



THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF MICHIGAN
ANNUAL REPORT



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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

ZENELL B. BROWN
EXECUTIVE COURT ADMINISTRATOR

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Congratulations Chief,

This annual report marks the first anniversary of your Chief Judgeship.

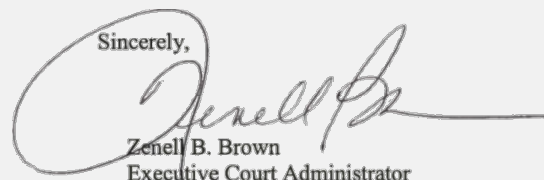
Not only have we accomplished yearly goals of case dispositions and time standards, we are reimagining justice. We are at the table innovating to ensure justice is accessible and equal.

We enlisted the service of the National Center for State Court to help with the ongoing issue of attracting and retaining talent. Once the results from the salary study are final, we can develop a long-term plan for competitive wages to recruit and retain talent. Court employees are the personification of justice to every individual who needs judicial services at our counters, on our phones, and in our courtrooms. We want to acknowledge their service with competitive wages in addition to the thank you.

The Criminal Justice Center is further evidence that we are on the cusp of new beginnings. As we drive north up I-75, we can see the digging has begun.

Finally, the Vera Project on the Wayne County Jail, the Michigan Indigency Defense Council Project, and the Juvenile Justice Project meetings have dominated the weekly calendars of our administrators, judges, and justice partners. For example, now we are working with partners at Wayne State University Center for Behavioral Health and Justice, the County Executive's Office, Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network, to create a unified system with a holistic approach to meet the needs of juvenile justice involved youth and families. Thank you to the representatives of the prosecutors and defense bar and to other entities for participating in the collaboration as we answer, "What should Juvenile Justice look like?" Our answers provide opportunities to dismantle the pipeline to the adult criminal system, to provide early and easy access to services, and to eliminate the stigma associated with mental health.

This letter offers a snapshot, and the annual report is just the highlights of how judges and staff have answered the question in 2019 of how we can be more fair, proactive, responsive, user-friendly, and collaborative. It has been a full year of activity and it is worthy of celebration.

Sincerely,

Zenell B. Brown
Executive Court Administrator



THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

OF MICHIGAN

TIMOTHY M. KENNY
CHIEF JUDGE

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

2019 was a year of innovation and accomplishment by the hard working members of our Third Circuit Court family. Our judges, court employees, and staff continue to deliver consistently outstanding service to all who come to our courthouses seeking justice. The Third Circuit Court continues to serve as a leader and model for judicial excellence.

In 2019 the Third Circuit Court welcomed six new judges to the bench. Judges Bridget Mary Hathaway, Regina Thomas, Tracy E. Green and Noah Hood all joined the Criminal Division. Judge Helal Farhat is serving in the Family Division and Judge Cylenthia L. Miller is serving in the Family Division/Juvenile Division of our Court. The six new judges bring litigation experience to the trial bench and also reflect the diversity of our Wayne County community.

The Third Circuit Court in 2019 continued to develop and implement creative new programs to better serve attorneys, parties, and the public. The additions include among others:

Civil Division –

- Judges David Allen and Muriel Hughes were added to the Business Court, providing a total of five judges to handle the volume of business-related litigation in the Third Circuit Court.
- The on-going Bench/Bar meetings continued to expand the dialogue between attorneys and judges in the Civil Division.

Criminal Division –

- A new assigned counsel program was implemented. The new system provides an enhanced quality of service for indigent defendants who appear in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.
- Work on the new Criminal Justice Center courthouse continued with an expected completion date of late 2022.

Juvenile Division –

- The Division began a revision of the juvenile justice system to provide better and earlier information to divert juveniles from delinquency adjudications and to provide families with greater opportunity to have problem-solving resources.
- The Court initiated a program to provide additional legal representation for children and families with ancillary legal issues confronting them.

Family Division –

- The Division continued to digitize Friend of the Court records to make Family Division Court records more readily accessible and reduce Court delays.
- Parties and attorneys were able to enroll in a telephone/text message system that reminds them of court dates. The system is designed to reduce the number of rescheduled dates due to non-appearance of a party.

My thanks to all who serve to help make our Court the excellent institution it is. I am pleased to accompany all of you on our journey to deliver justice and excellent service.



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

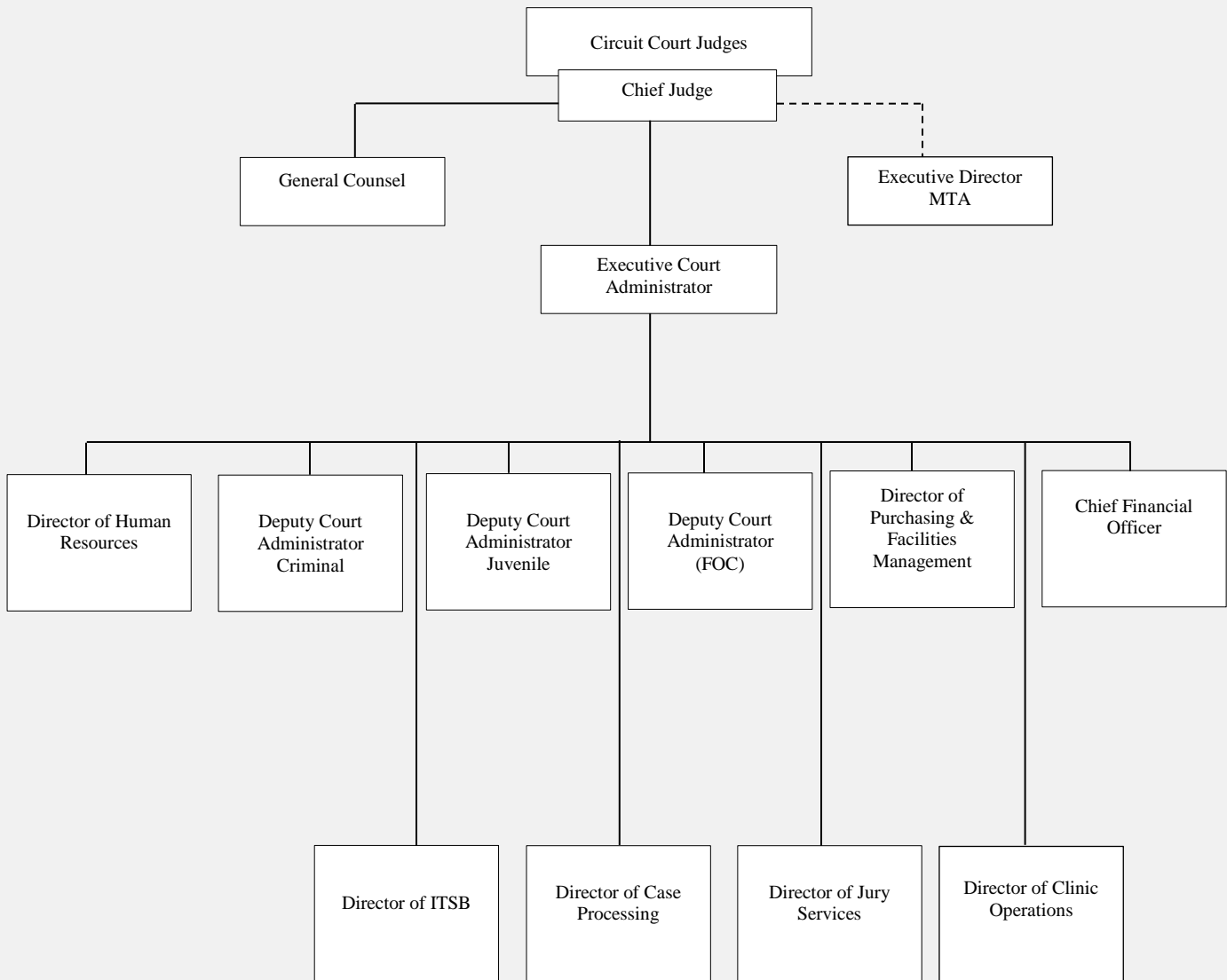


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THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF MICHIGAN

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Chief Judge & Administrative Team

(Back Row L-R) Mike Guich, 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) Sam Girgenti, Alisa Shannon, Lisa Timmons

THIRD CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES

Timothy M. Kenny, Chief Judge

CIVIL DIVISION

Patricia Perez Fresard, Chief Judge Pro Tem and Presiding

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

David A. Groner
Dana Margaret 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

Prentis Edwards, Jr., Presiding

Mariam Bazzi
Gregory Dean Bill
Ulysses W. Boykin
James R. Chylinski
Paul J. Cusick
Wanda A. Evans
Tracy E. Green
Bridget Mary Hathaway

Cynthia Gray Hathaway
Thomas M. J. Hathaway
Catherine L. Heise
Noah Hood
Donald Knapp, Jr.
Qiana Denise Lillard

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

FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Kathleen M. McCarthy, Presiding

Eric Cholack
Melissa A. Cox
Charlene M. Elder
Helal A. Farhat

Alexis A. Glendening
Adel A. Harb
Charles S. Hegarty

Lisa M. Neilson
Lynne A. Pierce
Carla G. Testani

FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC – JUVENILE

Edward J. Joseph, Presiding

Karen Y. Braxton
Jerome C. Cavanagh

Christopher D. Dingell

Cylenphia LaToye Miller
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

Viola King
Michelle Letourneau-McAvoy
Lauren Wright Middleton
Christine Rodriguez
Lynn Ruhlman

Anita Scott-Meisel
Rebekah Sellers
Hulen Simpson
Edrick Thompson
Jessica Walker



FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC – JUVENILE

James A. Catchings, Jr., Chief Referee

Kathleen Allen
Anthony Crutchfield
Raeigen Evans
Leslie Graves

Nicholas J. Hathaway
Sean Kerman
Daniel M. McGuire

Peter J. Schummer, Jr.
Brandi Taylor
Charles W. Wilson, III
Mona M. Youssef



JUDGES JOINING THE BENCH IN 2019

*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. Tracy E. Green

Judge Tracy E. Green was elected to the Third Judicial Circuit Court in November 2018 and is assigned to the Criminal Division. Judge Green graduated from Cass Technical High School, and she received both her Bachelor of Social Work and Juris Doctorate degrees from Wayne State University. Prior to the bench, Judge Green practiced law for over 21 years, primarily in the Third Circuit Court, handling child welfare, felony, and domestic relations matters. From 2009-2016, she was first managing attorney then legal director of Detroit Center for Family Advocacy, a University of Michigan Law School multi-disciplinary legal services program whose mission was to reduce the number of children who were unnecessarily mired in the Wayne County foster care system. Judge Green has made numerous contributions to the legal profession. She has been a member of the State Bar of Michigan's Children's Law, Family Law, and Criminal Law Sections.



