

**THIRD JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT COURT OF MICHIGAN**

2016 Annual Report



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Mediation Tribunal



Penobscot Building

2016 Administration

Robert J. Colombo, Jr., Chief Judge

Zenell B. Brown, Executive Court Administrator

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
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EXECUTIVE COURT ADMINISTRATOR

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April 10, 2017

Dear Judge Colombo:

Public service must be more than doing a job efficiently and honestly. It must be a complete dedication to the people. ~Margaret Chase Smith

For the fourth year in a row, the Third Circuit Court has earned satisfactory ratings from the public. Technology and human resources are our most significant assets and have brought us four years of improvement and success.

In 2016, the Court achieved its longstanding goal and retired its legacy case management system. The Court now has one unified Courtwide case management system which will make it easier for judges and staff to access needed case information. Also, the Criminal Division implemented eFiling. The implementation moves the Court closer to a paper on demand work environment and offers many conveniences to the public and attorneys. The Friend of the Court announced the launch of PayNearMe, a new payment option for parents to pay their child support with ease at any 7-Eleven or Family Dollar Stores. These technological advances have made court services more accessible to the public and created operational efficiencies.

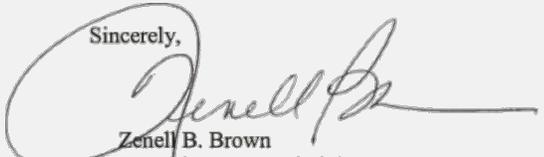
But nothing surpasses the dedication of our judges, staff, partners, and supporters.

As a member of the bench for 34 years, you know the tireless commitment required to serve as judge. Our judges are exemplary. On their Public Satisfaction Survey answers, parties indicated they understood what happened in their court cases and the public agreed our judges and referees treated everyone with courtesy and respect. We celebrated Presiding Judge Timothy Kenny's 20 years on the bench, and Judge Craig Strong heralds as our senior judge with 38 years on the bench. Additionally, our Specialty Courts, Specialty Programs, and Specialty Docket judges have ensured that we continue to have success with initiatives that create life changing and enduring changes with participants. And a special kudos to Judge Kathleen McCarthy for the completion of the Friend of the Court (FOC) move.

Our employees continue to excel. I am indebted to the Executive Court Administrative Team, The ECATS, who are always ready and willing to serve no matter the day or time they are needed. Because of them, we have celebrated so many wins this year. I appreciate the staff with perfect quarterly attendance and the Employees of the Month who go the extra mile. They deserve an extra hoorah! I appreciate Denise Fitzhugh

for her hard work on the FOC move over the December holiday break. Also I am grateful for the staff that quietly shows up and do their work. They too ensure that our Court operates effectively and efficiently. Quality public service takes the dedication of many people and we are fortunate they have chosen to share their talents with us.

On September 16, 2016, Detroit Council President, Brenda Jones, awarded the Spirit of Detroit Award to the Court in recognition of its dedication to improving the quality of life. That award captures and sums up who we are and what we do. 2016 has been a good a year for the Court and I thank our Judges, staff, partners, and supporters who helped make that possible.

Sincerely,

Zenell B. Brown
Executive Court Administrator



(From Left to Right) Karen Skillman; Jan Hiller; Chief Judge Robert J. Colombo, Jr.; Executive Court Administrator Zenell Brown; Jalona Colvard; and Jeannette Heacox



THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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CHIEF JUDGE

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Dear Judges, Court employees and staff, partners, and stakeholders:

The Third Judicial Circuit Court had a very productive 2016. The Court continued to find innovative methods to efficiently manage its dockets and serve the public.

The Family Division-Juvenile had many significant accomplishments and successes. The Odyssey Case Management System was implemented. A Juvenile Mental Health Court for delinquent youth was inaugurated at the beginning of the year. The Casey Family Foundation subcommittees established protocols, training programs, and collected data. This included (1) Psychotropic medication, including uses and questions to ask; (2) Adverse childhood experience study (ACES) for identifying and treating childhood traumatic experiences; (3) Parenting Time working towards increasing parenting time using outside sources like churches; (4) Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) developing best practices for juveniles or their parents who belong to an American Indian tribe; and (5) the Jet Data Committee to identify and track data that more expeditiously allows for family reunification. A new CASA Clothes Closet was opened. The Juvenile Division, along with the State of Michigan, passed the Federal Title IV-E audit. Commission on Accreditation on Rehabilitation Facilities approved a three-year accreditation for the Clinic for Child Study for mental health assessment, referral, and treatment of adults and children.

The Family Division-Domestic Relations and the Friend of the Court (FOC) moved into their new space in the Penobscot Building. Paper documents filed in the Domestic Relations Division are scanned and now the court file is electronically available to judges and court staff. A pilot project was implemented in the Division with Family Assessment Mediation and Education (FAME) on prejudgment cases to attempt to resolve the cases by facilitation with assistance from clinicians from FAME. Restructuring of the FOC has changed the responsibility of FAME clinicians from preparing evaluations to assisting in settlement resolution. A contract referee was added to the parenting time docket which reduced the backlog and brought it current. The FOC has a caseload of 266,000 and collected \$270 million in support.

In the Criminal Division eFiling was adopted. Processes were established for resentencing of juvenile lifers. Significant progress has been made on drafting a new Local Administrative Order that complies with the Michigan Indigent Defense Counsel legislation removing judges from the appointment system. This is an attempt to establish criteria for indigent representation that increases the quality of the attorneys providing those services. Significant work was also performed over the year in creating an electronic process for the appointment of appellate counsel and transferring the court file and transcripts to the prosecutor, appellate counsel, and the Court of Appeals.

Along the same lines, the Court has been working to put together a process that electronically transfers all transcripts from each division and the court files in the Criminal and Civil Divisions to the Court of Appeals.

The Civil Division implemented a pilot project to send all cases for a private facilitation that were case evaluated for \$25,000 or less at the Mediation Tribunal Association. An addendum to the scheduling order was adopted in no-fault cases to expedite the processing of those cases. eFiling was expanded to include asbestos cases. In addition, the Civil Division judges reinstated the Bench Bar Conference that had not been held for years to allow feedback from attorneys.

The Court began development of a strategic plan to identify its priorities, lay out future action to continuously improve the Court, and provide a blueprint for the Court's direction. For the first time, court employees were given the opportunity to provide input as to the future direction of the Court. A committee of judges and managers has used surveys, focus groups, external trends, court statistics, and public satisfaction surveys to develop the strategic plan.

