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Celebrating the New Wayne County Friend of the Court Office Space

The Wayne County Friend of the Court will be opening its long-awaited new office space on January 3, 2017. The Friend of the Court offices will remain in the historic Penobscot Building but will enjoy newly refurbished office space on the first, tenth, eleventh and twelfth floors of the building.

Hon. Kathleen M. McCarthy, Presiding Judge of the Family Division, was pleased to announce the completion of the project:
"This project was started in an effort to better serve the families of Wayne County with improved security; convenient payment offices on the first floor; state-of-the-art electronics throughout the building, and an improved space design to allow streamlining workflow and caseflow practices. I would like to thank the consortium of Wayne County employees and its commissioners, Chief Judge Robert J. Colombo, Jr., and Deputy Court Administrator Zenell Brown, as well as Penobscot's owner Andreas Apostolopoulos and all of our 240 FOC employees and supervisors that worked so hard to bring this move to fruition."

Kent Weichmann, Wayne County Friend of the Court, agreed. "We have been waiting a long time for this move. I think it will significantly improve Court services at the Friend of the Court, as well as significantly improve working conditions for our staff."

The main entrance for the offices will now be located off the Fort Street entrance at the Penobscot Building. The customer service window and genetic testing area will be located on the first floor. The referee hearing rooms and two judges' courtrooms will be located on the tenth and eleventh floors. Visitors to the Friend of the Court offices should use the "D Bank" of elevators to access the new space.

The press and the public are invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Wayne County Friend of the Court on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 for an introduction to our newly renovated and relocated office space in the historic Penobscot Building. Court security screening will be in effect.

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The event will take place at 645 Griswold Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226 between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. with the ribbon cutting ceremony to begin promptly at 4:00 p.m. Light refreshments shall be served.

More information can be found on our website at www.3rdcc.org, or by calling our Customer Service Call Center at our new number, 1-877-543-2660.

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