Hon. Bridget Mary Hathaway

Judge Bridget Mary Hathaway was elected to the Third Judicial Circuit Court in November 2018 and is assigned to the Criminal Division. Judge Hathaway was a partner at Bodman PLC in Detroit where she practiced commercial litigation. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Detroit Bar Association.



Hon. Regina D. Thomas

Judge Regina Thomas was elected to the Third Judicial Circuit Court in November 2018 and is assigned to the Criminal Division. Judge Thomas practiced law for over two decades. Prior to taking the bench she spent the majority of her legal career providing civil legal services and indigent defense to under resourced people in her community. She was most recently employed with Lakeshore Legal Aid as the director of its Counsel and Advocacy Law Line. She has a Bachelor's of Science degree from Tennessee State University and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from Vanderbilt School of Law. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and serves on the board of the Youth Connection, Inc.

JUDGES JOINING THE BENCH IN 2019



Hon. Helal A. Farhat

Judge Helal A. Farhat was appointed to the Third Judicial Circuit Court in March of 2019 and is assigned to the Family Domestic Division. Prior to his appointment, he served as a Magistrate in the 19th District Court from 2009 to 2012 and was appointed again from 2016 until his judicial appointment in 2019. Judge Farhat was in private practice for 17 years and served as the principal attorney at Farhat & Associates, PLLC, where he handled family, civil, criminal, and commercial litigation and commercial transactions. Judge Farhat graduated from Wayne State University where he obtained both his Undergraduate and Juris Doctor Degrees. Judge Farhat was and continues to be involved in many organizations that promote education and healthy living, and provides assistance to the underserved. He has also served as President of the Dearborn Bar Association.



Hon. Noah P. Hood

Judge Noah P. Hood was appointed to the Third Judicial Circuit Court in March of 2019 and is assigned to the Criminal Division. For the previous five years, Judge Hood worked as an Assistant United States Attorney. Most recently, Judge Hood was assigned to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan's Health Care Fraud Unit, where he prosecuted fraud and opioid-related offenses involving medical professionals. Previously, as an AUSA in the Northern District of Ohio, he focused on prosecuting fraud, money laundering, public corruption, and so-called white collar crime. In May 2018, he received the U.S. Treasury Department, FinCEN Director's Law Enforcement Award for effective use of Bank Secrecy Act data in safeguarding the financial system. In December 2018, he received a certificate of appreciation from the United States Secret Service Director for his superior contribution to the Service's law enforcement mission. He has also been recognized by the Health and Human Services-Office of Inspector General, the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, and Customs and Border Protection for his law enforcement contributions. He is a proud alumnus of Cass Technical High School, Yale College, and Harvard Law School.



Hon. Cylenthia LaToye Miller

Judge Cylenthia LaToye Miller was appointed to the Third Judicial Circuit Court in July of 2019 and is assigned to the Family Juvenile Division. Prior to being appointed to the circuit court, Judge Miller served on the 36th Judicial District Court from April 10, 2006 through August 18, 2019. Judge Miller was the Founding & Presiding Judge over Street Outreach Court Detroit, which assists Detroit's homeless population with clearing their driver's licenses and returning to self-sufficiency. Judge Miller is an Adjunct Professor at Baker College of Allen Park and Baker College of Jackson. She has worked in the Criminal Justice department since 2012 and in the Humanities Department since 2016. She received her Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, from Michigan State University College of Law in 1996. Judge Miller was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1996 and to the State Bar of Arkansas in 1997. Judge Miller received a Gubernatorial appointment to the Michigan Inter-Agency Council on Homelessness in 2018 and will serve as a Council member until 2022.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION TEAM JOINING THE COURT IN 2019



Jillian Fitzgerald – Legal Director – Assistant Friend of the Court

Jillian Fitzgerald served as a Senior Staff Attorney and the Legal Department Supervisor before her appointment as Legal Director – Assistant Friend of the Court. Jillian joined the Friend of the Court in 2008 and previously was assigned as the Friend of the Court Attorney to the Honorable Arthur J. Lombard and Honorable Eric W. Cholack’s domestic relations dockets. Since 2014, Jillian has supervised the Legal Department’s attorneys and support staff. In addition to her supervisory duties, Jillian works on special child support enforcement projects and outreach in the community.

Jillian is committed to collecting unpaid current and past-due child support for the families of Wayne County. She co-led the Thrift Savings Plan lien project resulting in child support collections of \$410,160.98 in 2016 and \$136,010.25 in 2017. She participated on the Civil Contempt Workgroup and Collaboration Workgroups, and currently holds a position on the Enforcement Work Improvement Team along with representatives from the Office of Child Support (OCS), State Court Administrator’s Office (SCAO), and other Friend of the Courts.

Jillian is passionate about public service and outreach in the community. In 2016, she co-founded an outreach partnership with the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS), creating a monthly outreach at ACCESS the second Friday of the month that continues to this day. She was awarded their Purple Rose Award in recognition of her commitment to the community and advocacy against domestic violence.

Prior to joining the Friend of the Court, Jillian practiced at a small law firm in Ann Arbor specializing in criminal defense, parental alienation, and commercial litigation. Jillian graduated from The University of Michigan in 2000 and Michigan State University College of Law in 2004.



Sam Girgenti – Deputy Chief Information Officer

Sam Girgenti, Jr. was hired as the Deputy Chief Information Officer in July of 2019. Sam has over 20 years of IT experience and was with the City of Eastpointe for a short time; and prior to was working as an IT contractor for several district courts in southeastern Michigan. Additionally, Sam worked for HP in Pontiac on several service desks while starting out with EDS. Sam received his Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University. Sam and his wife Kristin have two children.

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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 continues to work 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. Implementing the automated payment system for these high volume requests will be a significant technological improvement. The Unit is also reviewing and streamlining other payment forms and process as part of several strategic initiatives.

During fiscal year 2018-2019, in addition to processing vendor, contractual payments and attorney payments for all Court Divisions, this Unit processed payments to attorneys for more than 12,000 cases.

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. In February 2015, the Collections Unit devoted staff to the Criminal Division in order to increase collection efforts. During fiscal year 2018, \$3,713,098 was collected in court costs, attorney fees, and late fees in the Criminal Division. In addition, the unit mailed out 10,158 delinquency notices and established 744 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 2019, 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 \$27.6 million, with approximately \$20.1 million for the FOC and \$7.5 million for other grants.

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Also, 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 2019, FSU processed 24,440 transactions totaling approximately \$7.7 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 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 2019, video court reporting technology by Justice AV Solutions (JAVS) was added to four courtrooms and hearing rooms. There are now 58 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 increased the number of transcripts timely filed in the Court of Appeals.

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Benita Cheatom – Director of Human Resources

Human Resources

The Office of Human Resources manages all personnel-related activities for more than 500 of the Court's 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. Recruitment postings are sent to the State Court Administrative Office, local and affinity bar associations, community colleges and universities, as well as other community partners to ensure a diverse candidate pool. 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).

With the support of the Information Technology Systems Bureau (ITSB), HR continues to work on the implementation of the Kronos Workforce Central Timekeeping system upgrade, including the new Workforce Ready module. Completion of the upgrades will include a new workflow for onboarding new employees. Also in the works is an update of the Court's Performance Evaluation process and form which will also be incorporated into the Workforce Ready module. Upcoming activities include negotiations for new collective bargaining agreements with the Government Administrators Association (GAA), the Judicial Attorneys Association (JAA) and a wage discussion re-opener with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).



Mike Gruich – Director of Information Technology Systems Bureau

Information Technology Systems Bureau

The Information Technology Systems Bureau (ITSB) provides technology support to the court staff and our law enforcement partners to 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.

Besides the standard hardware and software support, ITSB staff have implemented the following projects over the past year:

- **Disaster Site Implementation** – Moved the equipment needed for fail over to the state-of-the-art Data Center located in Detroit.
- **Upgrade of network equipment** – Upgraded our internal building switches for network stability and performance.
- **Upgrade of the Case Management System** – Upgraded the Odyssey Case Management to new release, affecting all courtrooms.

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- **Attorney Assignment application** – Created a web-based application used by Criminal Attorneys for assignments.
- **Court Reminders** – Created an application to allow the public to receive reminders (email/text) for court hearings.
- **Satisfaction Survey** – Gathering feedback for issues opened, this allows ITSB management the ability to ensure we are meeting our users' needs.
- **Website updates** – Upgrade our internal and external websites, encouraging access to our applications.
- **At Hoc alerting system** – Implemented an emergency notification for court staff for building information.
- **Paperless initiatives** – Installed scanners in Criminal courtrooms, converting internal paper forms to electronic, scanning of Friend of the Court record room files.