A public satisfaction survey of the Court disclosed:

87% of court users said they were treated with courtesy and respect by court staff.

82% of court users said the way the judge or referee handled their case was fair.

84% of court users said they understood what happened in their case.

I express my sincere gratitude to the Judges, management team, court employees and staff, partners and stakeholders for all your hard work. From my perspective, 2016 was a year in which the employees and staff of this Court accomplished a great deal to make the Court function at a higher level and to improve services to court users. It has been my honor and pleasure to work with all of you and see the success you achieved in 2016.

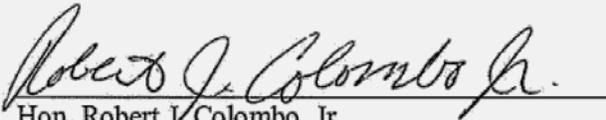
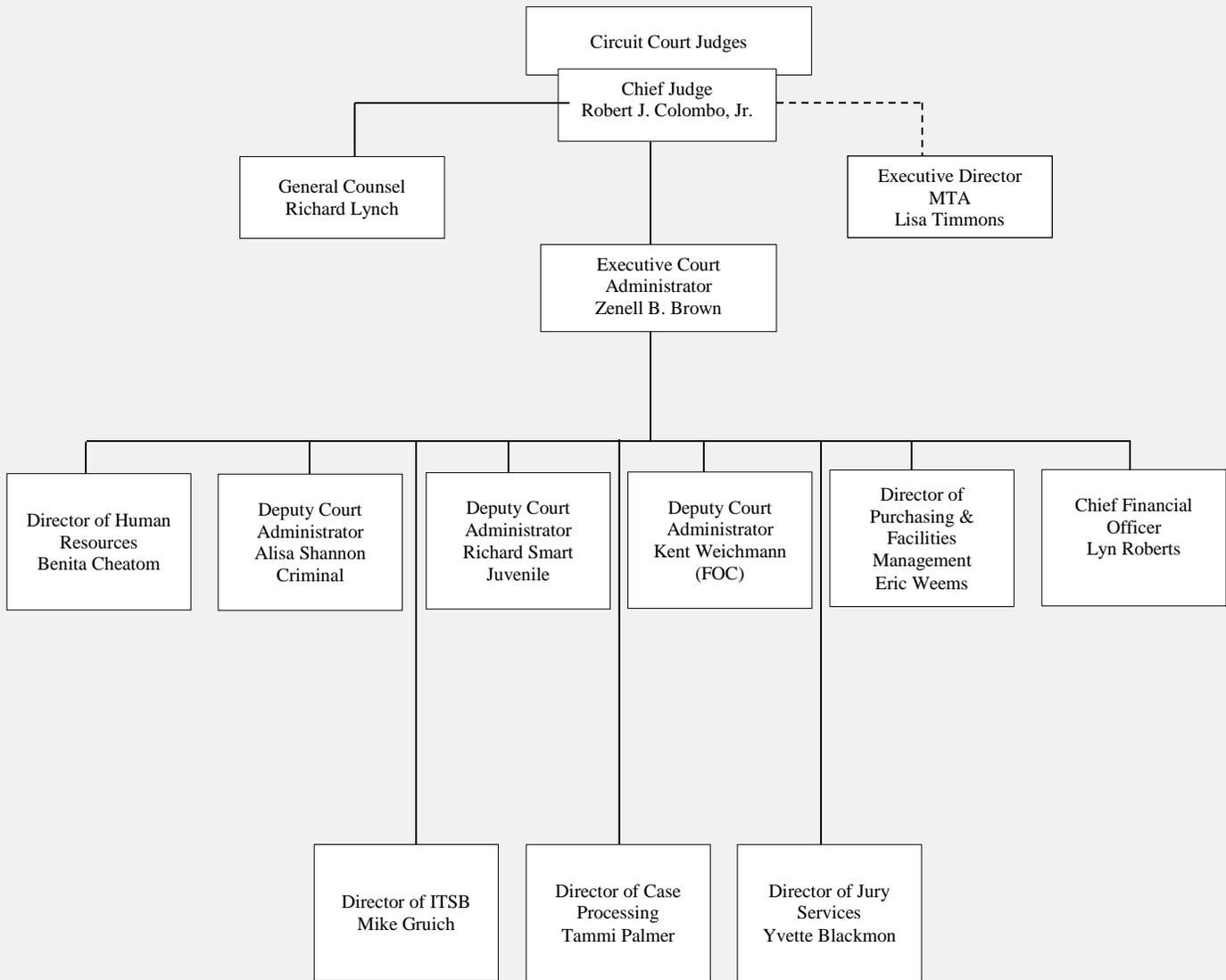

Hon. Robert J. Colombo, Jr.
Chief Judge, Third Judicial Circuit Court

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THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF MICHIGAN

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



(Back Row L-R) Lyn Roberts, Kent Weichmann, Rich Lynch, Toby Horner, Lisa Timmons, Eric Weems

(Front Row L-R) Richard Smart, Erin Lincoln, Jan Hiller, Cherece Hurley, Todd Kidwell, Chief Judge Robert J. Colombo, Jr., Zenell Brown, Mike Gruich, Tammi Palmer, Alisa Shannon, Tamela Aikens, Yvette Blackmon

(Not Pictured) Benita Cheatom

THIRD CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES

Robert J. Colombo, Jr., Chief Judge

CIVIL DIVISION

Patricia Perez Fresard, Presiding

David J. Allen
Annette J. Berry
Megan Maher Brennan
Daphne Means Curtis
Edward Ewell, Jr.

Sheila Ann Gibson
John H. Gillis, Jr.
Daniel A. Hathaway
Susan L. Hubbard
Muriel D. Hughes

Kathleen Macdonald
John A. Murphy
Lita M. Popke
Leslie Kim Smith
Brian R. Sullivan

CRIMINAL DIVISION

Timothy M. Kenny, Chief Judge Pro Tem and Presiding

Gregory Dean Bill
Ulysses W. Boykin
Margie R. Braxton
James A. Callahan
Thomas C. Cameron
James R. Chylinski
Kevin J. Cox
Paul J. Cusick

Vonda R. Evans
David A. Groner
Cynthia Gray Hathaway
Dana Margaret Hathaway
Michael Hathaway
Catherine L. Heise
Qiana Denise Lillard
Bruce U. Morrow

Richard M. Skutt
Mark T. Slavens
Craig S. Strong
Lawrence S. Talon
Deborah A. Thomas
Margaret M. Van Houten
Shannon N. Walker

FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Kathleen M. McCarthy, Presiding

