beth Kelly, Hon. Timothy Kenny, Hon. William Giovan, Hon. Virgil Smith, Hon. Robert J. Colombo, Jr.)  
**(Not Pictured:** Hon. Richard Kaufman)



1/16/67 – 1/14/75 - Hon. Joseph A. Sullivan



1/15/75 – 12/31/77 - Hon. James N. Canham



1/1/78 – 12/31/85 - Hon. Richard Dunn



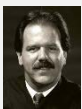
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3/17/86 – 3/24/86 - Hon. W. Leo Cahalan



3/25/86 – 12/31/93 - Hon. Richard Kaufman



1/1/94 – 9/30/97 - Hon. James Rashid



10/1/97 – 12/31/01 - Hon. Michael Sapala



1/1/02 – 12/31/03 - Hon. Timothy Kenny  
 (Co-Chief Judge)



1/1/02 – 12/31/07 - Hon. Mary Beth Kelly



1/1/08 – 12/31/08 - Hon. William Giovan



1/1/09 – 12/31/13 - Hon. Virgil C. Smith



1/1/14 – 12/31/18 - Hon. Robert J. Colombo,  
 Jr.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018

The Strategic Plan is the number one highlight of 2018. The Court's Strategic Planning Committee identified six strategic focus areas which afforded the greatest opportunities for the Court to fulfill its mission and vision. The six strategic focus areas are:

1. Facilities;
2. Employee Satisfaction, Work Environment, and Pay/Benefits;
3. Technology;
4. Case Management and Efficient Operations;
5. Access, Services, and Programs; and,
6. External Relations.

In each focus area, the Committee sought out information from surveys, data, best practices, and other relevant information. The Committee then identified goals they aspired to attain by 2021 and identified annual projects that with dedicated time and resources would move the Court forward toward attaining the goals. With the efforts of judges, administrators, and employees, 19 Courtwide and 10 Divisional projects were completed. From addressing courthouse security to developing more opportunities for employee engagement and community service and outreach, Third Circuit Court continued to fulfill its vision of using innovative and best practices, and providing exemplary services.

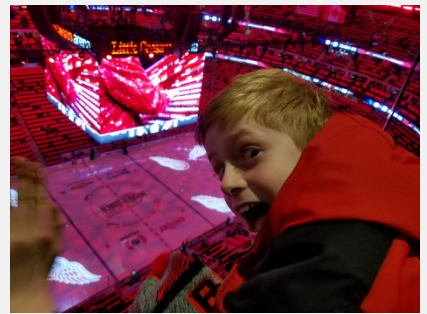


Strategic Plan 2018 in review



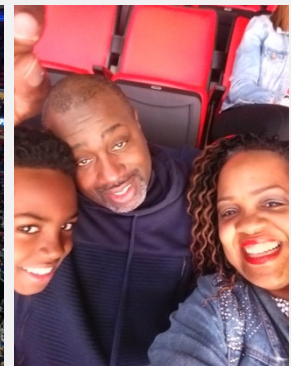
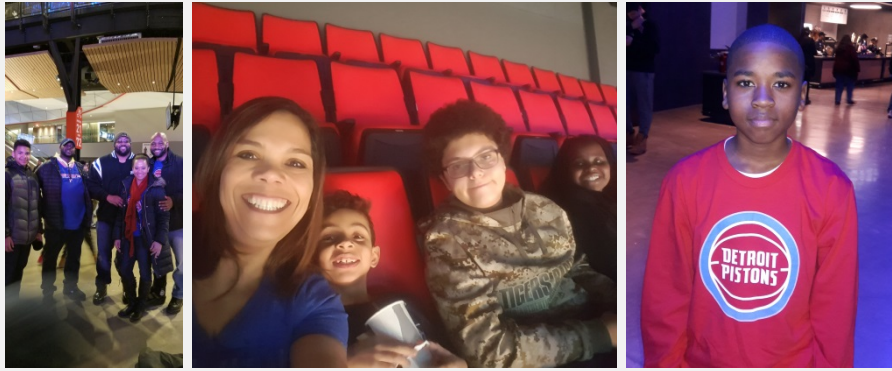
# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018

## THIRD CIRCUIT COURT DETROIT RED WINGS' OUTING



# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018

## THIRD CIRCUIT COURT DETROIT PISTONS' OUTING



# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018

## THIRD CIRCUIT COURT DETROIT TIGERS' OUTING



# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018

## THIRD CIRCUIT COURT DETROIT LIONS' OUTING



# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018



Led by a Circuit Court Judge and local attorney volunteers, students from 12 Wayne County high schools participated in mock oral arguments addressing the right to free speech under the First Amendment within the context of a bullying situation in a high school. Motivational Speaker Jonathan Edison served as the keynote speaker and welcomed the students with an inspirational story about how he was able to succeed growing up in Detroit and overcoming very challenging obstacles.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018

The Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan celebrated Adoption Day on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Adoption Day is a collective national effort to raise awareness of the more than 100,000 children in the U.S. foster care system waiting to find permanent, loving families. Judge Christopher D. Dingell presided over the adoption of seven children. Justice Elizabeth T. Clement from the Michigan Supreme Court was the keynote speaker, Roland Smith was the Master of Ceremonies and Chief Judge Robert J. Colombo, Jr. and Presiding Judge Virgil C. Smith issued remarks. The Court congratulates and thanks the families for allowing us to celebrate their special day.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018



Juvenile Mental Health Court's graduation



Third Circuit attending IIRP Canada Conference "Leading and Sustaining Change"



Spring CASA swearing in of 12 new volunteers



Fall Mass Swearing In



Pop-Up Literacy in the Park



FOC Outreach – Expungement Clinic



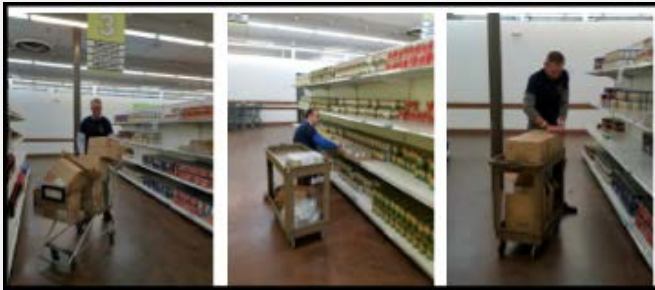
Fifth Third Bank Outreach





# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018

## THIRD CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES AND EMPLOYEES GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



Judges – Capuchin’s Service Center



Office of General Counsel – Gleaners Community Food Bank



Clinic for Child Study – Back 2 School Bash



Judges – Seventh Generation’s December Holiday Celebration



Judges – Alternative for Girls



JMHC – Gleaners Food Bank

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018**

### **Grants Awarded in 2018**

FY 2019 Michigan Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program Grant Award - \$69,000  
Awarded by the State Court Administrative Office

FY 2019 Michigan Veterans Treatment Court Grant Program Award - \$95,000  
Awarded by the State Court Administrative Office

FY 2019 Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program Award – Juvenile Mental Health Court - \$265,000  
Awarded by the State Court Administrative Office

FY 2019 Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program Award – Adult Mental Health Court - \$349,000  
Awarded by the State Court Administrative Office

FY 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Award – Hybrid DWI/Drug Court - \$110,000  
Awarded by the State Court Administrative Office

FY 2019 Michigan Drug Court Grant Program Award – Juvenile Drug Court - \$80,000  
Awarded by the State Court Administrative Office

FY 2019 Michigan Drug Court Grant Program Award – Hybrid DWI/Drug Court - \$155,000  
Awarded by the State Court Administrative Office

FY 2018-2021 Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grant to S.T.A.N.D. Program – Juvenile Division - \$400,000  
Awarded by the Office of Justice Programs

### **Our Community Partners Include:**

#### **Arab Community Ctr. for Economics & Social Services (ACCESS)**

Black Child Development Institute

#### **Black Women Lawyers Association of Michigan**

Children and Family Services (C.A.F.S.)

#### **Circle of Parents (NHMBC)**

Detroit Bar Association

#### **Detroit Parent Network**

Detroit Public Library

#### **Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority**

Disability Network

#### **80 Strong Community Outreach**

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Detroit)

#### **Fifth Third Bank**

Friends of CASA

#### **Focus Hope**

Jewish Vocational Services

#### **Looking For My Sister**

Mariner's Inn Shelter & Treatment

#### **Matrix Human Services**

Michigan State University

#### **Michigan Veterans Foundation**

SCAO Region 1

#### **Stakeholder Partnerships, Education & Communications (SPEC)**

The Children's Center

#### **The Guidance Center – Southgate**

The Salvation Army's William Booth Legal Aid Clinic

#### **UAW Vote Center**

U of D Mercy School of Law

#### **U.S. Probation Officer Workforce**

Wayne County Family Law Bar Association

#### **Wayne County Head Start**

Wayne County Probate Court

#### **Wayne Mediation Center**

Wayne State University Law School

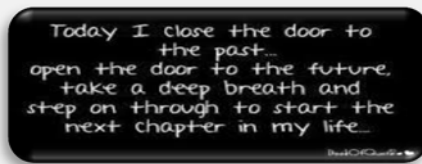
#### **Wayne County Community College District**

