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Michigan Supreme Court Names Wayne County Executive Court Administrator Frank Hardester to Michigan Judicial Council

Detroit, MI, January 2, 2025 – LANSING, MI, – The Michigan Supreme Court (MSC) has appointed Executive Court Administrator Frank Hardester, of the Third Circuit Court in Wayne County, to the Michigan Judicial Council (MJC) through a recent [administrative order](#). Hardester's appointment fills one of four slots on the MJC designated for trial court administrators and is for a full term that begins January 1, 2025 and ends December 31, 2027.

The MJC is charged with making recommendations to the Michigan Supreme Court on matters pertinent to the administration of justice, including developing a strategic agenda for the judicial branch and suggesting proposals that would enhance the work of all courts.

"Frank Hardester has demonstrated a longtime commitment to improving court functions and increasing access to our courts in every community he has served," said Chief Justice Elizabeth T. Clement, who chairs the MJC. "I have no doubt that his expertise and keen vision will benefit the efforts of the Judicial Council as we work to strengthen our judiciary for all Michigan residents."

Hardester has nearly 30 years of experience working in public service, including 27 years in the courts, and has worked in the Third Circuit Court since June 2023. He previously served as court administrator in the 36th Circuit Court in Van Buren County. A graduate of Western Michigan University, Hardester has held leadership positions in several industry and professional organizations, including president of the Michigan Association of Circuit Court Administrators, member of the Foreign Language Board of Review through an appointment by the MSC, and director on the board of the National Association for Court Management.

"I am thankful for Chief Judge Patricia Perez Fresard allowing me to dedicate time to this endeavor," said Hardester. "I am also very honored to join the Michigan Judicial Council and contribute my expertise to the important work of advancing the Council's strategic vision for the judiciary. I look forward to collaborating with my colleagues to enhance access to justice and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our courts for those we serve."

Since its inception in April 2021, the MJC has outlined a strategic planning process, identified its mission and vision statements, and long-range goals for the judicial branch. In 2023, the MJC established workgroups under its Strategic Agenda to implement its Operational Plan. Reports and recommendations can be found on the [Michigan Judicial Council webpage](#).



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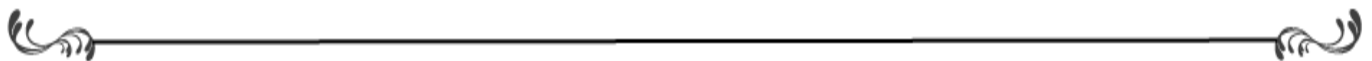


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