Eric Cholack
Charlene M. Elder
Alexis A. Glendening
Richard B. Halloran

Adel A. Harb
Charles S. Hegarty
Connie Marie Kelley

Lisa M. Neilson
Lynne A. Pierce
Martha M. Snow

FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC – JUVENILE

Virgil C. Smith, Presiding

Karen Y. Braxton
Jerome C. Cavanagh

Christopher D. Dingell
Edward J. Joseph

Frank S. Szymanski

THIRD CIRCUIT COURT REFEREES

FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Stephanie Witucki, Senior Referee

Diane Biggar
David Calandro
Eric Gloudemans
Shannon Haneline
Rosanne Hostnik

Michelle Letourneau-McAvoy
Susan Owen
Christine Rodriguez
Lynn Ruhlman

Anita Scott-Meisel
Hulen Simpson
Edrick Thompson
Jessica Walker



FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC – JUVENILE

Charles W. Wilson, III, Chief Referee

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

Raeigen Evans
Leslie Graves
Viola King

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



JUDGES JOINING THE BENCH IN 2016

*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.*

The Third Circuit Court welcomed the following Judge to the Bench in 2016:



Hon. Paul J. Cusick

Judge Paul John Cusick was appointed to the Third Circuit Court by Governor Rick D. Snyder in October 2016 and is assigned to the Criminal Division. Judge Cusick is a 2004 graduate from the University of Notre Dame and received his Juris Doctor from Wayne State University Law School in 2007. He began his career as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney (APA) at the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office in 2007 and spent four years as an APA in the Trials, Juvenile and District Court Divisions. In 2011, he was appointed an Assistant Attorney General and worked in the Criminal Division. He handled homicide, criminal sexual conduct, welfare and election fraud, narcotics and racketeering cases, among others. He has received numerous awards including the Department of Attorney General's Office "Litigator of the Year" Award and the Professional Excellence Award from the Michigan State Police. Judge Cusick has been an active member in community and bar associations including serving on the Board of Directors for the Notre Dame Club of Detroit, the Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers and the Irish American Chamber of Commerce. He has also served as a member of the State Bar of Michigan's District Committee for Character and Fitness, as well as the Michigan Supreme Court's Committee on the Model Criminal Jury Instructions.

ELECTED NOVEMBER 2016



Hon. Melissa A. Cox
Family Division – Domestic



Hon. Wanda A. Evans
Criminal Division



Hon. Kelly A. Ramsey
Criminal Division



Hon. Thomas M.J. Hathaway
Criminal Division

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION TEAM JOINING THE COURT IN 2016



Yvette Blackmon – Jury Services Director

Yvette Blackmon brings a wealth of customer service, technology, and managerial expertise. Yvette most recently served as the Third Circuit Court's IT Call Center Manager. Prior to that assignment, Yvette was the manager of the Friend of the Court's Call Center for over 11 years. The FOC Call Center responded to over 20,000 citizens a month, providing child support establishment, and enforcement information. Yvette earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Marketing from Eastern Michigan University. She furthered her education at Central Michigan University where she earned a Master's degree in Human Resources Management.



Jan Hiller – Deputy Director of Purchasing and Facilities Management

Jan Hiller brings 20 years of court experience and has served in many capacities. While at Friend of the Court, Jan served as the FOC's liaison to the building management/owners and the security staff. Prior to joining the Third Circuit Court, Jan served as the Court Administrator for the 32B Municipal Court (Grosse Pointe). Most recently, she served as the Executive Assistant to the Court Administrator and assumed responsibilities for the evacuation and safety plans and training. During this time, she also assisted the Court's Director of Facilities with identifying and evaluating needed facility improvements for all Court locations and coordinating maintenance and repairs.



Lyn Roberts – Chief Financial Officer

Lyn has been working in the accounting profession and with municipalities for more than 22 years. She began her career in public accounting at KPMG LLP where she obtained experience to obtain her license as a certified public accountant. She worked in the Wayne County Employees' Retirement System for more than nine years, and then accepted the role of Director of Financial Reporting with the Wayne County Department of Management and Budget. After serving as the Deputy Chief Financial Officer for Wayne County, she transitioned to the City of Southfield as the Director of Fiscal Services. Lyn is a graduate of Grand Valley State University where she holds a bachelor's degree in accounting. She is also a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Michigan. She is a member of the Michigan Government Finance Officers Association and the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, and periodically facilitates training sessions.



Eric Weems – Director of Purchasing & Facilities Management

Eric brings a decade of procurement and facilities work experience in court settings. Eric most recently served as the Procurement Manager at 36th District Court. Eric is a familiar face to many as he previously was the Administrative Assistant in the Facilities Department and also worked as a Case Manager at the Third Circuit Court. Eric is a graduate of Marygrove College with a Major of Business Management and a Minor of Political Science. He completed the Professional Purchaser Certification through the American Purchasing Society.

COURT ADMINISTRATION



Lyn Roberts – Chief Financial Officer

Budget and Finance

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

Accounts Payable

The Accounts Payable Unit, which is responsible for establishing an accounts payable record and the timely payment to vendors, continues to work with the Criminal and Juvenile Divisions and IT Department to process attorney payments using an online system. During fiscal year 2015-2016, in addition to processing vendor and contractual payments, this unit processed payments for over 25,000 cases for both the Criminal and Juvenile Divisions of the Court. Implementing this online attorney payment process has been a significant technological improvement.

Court Collections

The Collections Unit, which is responsible for the collection of court-imposed costs, fines, and fees, is one of the top priorities of the Court. The Collections Unit in the Juvenile Division was established at the start of fiscal year 2014. During fiscal year 2016, \$76,764 was collected in court costs and attorney fees in the Juvenile Division. In addition, the unit serviced 5,143 walk-ins, sent 5,920 delinquency notices, and established 112 payment agreements. In February 2015, the Collections Unit devoted staff to the Criminal Division in order to increase collection efforts. During fiscal year 2016, \$3,241,958 was collected in court costs, attorney fees, and late fees in the Criminal Division.

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, and regulations. In fiscal year 2016, the Grants Unit met the financial responsibilities related to the funding of the Friend of the Court (FOC), the Clinic for Child Study, three Juvenile Division Child Care Fund Programs, two Juvenile Division Specialty Court Programs, four Criminal Division Specialty Court Programs, and several other grants. The total available funding managed by the Grants Unit for these programs exceeds \$32.6 million, with approximately \$22 million for the FOC and \$10.6 million for other grants.