WMU-Cooley Law School

#### **Women Lawyers Association of Michigan**

Young Fathers Standing United

## THIRD CIRCUIT COURT RETIREMENTS



**John S. Breen**, 20 years – Domestic Relations Supervisor, Family Domestic



**Hon. Robert J. Colombo, Jr.**, 36 years – Judge, Civil Division



**Jan C. Dejnozka**, 20 years – Domestic Relations Specialist, Family Domestic



**Theresa A. Glenn**, 24 years – Probation Officer, Family Juvenile



**Hon. Richard B. Halloran**, 20 years – Judge, Family Domestic



**Jeffrey L. Jones**, 37 years – Official Court Reporter, Administration



**Stephen J. Malyn**, 34 years – Senior Staff Attorney, Family Domestic



**Glenn L. Olds**, 26 years – Purchasing and Facilities Assistant, Administration



**Deborah Price**, 9 years – Specialty Court Coordinator, Criminal

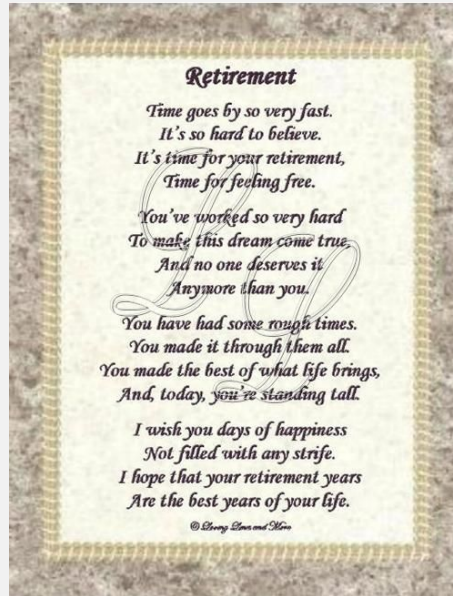


**Rocco A. Sanfilippo**, 30 years – Domestic Relations Supervisor, Family Domestic



**Darryl A. Short**, 37 years – Clerk III, Criminal

## THIRD CIRCUIT COURT RETIREMENTS



**Karen L. Skillman-Ward**, 36 years – Executive Assistant to Chief Judge, Civil



**Hon. Virgil Smith**, 14 years – Judge, Family Juvenile



**Girard P. Stempin**, 40 years – Domestic Relations Supervisor, Family Domestic



**Richard F. Stempin**, 37 years – Domestic Relations Supervisor, Family Domestic



**Verda Turner**, 15 years – Official Court Reporter, Administration

## EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018

*Many of the great Achievements of the world were accomplished by Tired and Discouraged people who kept on Working!*

**Hon. Annette J. Berry** – Judge Berry was honored by the Michigan Supreme Court and recognized in the summer 2018 edition of Michigan’s Judiciary Success Stories for being elected Chairperson for the Judicial Section Council of the State Bar of Michigan. She was invited to speak at the Michigan Association of Justice’s Legends of Litigation Seminar. There she lectured about the benefits of using the recently implemented Summary Jury Trial system.

**Hon. Robert J. Colombo, Jr.** – Judge Colombo received the Justinian Award from the Italian American Bar Association of Michigan to commemorate an exemplary judicial career and tireless devotion to the legal profession and the people of the State of Michigan. He was honored with the ADTC Lifetime Achievement Award from The Association of Defense Trial Counsel at their 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting. He received the Spirit of Detroit Award from the Detroit City Council in recognition of exceptional achievement, outstanding leadership, and dedication to improving the quality of life. He received the Barristers’ Partnership Award from the Detroit Bar Association Barristers. He received the Dennis W. Archer Public Service Award. The recipient is an attorney or jurist who exemplifies the law as public service. He also received a proclamation recognizing his years of service and dedication from the Michigan Supreme Court Justices.

**Troy Evans** – Troy graduated in May 2018 from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Public Administration.

**Hon. Patricia Fresard** – Judge Fresard received the Frank Murphy Award for her recognition of her leadership and service, which exemplify the role of the legal profession in upholding the ideals of integrity, safety, and fairness, and in appreciation of her innovative approaches to improving the efficient administration of justice.

**Jeannette Heacox** – Jeannette ran the Blue Ribbon 5k, the Riverview Summit 5k, the Top of Michigan Half Marathon, the Detroit Women’s Half Marathon, and she completed her first marathon – the Detroit Free Press Marathon.

**Hon. Catherine Heise** – Judge Heise was honored by the Dearborn Heights Rotary Club for her leadership role in transforming women’s lives as part of the club’s observation of International Women’s Day 2018. She passed, with distinction, the Advanced Evidence course offered by the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada.

**Hon. Edward Joseph** – Judge Joseph received the Stakeholder of the Year Award for his work developing and expanding the Juvenile Mental Health Court Program.