The public can access the court register of actions through the Court's website www.3rdcc.org.

Website and Social Media

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.

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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 2019, there were 166,726 jury questionnaires/summons mailed and 734 jury panels requested.

In 2019, Third Circuit Court Jury Services Department focused on educating young adults approaching the legal age to serve jury duty. This education included mock jury trials to aid in the understanding of what is expected of a juror when called to serve. The Frank Murphy Hall of Justice also dedicated additional space which includes computer access for jurors.

Jury Services 2019 Statistics

Total Jurors Called to Appear for Service	55,508
Total Jurors Who Appeared	29,558
Total Jurors Who Failed to Appear	25,950

Jury service is considered to be one of the highest duties of citizenship.

The right to a trial by jury is the only right contained in both the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

~Williams Hart~

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Eric Weems – Director of Purchasing and Facilities Management

Purchasing and Facilities Management

The Purchasing and Facilities Management Department, with a staff of four 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 inter-office court mail, reports equipment repairs, transports employees, and addresses courthouse security issues. The department is also responsive to the workplace needs for efficiency, client privacy and safety, and manages projects both big and small throughout four Court locations.

The Purchasing and Facilities Department assisted in moves, renovations, and in obtaining new mail machine equipment and furniture for the various locations and divisions. Facilities have helped the Court procure a multitude of items, large and small, through the Court's procurement process.

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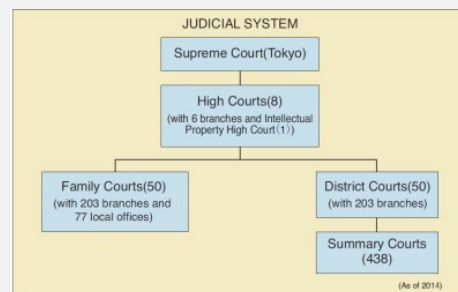
Judge from Japan Program



Supreme Court of Japan



Courtroom of the Grand Bench
of the Supreme Court



Each year since 1972, 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 Judge from Japan 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. 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.

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Judge from Japan Program



Hon. Masahiro Dogauchi

Judge Masahiro Dogauchi began his training with the Third Circuit Court in September 2019. Judge Dogauchi graduated from the University of Tokyo Law School in March 2014, receiving the degree of Juris Doctor. He was appointed to be a judge in January 2016. He sits in the Osaka District and Family Courts where he is hearing civil cases as an associate judge on a panel.

HISTORY OF THE JUDGES FROM THE JAPAN PROGRAM

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 Imura	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	Hikomichi 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	2019	道垣内正大	Masahiro Dogauchi

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 2019, there were 9,653 cases set for case evaluation. Those case types included general civil, employment, medical malpractice, commercial, and business court. Dispositions for 2019 are as follows:

Third Circuit Court Case Evaluation 2019 Caseload

Total Cases Set for Case Evaluation	9,653
Cases Settled Prior to Case Evaluation	755
Cases Settled After Case Evaluation	4
Cases Not Evaluated (Removed for Cause)	775
Cases Adjourned by the Court	2,056
Total Cases Evaluated	6,063

Third Circuit Court Case Evaluation 2019 Dispositions

Total Awards	10,808
Awards Accepted (15.92% of total)	1,721
Total Awards Rejected and Continuing to Disposition	9,087

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 ten attorneys, a law librarian, two administrative assistants, and two Self-Help Navigators. The Office is divided into five sections overseen by the General Counsel with the support of Administrative Assistant, Lisa Stroud. Ms. Stroud also oversees the Summer Intern Program. Lynn Reeves oversees the operations of the Law Library and supervises the Self-Help Center Navigators, Sonya Powers and Azaria Finley. The Civil Section has three attorneys: Ellen Sharf, Associate General Counsel – Civil Division, Julie Dale, and Amanda Cunningham. The Criminal Section consists of four attorneys: Kimberley Reed Thompson, Associate General Counsel – Criminal Division, Sauda Ahmad-Green, Josef Funchess, and Linda Sims, and Administrative Assistant Brenda Westbrook. 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.

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 orders, 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. This year, the program expanded. Traditionally, the Wayne County Self-Help Center offers services at the Penobscot Building. The Center offers services at the Penobscot Building Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center (CAYMC) each Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in courtroom 1901. Lynn Reeves oversees the Center and supervises Navigators Azaria Finley and Sonya Powers. Ms. Reeves also provides services with the assistance of Lisa Stroud and Jalona Colvard at CAYMC.

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. 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 attorneys of the Criminal Section, under the leadership of Kimberley Reed Thompson launched an Explorer 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.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

Change remains a constant in the office, as Ellen Sharf retired at the end of 2019.

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 2019, 35 law students were placed with judges in the Family Division-Domestic Relations Section, Civil Division, and Criminal Division. This year's participants included law students from University of Detroit's Dual enrollment program with University of Windsor, Wayne State University, and undergraduate students from University of Michigan Dearborn and University of Hawaii. The clerkships, which run from late May until mid-August, provide well-qualified law and undergraduate 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 and performs legal research. Lisa Stroud of the Office organizes court tours and lunch and learn seminars designed to expose the summer law clerks to the breadth of 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, Chief Judge Pro Tem & 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.

2019 was another busy, productive year for the Civil Division: there were 913 Business Court cases filed and 17,463 overall new civil case filings. As in 2018, 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, Discovery/Facilitation Masters are available every Friday from 8:30 to 12:30 to assist lawyers by rendering recommendations on discovery issues and offering facilitation services.

In addition, the Civil Division participated in Courtwide Strategic Planning. The Civil Division's Strategic Project included developing training/orientation materials for incoming Civil Judges and Judicial Attorneys/Judicial Assistants ("JAs"), and improving case management by implementing innovative docket management and Alternative Dispute Resolution practices. In addition to completing training manuals for Civil Judges and JAs, the Division's strategic team also implemented improvements to the \$25,000 and under mediation program to speed up the process and increase the likelihood of those cases resolving without needing a settlement conference. Team members also drafted a letter recommending that the current court rules regarding case evaluation remain in place, given the important role of case evaluation in the Court's case management plan. The letter was eventually signed by all Civil Division judges and sent to the chairperson of the SCAO committee considering the proposed rules changes.

The Civil Division continued its important work of facilitating communication with practitioners and the community by holding Bench-Bar conferences. In 2019, Bench-Bar topics included amendments to the No Fault Act and new Civil Discovery Rules.

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Timothy M. Kenny, Chief Judge
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Susan L. Hubbard
Muriel D. Hughes
John A. Murphy

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Leslie Kim Smith
Martha M. Snow
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CIVIL DIVISION

Civil and Tort Case 2019 Statistics

	General Civil*	Auto Negligence and No Fault	Other Civil Damage**	Other Civil***	Civil Appeals	Agency Appeals	Other Appeals	Total
Pending Cases as of Jan. 1st	2,455	8,358	1,409	96	54	58	54	12,484
New Filings	5,779	8,964	1,675	492	157	210	186	17,463
Reopened Cases	254	538	93	7	5	6	2	905
Total Caseload	8,488	17,860	3,177	595	216	274	242	30,852
Dispositions Resulting From:								
Jury Verdicts	3	33	13	0	0	0	0	49
Bench Verdicts	10	12	4	1	0	0	0	27
Orders Entered	0	0	0	0	44	114	46	204
Defaults, Uncontested, Settled	3,966	4,546	603	113	0	0	0	9,228
Transferred	108	113	67	2	17	10	1	318
Dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissed by Party	1,433	3,396	579	329	0	0	0	5,737
Dismissed by Court	504	543	84	37	114	89	111	1,482
Inactive Status	59	53	30	0	1	2	0	145
Other Dispositions	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	4
Case Type Change	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Dispositions	6,083	8,698	1,381	483	176	215	158	17,194
Pending Cases as of Dec. 31st	2,405	9,162	1,796	112	40	59	84	13,658

*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. Prentis Edwards, Jr., Presiding – Criminal Division

The Criminal Division is comprised of 23 Circuit Court Judges 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 2019, there were 10,024 new case filings in the Criminal Division.

CRIMINAL DIVISION Prentis Edwards, Jr., Presiding

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James R. Chylinski
Paul J. Cusick
Wanda A. Evans
Tracy E. Green
Bridget Mary Hathaway

Cynthia Gray Hathaway
Thomas M. J. Hathaway
Catherine L. Heise
Noah Hood
Donald Knapp, Jr.
Qiana Denise Lillard

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

Criminal 2019 Statistics

	Capital	Non-Capital	Felony Juvenile	Criminal Appeals	Total
Pending Cases as of Jan. 1st	369	1,638	4	22	2,033
New Filings	902	9,041	19	62	10,024
Reopened Cases	93	1,263	5	1	1,362
Total Caseload	1,364	11,942	28	85	13,419
Dispositions Resulting From:					
Jury Verdicts	184	188	2	0	374
Bench Verdicts	44	139	0	0	183
Orders Entered	0	0	0	43	43
Guilty Pleas	527	7,082	12	0	7,621
Transferred	6	304	0	0	310
Dismissed	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissed by Party	4	42	0	0	46
Dismissed by Court	115	1,071	3	6	1,195
Inactive Status	86	1,113	4	1	1,204

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Criminal 2019 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
Total Dispositions	966	9,939	21	50	10,976
Pending Cases as of Dec. 31st	398	2,003	7	35	2,443



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 felony matters for indigent defendants in Wayne County, pursuant to the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution and *Gideon v. Wainwright*. Additionally, the Trial Court Services Department is responsible for ensuring the accuracy of all warrants within forty-eight (48) hours of entry (excluding 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 by 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 Treatment 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 participates in many events: Michigan State University—Office of Government Affairs, Detroit Center Veterans Forums; Networking Organizing and Advocating for the Homeless (NOAH) Bag Lunch Project—Central United Methodist Church; Annual Mental Health Court Community Health Fair, in conjunction with Eastern Market, Central City Integrated Health, Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network and Wayne County's Department of Health, Human and Veterans Services (Adult Community Corrections); John D. Dingell VA Medical Center and No Veteran Left Behind—Warrior Wednesday Project; Southeastern Michigan Veterans Stand Down and Love A Michigan Vet Project Female Veteran Stand Down; Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network and Western Wayne County, Families Against Narcotics community awareness during National Drug Court Awareness Month; and, City of Detroit—Senior Citizen Community Day.