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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. Case Processing prints and mails over 80,000 notices of court events to attorneys and parties and answers over 13,000 phone calls annually. Case Processing also performs many assigned counsel functions for the Family Division-Domestic Relations Section. Case Processing assists with caseflow management at Friend of the Court and provides weekly reports to assist with the timely processing of paternity cases.

Court Reporting Services

The Court Reporting Services Department is responsible for coordinating court reporting coverage for all divisions of the Court, as well as assigning appellate counsel and submitting 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 2016, video court reporting technology was added to nine courtrooms. This brought the total to 31 JAVS courtrooms. The JAVS technology reduces personnel costs and produces a video that is accessible to the public. New transcript production monitoring software, reports, and standards were also implemented. These newly developed checks and balances have increased the number of transcripts timely filed in the Court of Appeals.



Benita Cheatom – Director of Human Resources

Human Resources

The Office of Human Resources manages all personnel-related activities for the Court's approximately 700 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 132 vacancies through recruitment and promotional processes, conducted 10 desk audits, and updated 20 job descriptions. Collective bargaining agreements were reached with the Government Administrators Association (GAA) and the Judicial Attorneys Association. Additionally, wage negotiations with the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) were successfully completed.

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All Court administrators, managers, and supervisors have been provided training in Restorative Practices which promotes the use of informal and formal processes that proactively build relationships and a sense of community to prevent conflict and wrongdoing. To facilitate achievement of the Court's goal to function more effectively by fostering an improved work environment where productive discussions and better relationships are built with both colleagues and clients, Restorative Practices training will be provided to all Court employees. Additional future plans include: wage discussions with the AFSCME, GAA and JAA groups; a Supervisor's Academy training series; and in collaboration with the Michigan Judicial Institute, Creating a Civil Treatment Culture in the Workplace training has been arranged for all Court supervisory and management staff.



Mike Gruich – Director of Information Technology Systems Bureau

Information Technology Systems Bureau

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

Odyssey Case Management System Implementation

The Court has implemented the Odyssey case management system in all divisions (Adoptions, Guardianships, Criminal, Civil, Family Domestic, and Family Juvenile). In April 2016, the Court successfully implemented Odyssey in the Family Juvenile Division. The entire court now has the ability to use a single case management system – Odyssey.

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

Electronic Filing (eFiling) Implementation

In November 2011, the Court implemented eFiling for contract cases (CK) in the Civil Division. eFiling allows the submission and processing of court documents electronically. The electronically filed documents are then moved throughout the court system without the need for a paper case file. eFiling allows the Court to make significant progress towards a paperless environment.

In July of 2016, the Court implemented eFiling of asbestos cases; the entire Civil Division is now completely electronic. In December 2016, the Court successfully implemented eFiling in the Criminal Division. The court records are now available to court staff electronically, no more standing in line searching for a case file.

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eFiling Project Submissions

Total Submissions eFiling Project 2016	391,573
Total Submissions eFiling Project 2015	357,412
Total Submissions eFiling Project 2014	326,460
Total Submissions eFiling Project 2013	291,350
Total Submissions eFiling Project 2012	125,585
Total Submissions eFiling Project 2011	5,758
Cumulative Total Submissions eFiling Project	1,498,138

Electronic Vouchering

In 2016, the Court implemented an electronic vouchering system for the attorneys in the Juvenile and Criminal Divisions. The implementation of this new system allows attorneys to voucher using web-based access and remove the previous paper process, increasing efficiency within the court and allowing better tracking of payments.

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 on jury duty; and the cost effectiveness of the jury system. In 2016, there were 194,341 jury questionnaires/summons mailed and 1,095 jury panels requested.

In 2016, Third Circuit Court added five Grosse Pointe Municipal courts to summons and qualify jurors to serve in the Grosse Point Municipalities. Detroit Council President Brenda Jones awarded the Jury Services Department a Spirit of Detroit award for its effort to educate residents about their rights and responsibilities of jury duty and warn citizens, especially senior citizens, about recent jury duty scams.



Jury Services 2016 Statistics

Total Jurors Called to Appear for Service	62,388
Total Jurors Who Appeared	40,133
Total Jurors Who Failed to Appear	22,255

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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 FTE's, is responsible for the procurement of goods and services for all divisions of the Court located in four buildings. The department also oversees building services and renovations, organizes staff moves, processes metered mail and inter-office court mail, reports equipment repairs, and transports employees between the four court locations.

The goals accomplished in fiscal year 2016 include the installation of security camera systems in 29 courtrooms and 5 administrative offices, at three court locations. The department coordinated a large-scale replacement of worn/broken furniture throughout the four court locations, including reupholstering jury box chairs in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center (CAYMC). A closet organizational system was installed at the Juvenile location to store clothing donations for court-involved families in need.

Updates to paint and carpet were completed in nine courtrooms in the CAYMC. Removal of old blinds and installation of new solar shades was completed throughout the CAYMC location. A patio style awning was installed at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice location to protect the public from weather elements. Assessment and planning of all three Lincoln Hall of Justice buildings was completed.

In coordination with the State of Michigan Video Conferencing Project, the Department coordinated the installation of electrical for data power and wood-backing boards for 60" monitors required to equip video conferencing in 32 courtrooms so prisoners and mental health patients can participate in court hearings without the risks and costs involved in transporting them to court.

Looking forward, the Department is exploring automated systems to assist in the purchasing, asset inventory, and facility maintenance services it provides. Technology will provide better tracking of requests, as well as allow for better prioritization of tasks for limited staff resources.

COURT ADMINISTRATION

Japanese Judge Program



Supreme Court of Japan

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

The Japanese Judge will be in residence for two semesters at the Wayne State University Law School. The judge will study all the divisions of the Court by observing proceedings, trials, and the operations of Court departments including Jury Services, Case Processing, and the Mediation Tribunal Association. Additionally, the judge will network with staff from Pretrial Services, Intake, Drug Court, Probation, 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. Yuta Maeda

Judge Maeda finished his training with the Court in June 2016. Hon. Maeda is interested in the administration of judicial proceedings in Michigan (especially criminal jury trial and the civil case in which the judge needs expert knowledge to give a decision). He graduated from the Faculty of Law of the University of Tokyo, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Law in 2008 and graduated from the Graduate Schools for Law and Politics School of Law of the University of Tokyo, receiving the degree of Juris Doctor in 2010.