**Hon. Timothy M. Kenny** – Judge Kenny was presented with the Outstanding Judicial Leadership Award from Neighborhood Legal Services.

**Michelle Milligan** – Michelle was honored by the Society of Government Meeting Professionals (SGMP) as the Sam Gilmer Planner of the Year. This award is presented in recognition of service over a period of time, especially at the national level, that has significantly contributed to the Society’s growth and development and enhanced the professionalism of the industry.

**Dr. Amorie Robinson** – Dr. Robinson received the Christine Ladd-Franklin Award from the Association of Women in Psychology.

**Hon. Virgil C. Smith** – Judge Smith received the Kristy Lynn Berkelbaugh Child Advocate Award. This award is presented to citizens and organizations that are exemplary child advocates.

## EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018

*When everything feels like an uphill struggle, just think of the view from the top.*

**Hon. Craig Strong** – Judge Strong was reelected to the Board of Directors of the Association of Black Judges of Michigan and administered the oath of office to the chairperson and vice chair of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners. He made a cameo appearance in an episode of “Detroyters” on Comedy Central. He received a Certificate of Recognition in recognition of his continued support and dedication to the New Image Emergency Shelter, Inc., 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Children’s Christmas Store, and its philanthropic efforts to help underserved communities in Long Beach and Los Angeles, CA.

**Third Circuit Court** hosted the 2018 State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section National Trial Advocacy Competition.



### STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION



## OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES OF 2018



**Curtis Sims**, April 2018. Mr. Sims is a Clerk IV in the Family Domestic Division. He exemplifies being an extra mile high performer by going above and beyond his normal work responsibilities to be a part of a special project for FOC. The FOC has undertaken the digitization of its records in the record room. He is also a morale booster for his team.



**Janeen Abdur-Rahman**, June 2018. Ms. Abdur-Rahman is a Case Manager in the Juvenile Mental Health Court. She consistently goes the extra mile to provide the best services to the children enrolled in the Juvenile Mental Health Court program. She dedicates extra time on a regular basis to monitor the progress of each child, arranges pro-social activities, tutoring and other needed services.



**Eric Butler**, July 2018. Mr. Butler is a Court Services Driver in the Purchasing and Facilities Department. He is known to go the extra mile and devote his time to perform job duties outside of his responsibilities. When his department is short staffed, Eric volunteers to assist the Director and Deputy Director in the office. He takes the initiative to troubleshoot problems and to find the most appropriate solution. He is very positive, enthusiastic, and is always willing to help others.



**Cheryl White**, August 2018. Ms. White is a Supervisor for the Court Reporting Services Department. She has been described as being innovative, organized, and highly motivated. She works daily to make the Court Reporting Services Department run more smoothly by efficiently maintaining the logs and notes to track the hearings, court reporters, tapes, and employees.



**Paula Blackwell**, September 2018. Ms. Blackwell is a Supervisor for the Information Services Department. She is a person who consistently does actions that improves morale, controls the work environment by monitoring conflicts, resolves problems, and helps to keep the team spirit alive in the workplace. She always has a smile and greets her employees every morning.



**John Marra**, October 2018. Mr. Marra is a Specialty Court Coordinator in the Specialty Court Services Department of the Criminal Division. He is balancing the role of Coordinator and Case Manager. He steps in to assist with pending cases and appearing in Court on behalf of the Mental Health Court program while his department is currently short staffed. He does this effectively with distinction and no complaints.

## OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES OF 2018



**Nichole Fluellen**, November 2018. Ms. Fluellen is an Administrative Assistant in the Case Processing Department. She displays excellent customer service skills and has been commended for being dependable and dedicated. She is known to help handle problems for the entire department and can be relied on at all times. She consistently maintains a high level of performance by contributing ideas to help the processes of the Court. She has developed new methods to track interpreters that assist with knowing which interpreters are in which courtrooms daily.



**Lynn Reeves**, December 2018. Ms. Reeves is the Deputy Law Librarian in the General Counsel Department. Her customer service skills always show through her willingness to always volunteer for Court-sponsored events and through her work of overseeing the Self-Help Center. She has a friendly demeanor and displays professionalism that welcomes the Court staff, public, and stakeholders.