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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 for these defendants. 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.

Adult Drug Treatment Court	ADTC
Participants from previous year	67
New Participants Accepted	11
Discharged Participants	35
2019 Graduated Participants	24
Active Participants 2019	43

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 participants 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.

Mental Health Court	MHC
Participants from previous year	50
New Participants Accepted	12
Discharged Participants	29
2019 Graduated Participants	15
Active Participants 2019	33

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 aforementioned.

Veterans Treatment Court	VTC
Participants from previous year	24
New Participants Accepted	25
Discharged Participants	16
2019 Graduated Participants	11
Active Participants 2019	33

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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.

Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program	SSSPP
Participants from previous year	33
New Participants Accepted	13
Discharged Participants	28
2019 Graduated Participants	11
Active Participants 2019	18

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 2019 Statistics

BONDS	
Written Bond Recommendations	2,231
Oral Bond Recommendations	6,008
Total Bond Recommendations	8,239
SUPERVISION (Yearly Averages)	
Total Defendants Monitored	665
Cumulative Total of Defendants Monitored	1,995
Compliance Rate	83.8%
Failure to Appear Rate	14.6%
SENTENCING GUIDELINES	
Sentencing Guidelines Processed	7,283
Percentage of Cases Guidelined	79%
LEIN QUERIES	37,990

FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS



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

The Family Division – Domestic Relations is comprised of 10 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 2019. 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 2019, there were 20,929 new case filings in the Family Division – Domestic Relations Section.

FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS

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FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS REFEREES

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David Calandro
Eric Gloudemans
Shannon Haneline
Rosanne Hostnik

Viola King
Michelle Letourneau-McAvoy
Lauren Wright Middleton
Christine Rodriguez
Lynn Ruhlman

Anita Scott-Meisel
Rebekah Sellers
Hulen Simpson
Edrick Thompson
Jessica Walker

Domestic Relations 2019 Statistics

	Divorce w/Child	Divorce No Child	Paternity	UIFSA*	Support	Other Domestic**	Total
Pending Cases as of Jan. 1st	1,385	1,139	3,881	203	3,367	220	10,195
New Filings	2,779	3,347	6,571	151	7,428	653	20,929
Reopened Cases	66	62	38	4	47	17	234
Total Caseload	4,230	4,548	10,490	358	10,842	890	31,358
Dispositions Resulting From:							
Bench Verdicts	75	41	1	0	0	4	121
Defaults, Uncontested, Settled	1,850	2,470	2,906	78	3,508	316	11,128
Transferred	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
Dismissed by Party	480	561	1,073	176	840	258	3,388
Dismissed by Court	491	334	3,220	0	3,331	75	7,451

FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Domestic Relations 2019 Statistics (Cont'd)

	Divorce w/Child	Divorce No Child	Paternity	UIFSA*	Support	Other Domestic**	Total
Inactive Status	0	3	0	0	1	3	7
Case Type Change	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Dispositions	2,898	3,409	7,200	254	7,680	657	22,098
Pending Cases as of Dec. 31st	1,332	1,139	3,290	104	3,162	233	9,260

*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 2019, the PPO docket processed 7,768 new cases.

Personal Protection Order (PPO) 2019 Statistics

	Domestic Relations	Non-Domestic Relations	Juvenile	Total
Pending Cases as of Jan. 1st	7	2	0	9
New Filings	5,358	2,323	87	7,768
Reopened Cases	1	0	0	1
Total Caseload	5,366	2,325	87	7,778
Dispositions Resulting From:				
Orders Issued Ex Parte	3,502	529	13	4,044
Orders Issued after Hearing	8	0	0	8
Transferred	0	0	0	0
Dismissed: Denied Ex Parte	1,808	1,789	74	3,671
Dismissed: Denied after Hearing	14	0	0	14
Dismissed by Party	17	0	0	17
Orders Issued after Denial	5	0	0	5
Case Type Change	0	0	0	0
Total Dispositions	5,354	2,318	87	7,759
Pending Cases as of Dec. 31st	12	7	0	19

FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS



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 277,000 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 11,100 hearings were scheduled to ensure child support compliance. In 2019, the Friend of the Court partnered with external agencies and organizations offering services for bench warrant resolution and arrearage discharge, giving many child support payers an opportunity to make good faith payments and avoid arrest.

FOC Fiscal Year 2019 Statistics

Caseload-Open FOC Dockets	277,261
Medical Support Notices Issued	81,246
Custody and Child Support Reports and Recommendations	19,971
Hearing Held by Referees	23,074
Child Support Show Cause Hearings	11,162
Bench Warrant Issued	5,548
Bench Warrant Arrests	5,427
Custody and Parenting Time Enforcement Requests Processed	2,561
Amount of Child Support Distributed for the Year	\$245,566,180

FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS

FOC Child Support Outreach

Community Partners	Number of Participants
Salvation Army William Booth Legal Aid Clinic	1,341
Focus Hope	40
United Auto Workers Vote Center	65
Resource Network	15
ACCESS	61
Starfish Family Services	36
La Sed	62
Team Wellness Center	78
Lawton Parole Center (Returning Citizens)	43
Detroit Legal Services Clinic	15
Detroit Public Library Every Day Legal Issues (April & Oct. 2019)	293
Other events in the community	419
Total	2,468

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, 286 cases were mediated resulting in 141 agreements placed on the record. The In-Court Mediation Project (ICMP) received 251 referrals, 188 matters were meditated and 89 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 404 parents served in 2019. Additionally, FAME has approved two online four hour parent education programs: Children in Between and Online Parenting Programs.com. The two online parent education programs served 858 parents in 2019. The Co-Parenting, Communication, and Coaching (3C) Program is a more intensive eight hour live parent education program. In 2019, 366 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 2019, Growth Works, Inc. served 144 families.

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. Edward J. Joseph, 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 3,435 new case filings in the Family Division – Juvenile in 2019. 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

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FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC – JUVENILE

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Charles W. Wilson, III
Mona M. Youssef

Juvenile 2019 Statistics

	Designated*	Delinquency	Traffic	Child Protective	Total
Pending Cases as of Jan. 1st	9	930	553	314	1,806
New Filings	10	2,532	127	766	3,435
Reopened Cases	2	291	29	0	322
Total Caseload	21	3,753	709	1,080	5,563
Dispositions Resulting From:					
Jury Verdicts	0	1	0	5	6
Bench Verdicts	0	55	0	448	503
Guilty Pleas/Admissions	4	1,032	1	232	1,269
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	104	0	0	104
Dismissed by Court	1	807	22	0	830
Dismissed/Withdrawn	0	0	0	67	67
Consent Calendar	0	0	0	0	0
Transferred	0	59	0	14	73

FAMILY DIVISION – JUVENILE

Juvenile 2019 Statistics (Cont'd)

	Designated*	Delinquency	Traffic	Child Protective	Total
Diversion/Not Authorized	0	417	0	28	445
Designation Granted	0	0	0	0	0
Inactive Status	3	292	0	0	295
Not Charged	0	0	0	0	0
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
Total Dispositions	8	2,767	23	794	3,592
Pending Cases as of Dec. 31st	13	986	686	286	1,971

*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 617 new filings in 2019. 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, 34 voluntary releases of Parental Rights and 245 requests for release of post-adoption information were processed.

Adoptions 2019 Statistics

2019 Filings	651
Voluntary Release of Parental Rights	34
Requests for Release of Post-Adoption Information	245
Pending Adoption Petitions as of January 1, 2019	151
New Filings	617
Reopened Cases	0
Total Caseload	768
Adoptions Finalized	479
Adoption Petitions Withdrawn	6
Adoption Petitions Dismissed	24

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Adoptions 2019 Statistics (Cont'd)

Adoption Petitions Transferred	0
Total Dispositions	509
Pending Adoption Petitions as of December 31, 2019	149

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	1,242
Request for Emergency House Counsel Assignments	1,542
Notice of Removal of Assigned Counsel	564
Appearances	119
Attorney Payment/Assignment Inquiries	202

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 2019, 28 new volunteer staff were trained and sworn in. The total number of children served by CASA volunteers was 146. In addition, the CASA program maintains a donation-driven clothing closet. Donations are made through the “Wayne County Friends of CASA” and are tax deductible.

Approximately 350 families and children combined have been served by the Clothes Closet. One hundred and fifty book bags were given to CASA children for the start of the school year via Quicken Loans and Wayne County Friends of CASA.

One hundred and twenty CASA children were the recipients of the Friends of CASA giving tree in December 2019.

The CASA Director has facilitated multiple presentations, including Greater Grace Temple and The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), to raise awareness of the program.

Friends of CASA sponsored the attendance of 25 CASA volunteers at the CASA state conference held in Novi, Michigan where the CASA Director, Roland Smith, presented a workshop on “Developing Cultural Competence in your local CASA program.”