COURT ADMINISTRATION

Japanese Judge Program



Hon. Toshihiko Fujii

Judge Fujii began his training with the Court in September 2016. Hon. Fujii’s main interest and goals are to learn more about the American Juvenile Justice Case Proceeding within the court, as well as the processes concerning plea bargaining procedures, jury selection, and trials with the criminal justice cases. He graduated from the Faculty of Law of the University of Tokyo, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Law in 2006 and graduated from the Graduate School for Law and Politics (School of Law) of the University of Tokyo, receiving the degree of Juris Doctor in 2008. Judge Fujii takes part in a mixed chorus group called “Otomodachi.” “Oto” in Japanese means “sound” and “tomodachi” means “friend.” The group mainly consists of people of Japanese descent who live in and around Novi.

HISTORY OF THE JAPANESE JUDGES

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

JUDGES' LAW CLERKS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS



Civil Division



Criminal Division



Family Division – Domestic



Family Division – Juvenile

MEDIATION TRIBUNAL ASSOCIATION



Lisa Timmons – Director of Mediation Tribunal Association

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

The MTA maintains a roster of over 1,500 attorneys that serve as case evaluators under MCR 2.403. In 2016, there were 10,820 cases set for case evaluation. Those case types included general civil, employment, medical malpractice, commercial, and business court. Dispositions for 2016 are as follows:

Third Circuit Court Case Evaluation 2016 Caseload

Total Cases Set for Case Evaluation	10,820
Cases Settled Prior to Case Evaluation	629
Cases Settled After Case Evaluation	6
Cases Not Evaluated (Removed for Cause)	741
Cases Adjourned by the Court	2,724
Total Cases Evaluated	6,720

Third Circuit Court Case Evaluation 2016 Dispositions

Total Awards	13,249
Awards Accepted (15.22% of total)	2,378
Total Awards Rejected and Continuing to Disposition	10,871



OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL



Richard Lynch – General Counsel

The Office of the General Counsel serves as the official legal advisor to the Court. The Office staff consists of twelve attorneys, a librarian, two administrative assistants, and a Self-Help Navigator. It is divided into four divisions that are overseen by the General Counsel, who is assisted by an administrative assistant: Civil with four attorneys, Criminal with four attorneys and an administrative assistant, Family with two attorneys, and a labor and employment attorney.

The Office provides a variety of services to the Court. These include legal representation for the Court, its judges and staff or the coordination of the representation with outside counsel when claims are brought against them. It also provides a number of other legal services to members of the bench and department managers for the Court. The Office researches legal issues for the Court and either prepares formal proposed opinions, orders, and memoranda of law or provides informal briefings. It drafts or reviews proposed local court rules, local administrative orders, and docket directives. The Office prepares, negotiates, and reviews requests for proposals, contracts, and memoranda of understanding between the Court and vendors, outside agencies, and other governmental entities. It 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. The Office prepares analyses or provides summaries of newly released Michigan Supreme Court and published Court of Appeals opinions and the syllabi of U.S. Supreme Court decisions for the Court. It also maintains a legislative tracking service for noteworthy recent legislation. 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.

In 2016, the Office of General Counsel expanded the role of the library by incorporating the Self-Help Center under its umbrella. Lead Navigator Pam Copeland, who has worked with the program since its initiation under a grant from Michigan Legal Help, continues to guide the program. The Court secured a grant from the Mediation Tribunal Association to continue funding during the current year and looks to expand funding and operations in upcoming years.

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 assumed the Business Court case screening to ensure proper case assignment. Attorneys in the Office also continued to oversee the court officer program and assisted the Court in the enforcement of orders through various show cause programs and the review of subpoenas and FOIA requests directed to the Court. In addition, the Office continued its integral role in the Court's summer law school intern program. Attorneys for the Office hosted brownbag lunches exposing the interns to the confidentiality requirements of working in the Court and various areas of law handled by the Court's divisions. Finally, 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.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL

Summer Law Clerks

A long-standing tradition for the Third Judicial Circuit is the 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 2016, eighteen law students were placed with judges in the Family Division-Domestic Relations Section, Civil Division, and Criminal Division. The clerkships, which run from late May until mid-August, provide well-qualified law students an opportunity to enhance their academic studies by applying that knowledge to real world issues presented to the Court. Under the supervision of the assigned judge, each law student observes courtroom proceedings, performs legal research, and attends mandatory lunch and learn seminars designed to expose the summer law clerks to a wide sampling of the issues presented to a general jurisdiction trial court. Ideally, by shadowing a judge throughout the internship, each law clerk leaves the twelve-week program with a greater understanding of how the law works and better prepared to continue their legal education and to serve future clients.

CIVIL DIVISION



Hon. Patricia Fresard, Presiding Judge – Civil Division

The Civil Division is comprised of 17 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.

Throughout the years, the Civil Division has pioneered best practices to increase efficiency and productivity. In 2016, the Civil Division launched a mediation pilot. The pilot was developed to determine whether mediation resolves cases that evaluated for less than \$25,000 more efficiently and economically than the traditional trial docket. Two dockets were selected to participate in the pilot and if there is evidence of success, the pilot will expand in the upcoming year. Another significant accomplishment within the Civil Division was the commencement of eFiling for the Asbestos Docket. In a typical asbestos case, there can be 50 or more defendants. eFiling offers efficiencies to the bar and the assigned judges.

The Civil Division also includes the Business Court. Effective October 17, 2012, Public Act 333 required circuit courts with three or more judges to create a specialized Business Court docket. Business Courts provide a case management structure to ensure more timely, effective, and predictable resolution of complex business cases. Currently, Michigan has 17 Business Courts. The Business Court docket began in the Wayne County Circuit Court on July 1, 2013. Judge Edward Ewell, Judge Lita M. Popke, and Judge Brian Sullivan are the current Supreme Court appointees who preside over the Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan's Business Court. In 2016, there were 630 Business Court cases filed and 17,860 overall new case filings in the Civil Division.

Judge Maria L. Oxholm served on the Third Circuit Court for 14 years and from September 2013 to August 18, 2016 was the Presiding Judge of the Civil Division. She now serves as a Judge on the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. Judge Patricia Perez Fresard who was elected in to the Court in 1999 has accepted the Chief Judge's appointment to serve as the Presiding Judge of the Civil Division.

CIVIL DIVISION

Robert J. Colombo, Jr., Chief Judge

Patricia Perez Fresard, Presiding

David J. Allen

Annette J. Berry

Megan Maher Brennan

Daphne Means Curtis

Edward Ewell, Jr.

Sheila Ann Gibson

John H. Gillis, Jr.