## RECOGNITION FOR PERFECT ATTENDANCE IN 2018

### January

David Cucinella  
Darryl Short  
Yvette Green  
Lobenon Liggans

### February

Betty Sanders  
John O'Neill  
Stephanie Newberry  
Sierra Dunklin

### March

Keva Jackson  
Deborah Price  
Latonya Lowery  
Matthew Grimm

### April

Richard Josephs  
Stephanie Goodman  
Lola Stringer  
C. Ilene Jenkins

### May

Doris Richardson  
Rachael Norwood  
Kimberly LePoudre  
Valerie McCowan

### June

Cynthia Cox  
Rianne Leslie  
Sean McBride  
Nancy Evans

### July

Michelle Hall  
Lee Brown  
Karla Copeland  
Wilda Motley-Penn

### August

Kim Blackburn  
Nicole Parsons  
Deidra Gilbert  
Glenn Momeyer

### September

Kimberley Archie  
Bethany Byrd  
Maceo Talley  
Dawn Hintz

### October

Gary Coury  
Jovonne Jones  
Suzanne Shea  
Allana Jones

### November

Doris Richardson  
Catherine Hammond  
Sandra Poe-Wheeler  
Leathe Dantzler

### December

Sheila Love  
Calvin Jackson  
Robertta Wright  
Karen Gaines



## COVER CONTEST WINNERS



**Anna Wagus – 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Front Cover)**  
**(William D. Ford Tech Center)**

Anna Wagus lives in Westland, MI, attended John Glenn High School and William D Ford Career Tech Center. She has been accepted to Schoolcraft College but is still applying to other colleges for more possibilities. She is studying graphic design and plans to go into a graphic design field. She is mostly interested in animation. She has done traditional drawings all her life and is easing into digital, with limited resources. Her friends, coworkers, teachers, and classmates are her main source of support and inspiration.



**Natalie Decker – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
**(William D. Ford Tech Center)**



Natalie Decker is a student attending Wayne Memorial High School and William D. Ford Career Technical Center. She plans on attending Eastern Michigan University for an Elementary teaching degree. This is her third award won this year in her Graphic Design class for her poster designs. She enjoys creative things such as drawing cartoons/original characters and animation.



**Destiny Smith – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**  
**(Southgate Anderson High School)**



Destiny Smith is a 14-year-old freshman who attends Southgate Anderson High School in Southgate, Michigan. Destiny aspires to work in an artistic field but hasn't quite figured out which artistic direction to take yet. She enjoys art very much and she has stated, "I never took my art seriously until middle school. When I did, it was like a big light I could actually follow."

# EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION OF 2018

*We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.*  
~Winston Churchill



# EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION OF 2018



## IN MEMORY OF THOSE WE LOST



**Andrea Heller Jackson**, Retired – Juvenile Division. March 18, 1951 – February 4, 2018. Andrea received her Bachelor's Degree from Michigan State University. She went on to earn her Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan. She began her career with Wayne County Juvenile Court in 1978 as a Probation Officer and was promoted to Casework Supervisor in the late 1980's. She loved to knit and traveled to knitting conferences in her leisure time.



**Hon. Richard M. Skutt**, Judge. September 25, 1947 – February 5, 2018. Judge Skutt received his undergraduate degree from Eastern Michigan University, and went on to Wayne State University, where he received his law degree. He loved being a Judge in Detroit where he worked since 2004. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed his time hunting, fishing, and boating. He also enjoyed spending time at the Detroit Yacht Club, golfing in Arizonia, and cruising in his Corvette.



**Todd Gene Kidwell**, Deputy Chief Information Officer. March 31, 1969 – April 20, 2018. Todd worked in the court for over 20 years. He received his bachelors' degree from Western Governor's University. He was a member of the Christian Life Church, where he was the Children's Minister. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a sports enthusiast and an avid fan of the Indianapolis Colts.



**Hon. Arthur J. Lombard**, Retired Judge. Age 76, passed away May 11, 2018. Judge Lombard was born in New York City, where he attended Columbia University. He then earned his J.D. degree from Harvard Law School, where he subsequently taught for a year. He was appointed as a Third Circuit Court Judge in 1994, spending the majority of his time in the Family Division. He loved classical chamber music, and spent his summers in Manchester, Vermont, where he produced professional-level recordings of local artists.

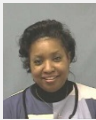


**Georgia Floyd-Mitchell**, Retired – Certified Electronic Operator. Passed away June 10, 2018.

## IN MEMORY OF THOSE WE LOST



**Hon. Lucile Watts**, Retired Judge. November 9, 1920 – June 22, 2018. In 1980, Judge Watts was the first black woman to be elected a circuit court judge in Michigan. She graduated from the Detroit College of Law in 1962 and started her own law firm.



**Karla Lamar**, Judicial Secretary – Criminal Division. December 24, 1960 – November 14, 2018. Ms. Lamar was the Judicial Secretary to the Hon. Bruce Morrow in the Criminal Division.