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CASA Program 2019 Statistics

	Number of Cases	Number of children involved
New Cases Assigned	44	146

CASA Volunteers sworn in in 2019:

Richard Braun
 Ericka Brown
 Margaret Carden
 Marcie Ciccirelli
 Jordyn Clark

Ann Deagan
 Kelli Farrar
 Christina Hajj
 William Hobson

Lynn Lakota
 Elsie Mayberry
 Audra Swint
 Shawn Young



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 Status Unit interviews, screens, and processes all youth admitted in the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Center, 24 hours a day. The Status 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.

Status Unit 2019 Statistics

Interviews on Admittance Into Juvenile Detention Facility	1,468
Family Interviews	473
Informal Probation (Consent, Diversion, Incorrigible)	336
Designated Cases	25
Out County/Plea Under Advisement/Truancy	2
Petitions Filed	26

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Juvenile Drug Court – S.T.A.N.D.

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 2019 highlights for the S.T.A.N.D. Program included increasing community partnerships. S.T.A.N.D. became a community partner with the Mentoring Others To Help Empower, Restore, and Strengthen (MOTHERS) Group and SANKOFA Male Youth program to increase mentorship and job readiness for program participants. Both programs have agreed to partner and support S.T.A.N.D. participants and provide services that will enrich the lives of each youth that is referred for services.

The S.T.A.N.D. Program, through its collaboration with Team Wellness Children's Center, focuses on co-occurring disorders and provides mental health services.

The S.T.A.N.D. Program was selected to present at the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals (MATCP) conference. The Program Judge, Coordinator, and Probation Officers conducted a session titled "Increasing Program Efficiencies in Juvenile Drug Treatment Courts." The Program Judge also conducted a session entitled "Juvenile Specialty Courts Advocates for Improving Education, Family Empowerment and Health and Wellness" at the National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI) Conference.

Some of the measurable outcomes during 2019 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 state, federal, and local grants.

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Juvenile Drug Court Statistics

2019 Program Participants

Returning Participants	24
New Admissions	26
Total Participants in Program for the Year	50

2019 Outcomes

Total Participants	50
Removed Participants	17
Graduated	9
Active Participants at the end of 2019	24

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 2018-19 school year, the following schools received TIP services: Detroit Public Schools Community District, Dearborn Heights, Redford Union, and Harper Woods Schools. Additionally, TIP provided attendance information dissemination to assist schools throughout the county. During the 2018-19 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, and Cass Technical High School. The program shares information about the services provided and how it positively affects the community. TIP now conducts hearings at 32-A District Court with Judge Daniel Palmer overseeing all hearings as a new collaboration with Third Circuit Court and Harper Woods District Court.

Truancy Intervention Project (TIP) Statistics School Year 2018-19	
Number of Students Referred by Schools	380
Number of Cases Processed in Program	350
Number of Initial Hearings Scheduled	333
Number of Schools Participating in Program	42

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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 Integrated Health Network 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 were re-accredited in 2019 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).

At the end of 2019, the Clinic began to transition to assessment services only and stopped taking new ongoing services cases. Full transition of the Clinic will occur in calendar year 2020.

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2019 Referrals/Consumers Served

Family Assessments for Protective Hearings Referrals	302
Custody Assessments Referrals	11
Adolescent Assessments for Delinquency Disposition /Probation Planning Referrals (includes JSAU and CAAU)	616
Adolescent Competency Assessments Referrals	97
Adolescent Criminal Responsibility Assessments Referrals	84
Adolescent Designated Assessment Referrals	2
Adolescent Assessments for S.T.A.N.D. Referrals	18
Case Management Served (Intensive Probation and Diversion)	432
Clinic Treatment Unit Served	326
Home-Based Unit Served	41
Ongoing Psychiatric Services Served	126

2019 Outcomes

Satisfaction Surveys (181 surveys completed-average satisfaction across all questions)	91.3%
Intensive Probation/Case Management Successful Closures	228/300 76%

Intensive Probation Recidivism – Felony Convictions

Per Criminal and Juvenile Odyssey Lookups

Closure Year	Date Reviewed	Total Successfully Closed	No Felony Convictions	Felony Convictions	Recidivism %
2018	March 2020 (1 year post closure)	138	130	8	5.7%
2016	March 2020 (3 years post closure)	256	207	49	19%

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 %
2018	March 2020 (1 year post closure)	61	56	3	2	Felony: 4.9% CSC: 3.2%
2016	March 2020 (3 years post closure)	43	32	11	2	Felony: 25.5% CSC: 4.7%

Improvement on Child/Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale

Scale Area	Improved	Not Improved	Total	Percent Improved
Meaningful and Reliable Improvement	214	95	309	69.25%

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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 2019, JMHC has continued to grow. The year started with 34 active participants, and currently has 21. Twelve youth have been admitted this year. JMHC has added a third jurist to assist with the additional cases. A probation officer has been added to the team, and is able to conduct home and school visits. He also monitors tethers and ensures that the participants are adhering to the conditions in their court order. Two part-time case managers will soon be added to the team. Fourteen youth successfully completed the program in June.

JMHC's Education Advocacy service is changing, and in 2020, all participants with a need for education advocacy will be assigned an attorney advocate from one of the five practicing attorney groups at Juvenile Court.

In 2019, 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 in 2018 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. Judge Joseph was nominated for an Honors Award for his work in the area of Mental Health, through the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). He attended the Gala Awards Dinner in March.

In 2019, JMHC presented the "Keys to Building a Successful Juvenile Mental Health Court" to the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals annual conference and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) annual conference. JMHC has received calls from California, Minnesota, and Georgia regarding its program and how to put a mental health court in place.

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Juvenile Mental Health Court Statistics 2019 Program Participants

Returning Participants	34
New Admissions	12
Successful Completions	14
Discharged	11
Total Participants	21

Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous Family 2019 Statistics

	Other Family*	Ancillary**	Total
Pending Cases as of Jan. 1st	119	0	119
New Filings	890	0	890
Reopened Cases	0	0	0
Total Caseload	1,009	0	1,009
Dispositions Resulting From:			
Orders Issued Ex Parte	69	0	69
Orders Issued after Hearing	566	0	566
Petition Granted	0	0	0
Transferred	0	0	0
Dismissed: Denied Ex Parte	0	0	0
Dismissed: Denied after Hearing	98	0	98
Petition Denied	0	0	0
Dismissed by Party	129	0	129
Petition Withdrawn/Dismissed	0	0	0
Deferred	0	0	0
Case Type Change	0	0	0
Total Dispositions	862	0	862
Pending Cases as of Dec. 31st	147	0	147

*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.



Third Circuit Court's Historical Society Committee

In 2019, the Historical Society nominated the Honorable Lucile A. Watts to Michigan Woman's Hall of Fame. Judge Watts was the first African American woman elected to a circuit court. She was elected in 1980 to the Third Circuit Court where she served for 14 years. The Michigan Women Forward inducted her in November to the 2019 Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. The Court hosted a couple traveling displays in 2019. During Women's History Month in March, the Court displayed *Creating A Community: The Early Women of Lansing*, which was on loan from the Michigan Women Forward #HERStory; and in October, the Court displayed *Every Child is a Work of Art*, which was on loan from Art & Soul Dreams. These were on display on the 7th floor in CAYMC for employees and the public to see. On July 19th, the Court held the portrait unveiling of Hon. Frank Murphy in the FMHJ Jury Assembly Room. The Philippine Nurses Association of Michigan (PNAM), the Philippine American Cultural Center of Michigan (PACCM), and the Filipino American National Historical Society (FANHS) Michigan Chapter were on hand to share the history of Frank Murphy, the Governor-General of the Philippines. During his service as Governor-General of the Philippines from 1933-35, Frank Murphy was recognized for his emphasis of social justice as he was sympathetic to the plight of ordinary Filipinos, many of whom were oppressed tenant farmers. The Third Circuit Court Historical Committee was established in 2017 and is comprised of volunteer court staff and current and retired judges.



Executive Court Administrator Brown attended, along with Chief Judge Denise Page Hood of the United States District Court – Eastern District, Judge Cynthia D. Stephens of the Michigan Court of Appeals (left); Hon. Lucile A. Watts (center); and Merrick Malone, Judge Watt's nephew (right).



Creating A Community: The Early Women of Lansing



Every Child is a Work of Art - Melissa T. Parks, Art & Soul Dreams Executive Director/Founder

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



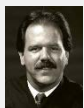
1/1/86 – 3/16/86 - Hon. Joseph B. Sullivan



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 M. 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.



1/1/19 – Present - Hon. Timothy M. Kenny

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019

The Third Circuit Court is on a mission to provide accessible and equal justice with timely dispute resolution.

The Strategic plan is the road map and the six strategic focus areas which afford the greatest opportunities for the Court to fulfill its mission 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.

This is the second year of strategic projects. New staff and judges joined teams, lending their knowledge, skills, and abilities. The Planning Team incorporated lessons learned from the first year and scaled back the number of projects so team members were able to fully participate in meetings and complete needed follow through. Completed projects include the Family Court Plan, digitizing Friend of the Court records Phase I, re-engineering and streamlining of several payment processes, developing manuals for the civil judges and clerks, and adding accommodation language to the jury summons in Arabic and Spanish.

The Third Circuit Court IT team deserves special recognition for supporting many projects this year. The technology was integral to the success and completion of many projects.

As the Strategic Plan Team celebrates and closes out 2018-19 projects, the planning group will seek input from staff and judges for the 2019-2020 projects.