Daniel A. Hathaway

Susan L. Hubbard

Muriel D. Hughes

Kathleen Macdonald

John A. Murphy

Lita M. Popke

Leslie Kim Smith

Brian R. Sullivan

CIVIL DIVISION

Civil and Tort Case 2016 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	2,904	9,817	1,929	111	80	58	30	14,929
New Filings	5,234	9,775	1,606	465	217	358	205	17,860
Reopened Cases	279	699	105	13	18	17	1	1,132
Total Caseload	8,417	20,291	3,640	589	315	433	236	33,921
Dispositions Resulting From:								
Jury Verdicts	4	38	23	0	0	0	0	65
Bench Verdicts	14	11	3	0	0	0	0	28
Orders Entered	0	0	0	0	49	148	42	239
Defaults, Uncontested, Settled	3,533	5,301	746	95	0	0	0	9,675
Transferred	156	187	78	1	11	16	0	449
Dismissed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissed by Party	1,542	3,603	893	372	0	0	0	6,410
Dismissed by Court	508	574	65	22	182	191	172	1,714
Inactive Status	37	61	32	1	3	5	0	139
Other Dispositions	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
Case Type Change	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Dispositions	5,795	9,775	1,840	492	245	360	214	18,721
Pending Cases as of Dec. 31st	2,622	10,516	1,800	97	70	73	22	15,200

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

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

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

CRIMINAL DIVISION



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

The Criminal Division is comprised of 24 Circuit Court Judges, including the Chief Judge Pro Tem, and has sole jurisdiction over all felony and high misdemeanor offenses committed in Wayne County. This Division also serves as the appellate court for criminal appeals filed from every district court in the county. The Criminal Division’s mission is to administer criminal justice in a fair, professional, and efficient manner. The Division manages various ancillary services and departments throughout the Court, including Pretrial Services, Trial Court Services (formerly Assigned Counsel Services), Mental Health Court, Veterans Treatment Court, Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program, and Adult Drug Treatment Court. In 2016, there were 11,247 new case filings in the Criminal Division.

CRIMINAL DIVISION

Timothy M. Kenny, Chief Judge Pro Tem and Presiding

Gregory Dean Bill
 Ulysses W. Boykin
 Margie R. Braxton
 James A. Callahan
 Thomas C. Cameron
 James R. Chylinski
 Kevin J. Cox
 Paul J. Cusick

Vonda R. Evans
 David A. Groner
 Cynthia Gray Hathaway
 Dana Margaret Hathaway
 Michael Hathaway
 Catherine L. Heise
 Qiana Denise Lillard
 Bruce U. Morrow

Richard M. Skutt
 Mark T. Slavens
 Craig S. Strong
 Lawrence S. Talon
 Deborah A. Thomas
 Margaret M. Van Houten
 Shannon N. Walker

Criminal 2016 Statistics

	Capital	Non-Capital	Felony Juvenile	Criminal Appeals	Total
Pending Cases as of Jan. 1st	376	1,374	8	17	1,775
New Filings	1,110	10,056	34	47	11,247
Reopened Cases	145	1,102	4	0	1,251
Total Caseload	1,631	12,532	46	64	14,273
Dispositions Resulting From:					
Jury Verdicts	233	183	5	0	421
Bench Verdicts	51	199	3	0	253
Orders Entered	0	0	0	46	46
Guilty Pleas	662	8,259	21	0	8,942
Transferred	2	338	0	0	340
Dismissed	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissed by Party	4	26	0	0	30
Dismissed by Court	131	1,104	4	7	1,246
Inactive Status	128	840	1	0	969

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Criminal 2016 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	1,211	10,949	34	53	12,247
Pending Cases as of Dec. 31st	420	1,583	12	11	2,026



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. 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 (formerly Assigned Counsel Services)

The Office of Trial Court Services (TCS) is responsible for coordinating the assignment of counsel in criminal matters for indigent defendants pursuant to the Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution and *Gideon v. Wainwright*. Trial Court Services coordinates the assignment of counsel in criminal cases for the various district courts in the county. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Michigan State Police (MSP) mandate that all Failure to Appear (FTA) and Violation of Probation (VOP) warrants are validated by a second party. It is the responsibility of the Office of Trial Court Services to ensure the accuracy of all warrants within forty-eight (48) hours of entry (excludes holidays and weekends).

Specialty Court Services

The Office of Specialty Court Services oversees the following operations in the Criminal Division:

- **Adult Drug Treatment Court and Urban Drug Court Initiative (ADTC/UDCI)**
- **Mental Health Court (MHC)**
- **Veterans Treatment Court (VTC)**
- **Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program (SSSPP)**

Throughout the year, the Office of Specialty Court Services partnered with various organizations and events:

- **Michigan State University-Detroit – Veterans ADA Seminar**
- **Michigan State University-Detroit – Healthy Living Classes**
- **Central City Integrated Health – 5K Walk/Run**
- **Networking, Organizing, and Advocating for the Homeless (NOAH) Project-Central United Methodist Church**
- **Annual Community Health Fair at Eastern Market**
- **City of Detroit/Senior Day**
- **Department of Veterans Affairs Mental Health Summit – John Dingell VA Medical Center**
- **Northeast Guidance Center/Day of Restoration Outreach**

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Adult Drug Treatment Court and Urban Drug Court Initiative

The Adult Drug Treatment Court and the Urban Drug Court Initiative (ADTC/UDCI) are two drug treatment court programs with very similar treatment components. They both provide a sentencing alternative to non-violent prison-bound felony offenders whose criminal justice involvement stem from alcohol and/or drug abuse. Court staff and community service providers work together to break the cycle of addiction and crime. Successful program completion may result in the dismissal of the original charge, a reduced sentence, no jail or prison time, or a combination of the above.

Adult Drug Treatment Court and Court Urban Drug Court Initiative

	ADTC	UDCI
Participants from previous year	36	29
New Participants Accepted	11	18
Discharged Participants	9	12
2016 Graduated Participants	16	4
Active Participants 2016	22	31

Mental Health Court

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

Mental Health Court

	MHC
Participants from previous year	52
New Participants Accepted	23
Discharged Participants	31
2016 Graduated Participants	12
Active Participants 2016	32

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Veterans Treatment Court

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

Veterans Treatment Court

	VTC
Participants from previous year	19
New Participants Accepted	24
Discharged Participants	3
2016 Graduated Participants	7
Active Participants 2016	33

Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program

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	30
New Participants Accepted	8
Discharged Participants	14
2016 Graduated Participants	6
Active Participants 2016	18

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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 2016 Statistics

BONDS	
Written Bond Recommendations	1,713
Oral Bond Recommendations	7,199
Total Bond Recommendations	8,192
SUPERVISION (Yearly Averages)	
Total Defendants Monitored	1,158
Cumulative Total of Defendants Monitored	3,829
Compliance Rate	91.5%
Failure to Appear Rate	8.5%
SENTENCING GUIDELINES	
Sentencing Guidelines Processed	9,301
Percentage of Cases Guidelined	88%
LEIN QUERIES	37,595

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 2016. 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 2016, there were 22,839 new case filings in the Family Division – Domestic Relations Section.

FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Kathleen M. McCarthy, Presiding

Eric Cholack
Charlene M. Elder
Alexis A. Glendening
Richard B. Halloran

Adel A. Harb
Charles S. Hegarty
Connie Marie Kelley

Lisa M. Neilson
Lynne A. Pierce
Martha M. Snow

FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS REFEREES

Stephanie Witucki, Senior Referee

Diane Biggar
David Calandro
Eric Gloudemans
Shannon Haneline
Rosanne Hostnik

Michelle Letourneau-McAvoy
Susan Owen
Christine Rodriguez
Lynn Ruhlman

Anita Scott-Meisel
Hulen Simpson
Edrick Thompson
Jessica Walker

Domestic Relations 2016 Statistics

	Divorce w/Child	Divorce No Child	Paternity	UIFSA*	Support	Other Domestic**	Total
Pending Cases as of Jan. 1st	1,392	1,158	4,673	115	2,211	159	9,708
New Filings	2,837	3,295	8,479	299	7,424	505	22,839
Reopened Cases	135	101	53	2	54	18	363
Total Caseload	4,364	4,554	13,205	416	9,689	682	32,910
Dispositions Resulting From:							
Bench Verdicts	92	62	1	0	0	4	159
Defaults, Uncontested, Settled	2,119	2,528	4,707	74	3,659	279	13,366
Transferred	3	2	0	0	0	1	6
Dismissed by Party	420	570	1,644	171	572	152	3,529
Dismissed by Court	390	285	3,367	20	2,616	30	6,708

FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Domestic Relations 2016 Statistics (Cont'd)

	Divorce w/Child	Divorce No Child	Paternity	UIFSA*	Support	Other Domestic**	Total
Inactive Status	13	5	2	0	0	0	20
Case Type Change	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Dispositions	3,037	3,452	9,721	265	6,847	466	23,788
Pending Cases as of Dec. 31st	1,327	1,102	3,484	151	2,842	216	9,122

*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



Michael Kwarcinski

Michael Kwarcinski 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, meant to serve the civil personal protection order needs of domestic abuse, violence, and stalking victims. In 2016, the PPO docket processed 7,913 new cases.

Personal Protection Order (PPO) 2016 Statistics

	Domestic Relations	Non-Domestic Relations	Juvenile	Total
Pending Cases as of Jan. 1st	26	9	0	35
New Filings	5,359	2,466	88	7,913
Reopened Cases	3	0	0	3
Total Caseload	5,388	2,475	88	7,951
Dispositions Resulting From:				
Orders Issued Ex Parte	3,945	1,148	32	5,125
Orders Issued after Hearing	9	2	0	11
Transferred	0	0	0	0
Dismissed: Denied Ex Parte	1,331	1,266	54	2,651
Dismissed: Denied after Hearing	13	7	0	20
Dismissed by Party	79	45	2	126
Orders Issued after Denial	1	2	0	3
Case Type Change	0	0	0	0
Total Dispositions	5,378	2,470	88	7,936
Pending Cases as of Dec. 31st	10	5	0	15

FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS

Solution Oriented Domestic Violence Prevention Court (SODVPC)

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

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



Kent Weichmann – 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 260,000 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.

In 2016 the Friend of the Court moved into newly constructed office space within the Penobscot Building designed to better serve the public and meet the needs of staff. The new Customer Service Department and Genetic Testing Unit is located on the Fort Street level. Dedicated elevator cars offer access to hearing rooms, the Case Establishment Unit, and the Family Assessment, Mediation, and Education Department, as well as the Michigan Self-Help Legal Center located on the tenth and eleventh floors.

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 10,000 hearings were scheduled to ensure child support compliance. In 2016, the Friend of the Court partnered

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with external agencies and organizations offering services for bench warrant resolution and arrearage discharge, giving many an opportunity to make good faith payments and avoid arrest.



For a virtual tour of the new FOC office space, please use the QR code to watch the video.

FOC Fiscal Year 2016 Statistics

Caseload-Open FOC Dockets	266,243
Medical Support Notices Issued	76,421
Custody and Child Support Reports and Recommendations	16,208
Hearing Held by Referees	27,591
Child Support Show Cause Hearings	11,758
Bench Warrant Issued	5,477
Bench Warrant Arrests	3,348
Custody and Parenting Time Enforcement Requests Processed	4,790
Amount of Child Support Collected for the Year	\$270,945,434

FOC Child Support Outreach

Community Partners	Number of Participants
Salvation Army William Booth Legal Aid Clinic	1,111
Focus Hope	72
United Auto Workers Vote Center	116
Wayne County Legal Resource Consortium	200
Resource Network	83
ACCESS	73
Detroit Public Library Every Day Legal Issues (April & Oct. 2016)	270
Total	1,925

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. 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, 496 cases were mediated resulting in 306 agreements placed on the record. The In-Court Mediation Project (ICMP) received 275 referrals, 173 matters were meditated and 81 of the mediations reached agreements.

FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC RELATIONS

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 914 parents served in 2016. Additionally, FAME has approved two online four hour parent education programs: Children in Between and Online Parenting Programs.com. The Co-Parenting, Communication, and Coaching (3C) Program is a more intensive eight hour live parent education program. In 2016, 357 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 2016, Growth Works, Inc. served 108 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. Virgil C. Smith, Presiding Judge – Family Division-Juvenile

The Family Division – Juvenile is comprised of five Circuit Court Judges and one Probate Judge. Twelve Referees assist the judges by conducting hearings and preparing written recommendations and findings of fact, as well as conducting informal hearings, which include traffic and ordinance violations, school truancy, and consent matters. The Court also services parents with their children that may be incorrigible by filing incorrigibility petitions. There were 3,834 new case filings in the Family Division – Juvenile in 2016. The judges and referees of the Juvenile Division continue 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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Christopher D. Dingell
Edward J. Joseph