**Patricia Ann Nagy**, Retired – Domestic Relations Specialist – Family Domestic. Passed away December 7, 2018.

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## Public Satisfaction Survey

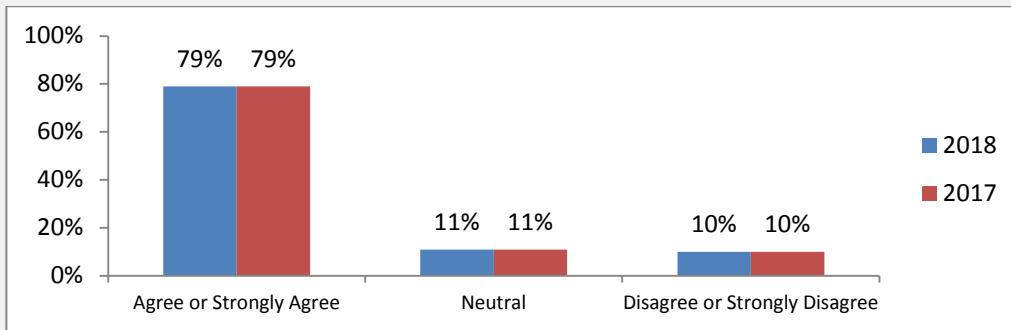
The State Court Administrative Office required all Michigan courts to participate in a Public Satisfaction Survey. The Third Circuit Court of Michigan uses the Public Satisfaction Survey as a tool to identify areas of concern and to make the needed improvements. The results of both the State Court Administrative Office and Third Judicial Circuit Court are on the following five pages.

## Third Circuit Court Public Satisfaction Survey

Questions 1 and 2 were directed to all respondents.

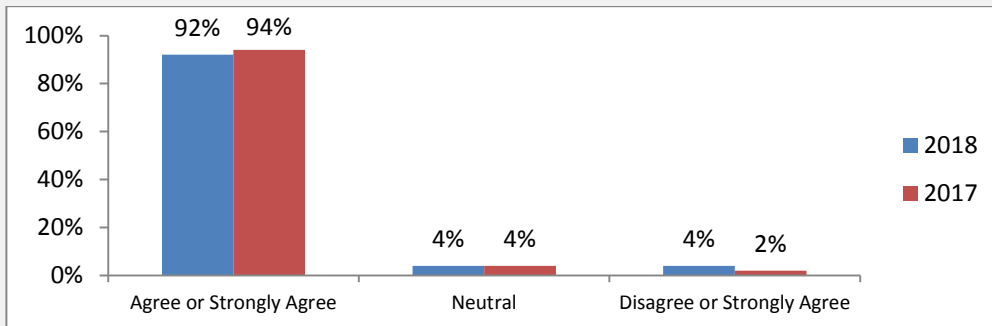
1) I was able to get my court business done in a reasonable amount of time today.

	2018		2017	
5 – Strongly Agree	319	50%	303	47%
4 – Agree	184	29%	209	32%
3 – Neutral	69	11%	73	11%
2 – Disagree	28	4%	31	5%
1 – Strongly Disagree	35	6%	31	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>635</b>		<b>647</b>	



2) I was treated with courtesy and respect by court staff.

	2018		2017	
5 – Strongly Agree	454	70%	438	66%
4 – Agree	143	22%	186	28%
3 – Neutral	28	4%	29	4%
2 – Disagree	12	2%	2	0%
1 – Strongly Disagree	16	2%	13	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>653</b>		<b>668</b>	

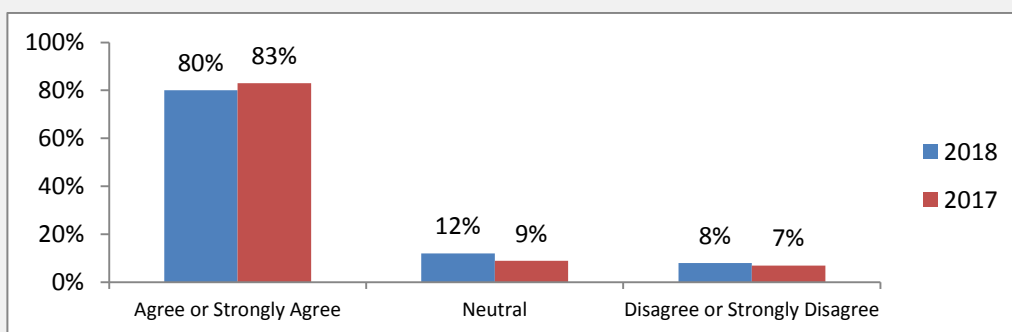


## Third Circuit Court Public Satisfaction Survey

Questions 3 and 4 were directed to persons who attended a hearing or trial.