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success. ~Henry Ford



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019

THIRD CIRCUIT COURT DETROIT RED WINGS' OUTING



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019

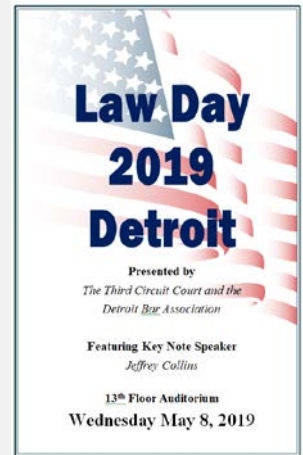
THIRD CIRCUIT COURT DETROIT PISTONS' OUTING



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019



Led by a Circuit Court Judge and local attorney volunteers, students from 10 Detroit 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. Attorney Jeffrey Collins served as the keynote speaker and welcomed the students.

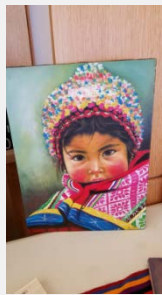


HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019

CIVIL DIVISION



Judges and attorneys had an opportunity to enjoy lunch, networking, and informative presentations at the Third Circuit Court-Detroit Bar Association Bench-Bar Luncheon on September 26.



On October 17th, Third Circuit Court celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month. Civil Division – Presiding Judge Patricia Fresard opened up her courtroom and shared tasty food and beautiful artwork.



The Michigan Supreme Court appointed two additional judges to the Third Circuit Court's Business Court. Judges Muriel D. Hughes and David J. Allen join Judges Edward Ewell, Jr., Lita M. Popke, and Brian R. Sullivan, each of whom was recently reappointed to the Business Court for a six-year term.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019

CRIMINAL DIVISION



The 180° Program took a field trip to Judge Qiana Lillard’s courtroom. The 180° Program provides schools with a series of Parent University workshops and training seminars. They offer an intense and informative academic support and core behavior intervention training/coaching for parents seeking to improve their children’s lives as well as their own. These services are specifically tailored for all academic and culture/climate settings. The School Districts who participate are Detroit, Harper Woods, Centerline, American Promise Schools and Atlanta, GA. Their experiential learning for the students includes observing court procedures, college visits, morgue visits, Pingree Farms, and career tours.



In honor of “**National Drug Court Awareness Month**,” Third Circuit Court’s Adult Drug Treatment Court (ADTC) team organized multiple events throughout the month of May.

The ADTC team, along with members from Veterans Treatment Court, Mental Health Treatment Court, and Swift and Sure, distributed pamphlets to the public and employees regarding substance abuse, support groups, and counseling services available throughout the community. Handouts were donated by the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network and Western Wayne County Families Against Narcotics (FAN).

The ADTC team partnered with the Networking, Organizing, and Advocating for the Homeless bag lunch program for the third year in a row. Team members prepared approximately 200 lunches and served approximately 100 members of the community. The Bag Lunch Program is offered Monday through Thursday and has served the downtown Detroit community for over 40 years. The program is designed to begin an ongoing relationship founded on trust and acceptance and is open to anyone without qualifications or restrictions.



Third Circuit Court’s Mental Health Court, along with community partners Central City Integrated Health, Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network and Wayne County Department of Health, Veterans and Community Wellness hosted its **7th Annual Community Health Fair** at the Historic Detroit Eastern Market.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019

FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC DIVISION



Expungement Fair Volunteers



The Wayne County Friend of the Court POWER (Providing Opportunities for Work, Education and Respect) Court program held its 9th annual graduation on August 5th to celebrate five successful graduates of the program. POWER Court is a special problem-solving court program with the mission of building a generation of financially and emotionally involved parents by providing resources to help ensure they are better able to make financial contributions and establish emotional bonds in the best interests of their children.



The Michigan Friend of the Court (FOC) celebrated its 100th Anniversary. In 1919, each county was required through Michigan legislation to develop a Friend of the Court office for the purpose of managing domestic relations cases. Additional legislation further defined the processes and services that the Friend of the Court must provide. Wayne County Friend of the Court holds the title of being the first Friend of the Court in Michigan.



The Wayne County Friend of the Court held its biannual Free Child Support Help Program at the Detroit Public Library's Woodward Branch. Sponsored by the Salvation Army's William Booth Legal Aid Clinic, the Program brings pro bono attorneys to those in need of legal assistance with their child support cases. This program is held twice a year, in April and October.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019

FAMILY DIVISION – JUVENILE DIVISION



The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Michigan Honors was held on March 16th. The event was to raise awareness and support for mental health. Judge Edward Joseph presides over The Third Circuit Court’s Juvenile Mental Health Court and Deborah Nelson serves as the Program Coordinator. The program has served about 100 youth since its inception in 2016.



Michigan CASA programs met in Lansing on May 9th to meet with legislators regarding the support of “Court Appointed Special Advocates” (CASA). This was deemed “CASA Day in Lansing.” All programs were recognized when the house went into session.



Juvenile Mental Health Court held their graduation ceremony at the MSU Detroit Center on June 4th. Nine participants successfully graduated from the program. The speakers included Justice Megan K. Cavanagh of the Michigan Supreme Court; Chief Judge Timothy M. Kenny; and Hodari Pili Tourre Brown, a National Alliance on Mental Illness peer support facilitator.



The Annual State CASA conference was held in Novi, MI at the Suburban Collection Showplace on November 8 and 9. This year the theme of the conference was “The Power of One.” 150 CASA volunteers and staff throughout Michigan were represented over the weekend. Some of the workshops offered were Creating Awareness for CASA volunteers, Education and Foster care, and Judge Karen Braxton presented on “The Value of the CASA Volunteer to the Jurist.”

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019

SUMMER AND CRISTO REY HIGH SCHOOL INTERNS



On June 5th, the Third Judicial Circuit Court launched the summer intern season with the “Summer Intern Meet & Greet Welcome Luncheon.” Following the practice that began last year when United States District Court Chief Judge Denise Page Hood and Third Judicial Circuit Court Executive Court Administrator Zenell Brown collaborated to coordinate the two intern programs, the luncheon included interns from both courts and was designed to introduce the interns before the schedule officially began.



In the summer of 2019, the Jury Services Department participated in the InnovateGov Internship Program through Michigan State University.



In October, four high school students from Detroit Cristo Rey High School: Dashanae Watts, Alicia Stanley, Lauren Jones, and Mikael Thornton joined Third Judicial Court as interns for their work study program. Each student is assigned to one of the departments: Jury Services, Human Resources, General Counsel, or Court Administration.



The Court added a new site to the Summer Intern Tour series with the new addition of a visit to the United States Bankruptcy Court. Presiding Judge Phillip Shefferly welcomed the interns to his chambers and scheduled three motions for the interns to observe during the visit.



The Summer Intern Tour Program concluded with a visit to Lincoln Hall of Justice, which houses the Family Division Juvenile Section. Deputy Court Administrator, Richard Smart, greeted the interns and introduced Dr. Trudy Hale of Assured Family Services and Chief Referee James Catchings.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019

THIRD CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES AND EMPLOYEES GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY



Office of General Counsel – Participated in the CHAP Thanksgiving Basket Drive & Gleaners Community Food Bank



Clinic for Child Study – Back 2 School Bash



Lifting as We Climb Brunch



Judicial Community Service Team and their staff assembled Easter and springtime baskets.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019



MentorJet held Oct. 2nd at Wayne State University Law School



Bring Your Child to Work Day at FOC



Court team picture with Mayor Michael Duggan at the City of Detroit Senior Summit



Spring Mass Swearing In Ceremony



Fall Mass Swearing In Ceremony

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019

Grants Awarded in 2019

FY 2020 Michigan Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program Grant Award - \$60,000
Awarded by the State Court Administrative Office

FY 2020 Michigan Veterans Treatment Court Grant Program Award - \$90,000
Awarded by the State Court Administrative Office

FY 2020 Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program Award – Juvenile Mental Health Court - \$265,000
Awarded by the State Court Administrative Office

FY 2020 Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program Award – Adult Mental Health Court - \$349,000
Awarded by the State Court Administrative Office

FY 2020 Michigan Drug Court Grant Program Award – Juvenile Drug Court - \$71,000
Awarded by the State Court Administrative Office

FY 2020 Michigan Drug Court Grant Program Award – Hybrid DWI/Drug Court - \$231,000
Awarded by the State Court Administrative Office

FY2020 Child and Parent Legal Representation (CPLR) - \$409,914
Awarded by Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)

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 Integrated Health Network

Disability Network

80 Strong Community Outreach

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Detroit)

Fifth Third Bank

Friends of CASA

Focus Hope

Jewish Vocational Services

Judge Nance on radio 910AM

Looking For My Sister

Mariner's Inn Shelter & Treatment

Michigan State University

Michigan Veterans Foundation

National Association of Negro Business and

Professional Women's Clubs (NANBPWC)

National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ)

Stakeholder Partnerships, Education &

Communications (SPEC)

The Children's Center

The Guidance Center – Southgate

The Salvation Army's William Booth Legal Aid Clinic

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Wayne County Family Law Bar Association

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Wayne County Probate Court

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Wayne State University Law School

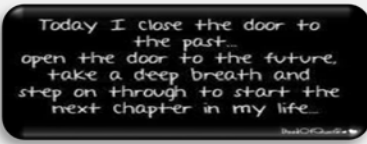
Wayne County Community College District

WMU-Cooley Law School

Women Lawyers Association of Michigan

Young Fathers Standing United

THIRD CIRCUIT COURT RETIREMENTS



Gian A. Colista, 24 years – Senior Domestic Relations Specialist, Family Domestic



