



## Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan



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# For Immediate Release

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## Subject: Lactation Rooms Established at the Third Circuit Court

**Detroit, MI** – “The mission of the Third Circuit Court is to provide accessible and equal justice with timely dispute resolution; therefore, the Court must be accessible to the public and all court users -- lawyers, parties, and jurors,” says Chief Judge Robert J. Colombo, Jr. Most recently, the Court established lactation rooms to address the need of nursing mothers.

The Women Lawyers Association of Michigan (WLAM) requested that the Court provide accommodations for female lawyers who practice in the court system and need to express milk. WLAM’s mission includes advancing the interests of women members of the legal profession. WLAM is working on reaching out to all courts in Michigan to request suitable accommodations for female lawyers who are breastfeeding.

Coincidentally, Washtenaw County Trial Court recently added a Mother’s Room where mothers using the court can nurse and pump. The room has a refrigerator, comfortable chair, and signage.

Zenell B. Brown, Executive Court Administrator pointed out that the Court Administration office at each location can provide nursing mothers access to the private area. “This week a prospective juror contacted my office inquiring about a room to express milk. Although the juror can ask for an adjournment, it is good to know that we do offer a private area with the appropriate amenities for nursing mothers.” The lactation rooms are just another step to ensuring access to the court.

The public may follow the Court on Facebook @3rdccorg and on Twitter @3rdccorg.

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The Mission of Third Judicial Circuit Court is to provide accessible and equal justice with timely dispute resolution. **The Third Judicial Circuit** has jurisdiction over Civil, Criminal, and Family matters arising in the County of Wayne. The National Center for State Courts has cited the Third Circuit Court as one of the model urban courts in the United States for case flow management and the timely disposition of the Court's docket. For more information, visit our website [www.3rdcc.org](http://www.3rdcc.org), follow us at Twitter@3rdccorg, and like us on Facebook @3rdccorg.