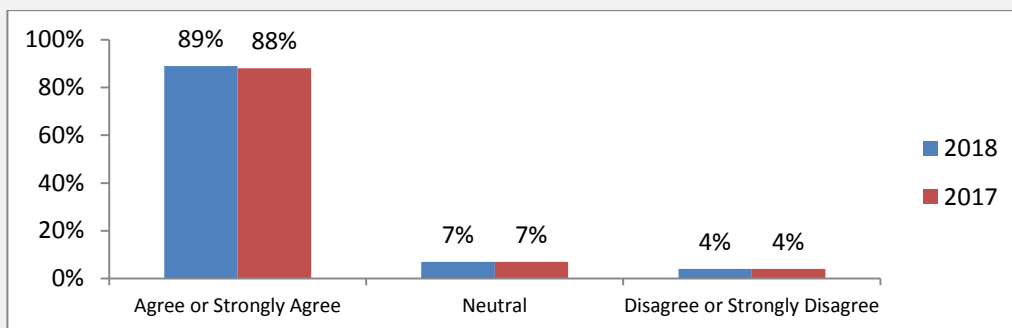
3) The way the case was handled was fair.

	2018		2017	
5 – Strongly Agree	243	51%	273	55%
4 – Agree	139	29%	136	28%
3 – Neutral	56	12%	46	9%
2 – Disagree	11	2%	15	3%
1 – Strongly Disagree	27	6%	22	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>476</b>		<b>492</b>	



4) The judge/magistrate/referee treated everyone with courtesy and respect.

	2018		2017	
5 – Strongly Agree	300	62%	318	64%
4 – Agree	129	27%	119	24%
3 – Neutral	34	7%	37	7%
2 – Disagree	7	1%	7	1%
1 – Strongly Disagree	16	3%	13	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>486</b>		<b>494</b>	

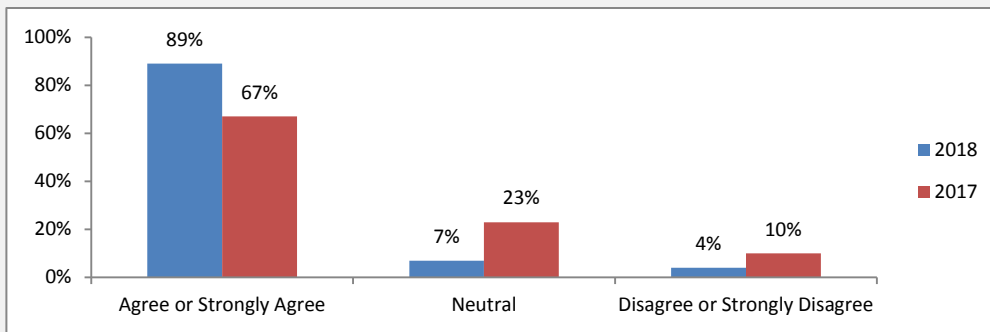


## Third Circuit Court Public Satisfaction Survey

Questions 5 and 6 were directed to persons who were a party to the case.

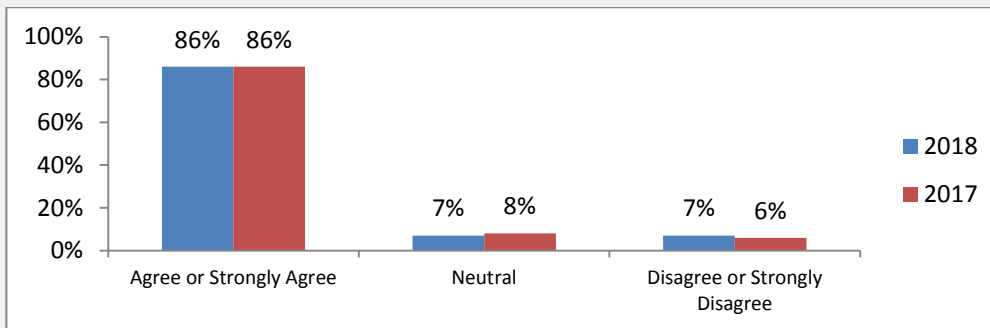
5) The outcome in my case was favorable to me.

	2018		2017	
<b>5 – Strongly Agree</b>	183	47%	173	45%
<b>4 – Agree</b>	93	24%	83	22%
<b>3 – Neutral</b>	72	19%	86	23%
<b>2 – Disagree</b>	15	4%	11	3%
<b>1 – Strongly Disagree</b>	24	6%	28	7%
<b>Total</b>	387		381	



6) As I leave the court, I understand what happened in my case.