Hon. Vonda Evans, 22 years – Judge, Criminal



John B. Frasier, 26 years – Director of FAME, Family Domestic



Jason B. Frost, 29 years – Clerk III, Family Domestic



Karen D. Hall, 30 years – Information Specialist II, Family Domestic



Kevin D. Hanson, 29 years – Odyssey Support Coordinator, Administration



Ronald Jones, 29 years – Probation Officer, Family Juvenile



Hon. Connie Marie Kelley, 10 years – Judge, Family Domestic



Earline Lemons, 19 years – Juvenile Services Specialist, Family Juvenile



Lisa A. Robinson, 31 years – Documents Management Supervisor, Family Domestic



Curtis V. Sims, 26 years – Clerk IV, Family Domestic



Andrea J. Willis, 14 years – Judicial Secretary, Criminal

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019

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

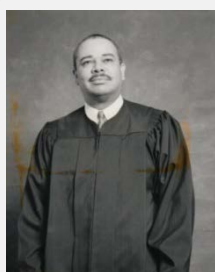
Hon. Annette J. Berry – On March 27, Judge Berry was the keynote speaker at the Women’s History Month Program for the United States Drug Enforcement Administration. She talked about the incredible progress women have made in her lifetime. Judge Berry was recognized in the spring 2019 Michigan Supreme Court edition of *Michigan’s Judiciary Success Stories* for her charitable work and spirit of giving back to the community. She was also featured in Michigan State University’s summer 2019 edition of the *Spartan Lawyer: In Her Own Words*. Judge Berry was one of 12 women showcased as exceptional women graduates from the Detroit College of Law since its inception in 1891. She also served on a Judicial Panel, regarding discovery rules, in September 2019 with Justice Megan Cavanagh for the Michigan Association for Justice. Judge Berry was recognized as a Supporting Fellow with the Detroit Bar Association after being nominated for the position in early 2019. She was appointed to the Model Civil Jury Instructions Committee by the Michigan Supreme Court for a three year term.

Hon. Ulysses W. Boykin – Judge Boykin received the 2019 Benjamin L. Hooks Legacy Award from Greater New Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church of Detroit on August 18th. This award was created in 2015 to honor the legacy of the late Reverend Dr. Benjamin Lawson Hooks who served as Pastor of Greater New Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church for 30 years.

Hon. Karen Braxton – In October 2019, Judge Karen Braxton received her certification as a Child Welfare Law Specialist (CWLS) awarded by the National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC) and accredited by the American Bar Association. The certification is a professional achievement that signifies an attorney’s specialized knowledge, skill, and verified expertise in the field of child welfare law and is only granted to those who have successfully completed a rigorous application and examination process. Judge Braxton is one of only eight attorneys in the State of Michigan to obtain this certification and was the first attorney certified in Wayne County.

Zenell Brown – Zenell was awarded the Geraldine Bledsoe Ford Award by the Women Lawyers Association. This is awarded to someone who has shown commitment to promoting diversity for all people. The Michigan State Court Administrator acknowledged Zenell in its 2019 edition of *Court Success Stories*.

Hon. Catherine Heise – Judge Heise passed, with distinction, the course in Judicial Writing presented by the National Judicial College.



The National Center for State Courts’ Institute for Court Management Program

The Court recognizes Michael Gruich (IT Dept.), Ref. Viola King (Family Division), Tammi Palmer (Case Processing Dept.), and Alisa Shannon (Criminal Division) for their continued scholarly pursuits. They are part of Cohort 2 of Court Managers in Michigan who enrolled in the National Center for State Courts’ Institute for Court Management. They will complete courses which cover court management topics including Purposes & Responsibilities of Courts and Visioning & Strategic Planning. The program is a one year commitment and upon completion, they will earn the Certified Court Manager (CCM) credential.

OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES OF 2019



Candice Wilson, January 2019. Ms. Wilson is a Judicial Support Coordinator in the Court Administration Department. During the time when a majority of the phones at FMHJ were disabled for an extended time, with less than six months experience in the division, Candice was handling all the calls with professionalism, empathy, and great follow through to solve problems that arose. Her customer service skills during that period exceeded expectations and were exemplary. She is poised and calm in the face of problems that arise.



Teairrah Reid, April 2019. Ms. Reid is an Information Specialist II in the Information Services Department. Teairrah is a lead worker in the FOC Information Services Department where she goes the extra mile by servicing approximately 300 customers per month. She exhibits patience and thoroughness with customers. As a lead worker, Teairrah goes over and above to train new staff. She is very patient and she thoroughly explains process and procedures to prepare the newly hired staff.



Curtis Sims, May 2019. Mr. Sims is a Clerk IV in the Document Management Department. He is a great morale booster for the department. He has an uplifting personality that improves the spirit of the department. He always has a smile on his face and is always pleasantly greeting everyone. If he sees anyone struggling with something heavy, it is not uncommon for him to literally drop what he's doing just to help out. Curtis is always encouraging his co-workers to keep going and his work drive motivates his team.



James Caputo, October 2019. Mr. Caputo is a Senior Domestic Relationship Specialist in the Review and Modification section of the Information Services Department at FOC. James goes the extra mile in his work and for boosting morale with his presence and actions. He also demonstrates an excellent aptitude for serving the public and Court staff. He always volunteers to assist with new assignments and shares his knowledge with his co-workers.



Keila Harvey, November 2019. Ms. Harvey is an Information Specialist II in the FOC Litigation Department. Keila is a problem solver in the department. One of her tasks requires her to review orders that have been rejected by the electronic workflow process. She works diligently to ensure these errors are corrected and that the orders are resubmitted in a timely manner. As the department is short staffed, she has accepted additional work duties outside of her responsibility and still performs exceptional work on her own tasks.



OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES OF 2019

RECOGNITION FOR PERFECT ATTENDANCE IN 2019

January

Janeen Abdur-Rahman
Leslie George
Carmelita Williams
Candice Wilson

May

Theresa Mack
Georgette Passmore
Andrea Samples
Leigh Spaman

September

Christopher Bates
Kim Blackburn
Alan Pacey
Sandra Rice

February

Takeisha Cain
Gerald Gay
Karen Hessler
Margaret Shephard

June

Cora Durham
Cara Lee
Kevin Purnell
Denise Solis

October

Khya Calhoun
Matthew Grimm
June Morgan
Candice Wilson

March

Albert Breeden
Cora Durham
Deborah Nelson
Javonne Ransom

July

Kelly Barum
Keila Harvey
John Marra, Jr.
Annette Seguin

November

Carolyn Robbins
Krystle Shephard
Erica Taylor
Roberta Wright

April

Susan Davis
John Marra, Jr.
Anjela Moore
Lenise Whitfield

August

Cherilyn Carter
Tamika Lovejoy
Christopher Magusin
Lola Stringer

December

Shawntrice Carter
Lauren Cobb
Doreese Howard-Barnes
Christopher Whittington



COVER CONTEST WINNERS



Darian Hopper – 1st Place (Front Cover)
(William D. Ford Tech Center)

Darian Hopper attended John Glenn High School and William D. Ford Technical Center. He plans on starting his college career at Schoolcraft, though he has not yet decided on his major. The graphic design class he took at the William D. Ford Center was his first and only experience in the graphic design field but he plans on practicing more in his free time.



Hayla Thurmand – 2nd Place
(William D. Ford Tech Center)



Hayla Thurmand attended John Glenn High School and William D. Ford Technical Center. She plans on attending Wayne State University in the fall to study Pharmacy. She really enjoyed her graphic design class this year. She also likes drawing and painting.



Lance Church – 3rd Place
(William D. Ford Tech Center)



Lance attended John Glenn High School and William D. Ford Technical Center. He has an interest in art and design. His goals are to improve on his art and his methods he uses; mainly focusing on digital art and painting. He hopes to become an art teacher and be able to become a teacher which his future students can rely on and talk to. The support from his loved ones is what helps him be able to be the best he can be as an artist and as a student.

IN MEMORY OF THOSE WE LOST



Lillie G. Elliott, Retired – Psychiatric Social Worker III, Juvenile Division. January 6, 1942 – January 13, 2019.



Christine Fargo, Retired – Probation Officer, Family Juvenile Division. July 31, 1942 – March 25, 2019.



Patrice Weaver, Retired – Information Specialist II, Family Domestic Division. July 28, 1957 – May 18, 2019.



Clifford A. Levin, Retired – Senior Staff Attorney, Family Domestic Division. November 17, 1947 – July 9, 2019. Clifford “Clif” was a longtime community activist and committed volunteer. He joined Wayne County FOC as a staff attorney in 1973. He had a love of the theater and was involved with the Grosse Pointe Theatre both as an actor and behind the scenes.



Patsy C. Clark, Retired – Official Court Reporter, Administration. February 25, 1959 – November 29, 2019.

Public Satisfaction Survey

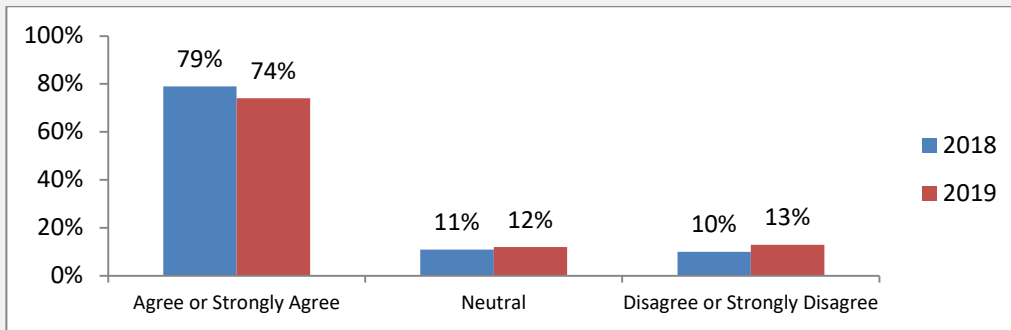
The State Court Administrative Office required all Michigan courts to participate in a Public Satisfaction Survey. The Third Circuit Court of Michigan uses the Public Satisfaction Survey as a tool to identify areas of concern and to make the needed improvements. The results of both the State Court Administrative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

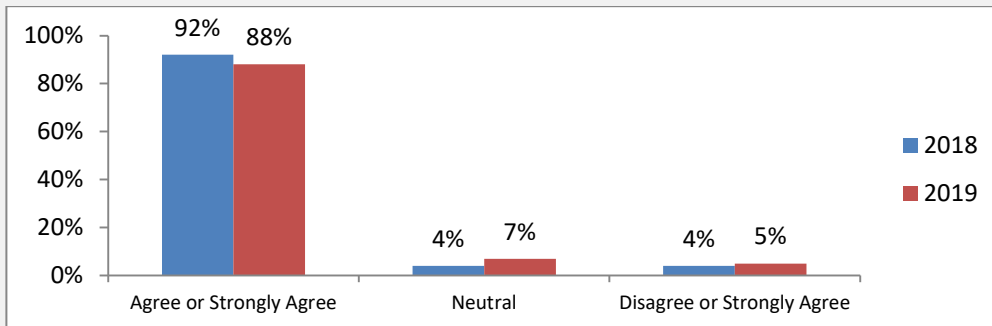
1) I was able to get my court business done in a reasonable amount of time today.

	2018		2019	
5 – Strongly Agree	319	50%	373	48%
4 – Agree	184	29%	205	26%
3 – Neutral	69	11%	93	12%
2 – Disagree	28	4%	50	6%
1 – Strongly Disagree	35	6%	53	7%
Total	635		774	



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

	2018		2019	
5 – Strongly Agree	454	70%	502	63%
4 – Agree	143	22%	200	25%
3 – Neutral	28	4%	57	7%
2 – Disagree	12	2%	18	2%
1 – Strongly Disagree	16	2%	22	3%
Total	653		799	

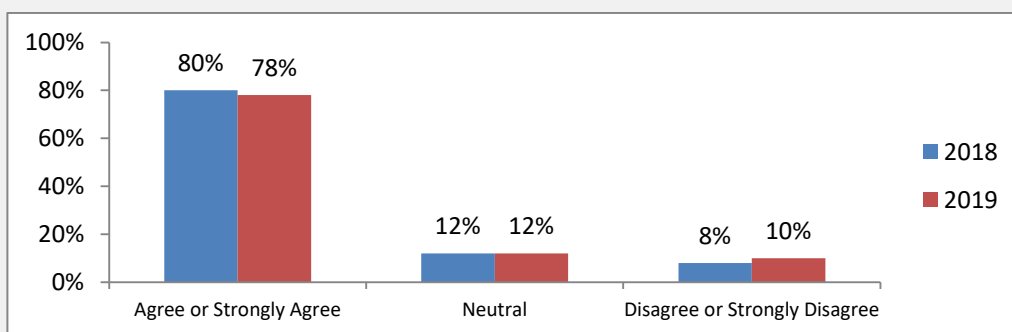


Third Circuit Court Public Satisfaction Survey

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

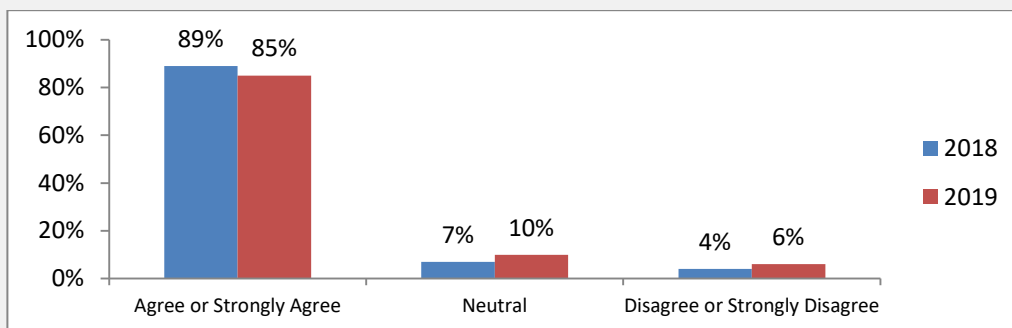
3) The way the case was handled was fair.

	2018		2019	
5 – Strongly Agree	243	51%	291	48%
4 – Agree	139	29%	171	28%
3 – Neutral	56	12%	83	14%
2 – Disagree	11	2%	25	4%
1 – Strongly Disagree	27	6%	37	6%
Total	476		607	



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

	2018		2019	
5 – Strongly Agree	300	62%	356	59%
4 – Agree	129	27%	157	26%
3 – Neutral	34	7%	58	10%
2 – Disagree	7	1%	16	3%
1 – Strongly Disagree	16	3%	19	3%
Total	486		606	

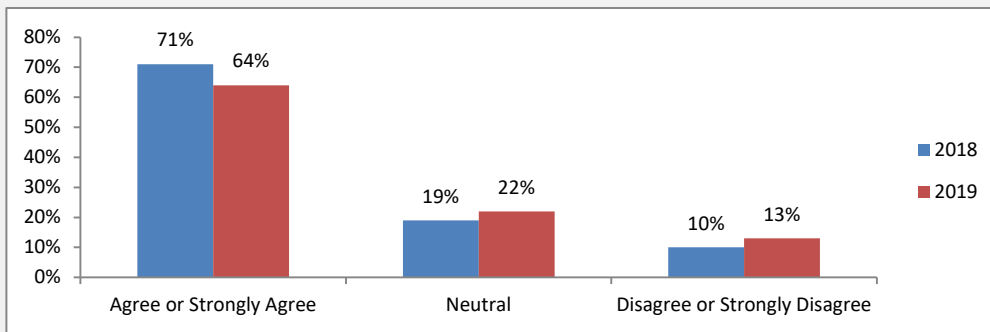


Third Circuit Court Public Satisfaction Survey

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

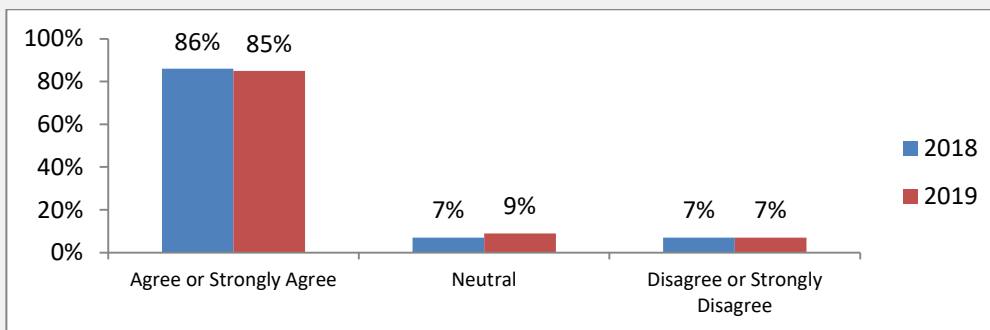
5) The outcome in my case was favorable to me.

	2018		2019	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
5 – Strongly Agree	183	47%	205	41%
4 – Agree	93	24%	116	23%
3 – Neutral	72	19%	108	22%
2 – Disagree	15	4%	33	7%
1 – Strongly Disagree	24	6%	32	6%
Total	387		494	



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

	2018		2019	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
5 – Strongly Agree	237	58%	293	56%
4 – Agree	115	28%	151	29%
3 – Neutral	29	7%	46	9%
2 – Disagree	11	3%	16	3%
1 – Strongly Disagree	17	4%	19	4%
Total	409		525	



Third Circuit Court Public Satisfaction Survey

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

	2018		2019	
Child Protective	38	5%	56	6%
Civil Matter	57	8%	90	10%
Criminal/Probation	174	24%	277	30%
Divorce/Custody/Support	152	21%	160	18%
Drug/Sobriety Court	11	2%	23	3%
Estate/Trust	11	2%	9	1%
File Papers	39	5%	28	3%
Get Information	26	4%	35	4%
Guardianship/Conservatorship	30	4%	23	3%
Juvenile Delinquency	26	4%	33	4%
Make a Payment	19	3%	19	2%
Other	125	17%	138	15%
PPO	10	1%	19	2%
Total	718		910	

8) Who are you (ALL that apply)?

	2018		2019	
Agency Worker	27	4%	37	4%
Attorney/Prosecutor	107	16%	138	17%
Family/Friend of party to case	94	14%	156	19%
Juror	50	7%	38	5%
Other	88	13%	107	13%
Party/Plaintiff/Defendant	294	43%	341	41%
Witness	17	3%	14	2%
Total	677		831	

Third Circuit Court Public Satisfaction Survey

9) What is your gender?

	2018		2019	
Female	368	55%	468	57%
Male	294	44%	347	42%
Multiple Responses	1	0%	1	0%
Other	4	1%	7	1%
Total	667		823	

10) How do you identify yourself?

	2018		2019	
American Indian/Alaska Native	9	1%	18	2%
Asian	3	0%	11	1%
Black/African American	373	58%	493	58%
Hispanic	18	3%	27	3%
Multiracial/Biracial	12	2%	27	3%
Other	39	6%	39	5%
White/Caucasian	193	30%	234	28%
Total	647		849	

COURT 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

Zenell B. Brown **EXECUTIVE COURT ADMINISTRATOR**

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