	2018		2017	
<b>5 – Strongly Agree</b>	237	58%	235	58%
<b>4 – Agree</b>	115	28%	115	28%
<b>3 – Neutral</b>	29	7%	32	8%
<b>2 – Disagree</b>	11	3%	8	2%
<b>1 – Strongly Disagree</b>	17	4%	16	4%
<b>Total</b>	409		406	





## Third Circuit Court Public Satisfaction Survey

Questions 7-10 were directed to all respondents.

7) What type of case brought you to the courthouse today? (Select ALL that apply.)

	2018		2017	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Child Protective	38	5%	59	8%
Civil Matter	57	8%	66	9%
Criminal/Probation	174	24%	163	23%
Divorce/Custody/Support	152	21%	113	16%
Drug/Sobriety Court	11	2%	16	2%
Estate/Trust	11	2%	6	1%
File Papers	39	5%	40	6%
Get Information	26	4%	27	4%
Guardianship/Conservatorship	30	4%	24	3%
Juvenile Delinquency	26	4%	32	4%
Make a Payment	19	3%	14	2%
Other	125	17%	149	21%
PPO	10	1%	7	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>718</b>		<b>716</b>	

8) Who are you? (Select ALL that apply.)

	2018		2017	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
Agency Worker	27	4%	30	4%
Attorney/Prosecutor	107	16%	122	18%
Family/Friend of party to case	94	14%	101	15%
Juror	50	7%	58	8%
Other	88	13%	89	13%
Party (Plaintiff/Defendant)	294	43%	271	40%
Witness	17	3%	14	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>677</b>		<b>685</b>	

## Third Circuit Court Public Satisfaction Survey

### 9) What is your gender?

	2018		2017	
<b>Female</b>	368	55%	350	51%
<b>Male</b>	294	44%	330	48%
<b>Multiple Responses</b>	1	0%	1	0%
<b>Other</b>	4	1%	2	0%
<b>Total</b>	667		683	

### 10) How do you identify yourself? (Select ALL that apply.)

	2018		2017	
<b>American Indian/Alaska Native</b>	9	1%	17	3%
<b>Asian</b>	3	0%	5	1%
<b>Black/African American</b>	373	58%	359	55%
<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	18	3%	20	3%
<b>Multiracial/Biracial</b>	12	2%	12	2%
<b>Other</b>	39	6%	32	5%
<b>White/Caucasian</b>	193	30%	210	32%
<b>Total</b>	647		655	

## COURT LEADERSHIP

We recognize our judicial leaders in 2018 and those who are incoming in 2019.

### 2018 Leadership

Hon. Robert J. Colombo, Jr.  
CHIEF JUDGE

Hon. Timothy M. Kenny  
CHIEF JUDGE PRO TEM  
PRESIDING – CRIMINAL DIVISION

Hon. Patricia Perez Fresard  
PRESIDING – CIVIL DIVISION

Hon. Kathleen M. McCarthy  
PRESIDING – FAMILY DIVISION-DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Hon. Virgil C. Smith  
PRESIDING – FAMILY DIVISION-JUVENILE

### 2019 Incoming Leadership

Hon. Timothy M. Kenny  
CHIEF JUDGE

Hon. Patricia Perez Fresard  
CHIEF JUDGE PRO TEM  
PRESIDING – CIVIL DIVISION

Hon. Prentis Edwards, Jr.  
PRESIDING – CRIMINAL DIVISION

Hon. Kathleen M. McCarthy  
PRESIDING – FAMILY DIVISION-DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Hon. Edward J. Joseph  
PRESIDING – FAMILY DIVISION-JUVENILE

## ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM 2018

### **Zenell B. Brown** **EXECUTIVE COURT ADMINISTRATOR**

Lyn Roberts  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Toby Horner  
DEPUTY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Violet Leonard  
PROJECT CONSULTANT

Alisa Shannon, Deputy Court Administrator  
CRIMINAL DIVISION

Tamela Aikens  
DIRECTOR OF CRIMINAL COURT SERVICES

Erin Lincoln, Deputy Court Administrator  
FRIEND OF THE COURT  
FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Jillian Fitzgerald  
ASSISTANT FRIEND OF THE COURT

Eric Weems  
DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING AND FACILITIES

Jan Hiller  
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PURCHASING AND FACILITIES

Tammi Palmer  
DIRECTOR OF CASE PROCESSING

Richard Lynch  
GENERAL COUNSEL

Richard Smart, Deputy Court Administrator  
FAMILY DIVISION – JUVENILE

Toielynn Smith  
CHIEF ASSISTANT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

Benita Cheatom  
DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Cherece Hurley  
SENIOR MANAGER – HUMAN RESOURCES

Lisa Timmons, Executive Director  
MEDIATION TRIBUNAL ASSOCIATION

Yvette Blackmon  
DIRECTOR OF JURY SERVICES

Michael Gruich  
CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Todd Kidwell  
DEPUTY CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

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