Frank S. Szymanski

FAMILY DIVISION – DOMESTIC – JUVENILE

Charles W. Wilson, III, Chief Referee

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

Raeigen Evans
Leslie Graves
Viola King

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

Juvenile 2016 Statistics

	Designated*	Delinquency	Traffic	Child Protective	Total
Pending Cases as of Jan. 1st	2	292	11	157	462
New Filings	24	2,459	417	934	3,834
Reopened Cases	0	109	35	0	144
Total Caseload	26	2,860	463	1,091	4,440
Dispositions Resulting From:					
Jury Verdicts	0	0	0	2	2
Bench Verdicts	0	77	35	388	500
Guilty Pleas/Admissions	12	928	103	196	1,239
Prosecutor Waiver	0	3	0	0	3
Traditional Waiver	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissed Incompetent	0	0	0	0	0
Dismissed by Party	0	3	0	0	3
Dismissed by Court	5	486	98	0	589
Dismissed/Withdrawn	0	0	0	93	93
Consent Calendar	0	0	0	0	0
Transferred	0	30	0	29	59

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Juvenile 2016 Statistics (Cont'd)

	Designated*	Delinquency	Traffic	Child Protective	Total
Diversion/Not Authorized	0	554	4	33	591
Designation Granted	0	0	0	0	0
Inactive Status	0	157	121	0	278
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	17	2,238	361	741	3,357
Pending Cases as of Dec. 31st	9	622	102	350	1,083

*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 507 new filings in 2016. 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, 69 voluntary releases of Parental Rights and 215 requests for release of post-adoption information were processed.

Adoptions 2016 Statistics

2016 Filings	606
Voluntary Release of Parental Rights	69
Requests for Release of Post-Adoption Information	215
Pending Adoption Petitions as of January 1, 2016	99
New Filings	507
Reopened Cases	0
Total Caseload	606
Adoptions Finalized	430
Adoption Petitions Withdrawn	2
Adoption Petitions Dismissed	20

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Adoptions 2016 Statistics (Cont'd)

Adoption Petitions Transferred	0
Total Dispositions	452
Pending Adoption Petitions as of December 31 st	154

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	2,354
Orders of Appointment/Updated Petitions	982
Request for Emergency House Counsel Assignments	1,698
Notice of Removal of Assigned Counsel	431
Appearances	160
Attorney Payment Inquiries	1,157

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. Eleven new volunteer staff were trained and sworn in in 2016. The total number of children served by CASA volunteers was 148. In addition, the CASA program supervises a donation-driven clothing closet for Wayne County Friends of CASA, which has benefited hundreds of disadvantaged families. Donations made are through the Friends of CASA and are tax deductible. Approximately over 300 families and children combined have been served by the clothes closet.

CASA Program 2016 Statistics

	Number of Cases	Number of children involved
New Cases Assigned	49	148
Cases Closed	12	32

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CASA Volunteers sworn in in 2016:

Marion Bender
 Terencia Benjamin
 Lereatha Burrell
 Mary Drouillard

LaJoyce Eberhardt-Shillingford
 Dr. Terry Gordon
 Tiffani Howell

Demetra Hyter
 Nina Prashad
 Elizabeth Reinhardt
 Jessica Shepard



Spring - CASA Swearing In



Fall – CASA Swearing In

Juvenile Status (formerly Intake)

The Juvenile Status Unit (formerly Intake 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’s incorrigible behavior.

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

The Unit had the pleasure of participating in the Management Assistance Program (MAP) conducted by the State Court Administrative Office. As a result of this project, the Unit name was changed to “The Juvenile Status Unit.” Other new innovations are being implemented.

Intake 2016 Statistics

Interviews on Admittance Into Juvenile Detention Facility	1,598
Family Interviews	900
Probation (Consent, Diversion, Incorrigible)	53
Designated Cases	23
Out County/Plea Under Advisement/Truancy	20
Petitions Filed	66



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Juvenile Drug Court

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

Participants in the S.T.A.N.D. Program are provided access to a continuum of alcohol and drug-related treatment services. The program also provides many other services such as family therapy, a parent group, tutoring, and mental health services. While the program uses various sanctions for failure to comply with the terms of a juvenile's treatment plan, the Court focuses on incentives as rewards for the progress that a juvenile has made. Additionally, the program promotes participation in the pro-social activity 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 juvenile's progress. In some circumstances, if the juvenile successfully completes the program, the original charge will be dismissed, allowing the juvenile 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.

Juvenile Drug Court Statistics

2016 Program Participants

Returning Participants	50
New Admissions	53
Total Participants in Program for the Year	103

2016 Outcomes

Total Participants	103
Removed Participants	41
Graduating	15
Active Participants at the end of 2016	47

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Juvenile Services

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.

Presently, TIP has all schools in the Detroit Public School Community District participating, as well as Garden City Public Schools, Brownstown, and Romulus Middle Schools. Additionally, we have provided attendance information dissemination to assist schools throughout the county. During the present school year 2016-17, over 100 students have been referred to the program and over 100 TIP hearings have been heard. TIP is looking forward to eliminating school truancy and providing support services throughout Wayne County.

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 County Community Mental Health Agency (D-WCCMHA) by providing mental health services to a population that is traditionally underserved: juveniles 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 Clinic renewed its three-year accreditation in 2016. The following Clinic programs are accredited under the mental health umbrella of Commission on Accreditation on Rehabilitation Facilities (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.

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The Clinic for Child Study

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. 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).

2016 Referrals/Consumers Served

Family Assessments for Protective Hearings	301
Adolescent Assessments for Delinquency Disposition /Probation Planning	690
Adolescent Competency and Criminal Responsibility Assessments	56
Adolescent Competency Assessments	14
Adolescent Criminal Responsibility Assessments	6
Adolescent Assessments for S.T.A.N.D.	52
Case Management (Intensive Probation)	476
Case Management (Diversion)	46
Clinic Treatment Unit	332
Home-Based Unit	83
Ongoing Psychiatric Services	167

2016 Outcomes

Satisfaction Surveys (393 surveys completed-average satisfaction across all questions)	93.71%
Case Management (Intensive Probation) Successful Closures	191/244 78%
No Felony Arrests/Convictions 3-Years Post Successful Termination from IPU (2013 Closures) Reported data is primarily arrests as conviction data is not always entered into ICHAT	257/288 89%
No Felony Arrests/Convictions 1-Year Post Successful Termination from IPU (2015 Closures) Reported data is primarily arrests as conviction data is not always entered into ICHAT.	187/205 91%
No Recidivism of any nature 1-Year Post Successful Completion of Sex Offender Group (2015 Completion)	16/16 100%
No Recidivism of any nature 3-Year Post Successful Completion of Sex Offender Group (2013 Completion)	20/20 100%
Case Management (Diversion) Successful Closures (when services received)	10/10 100%
Home-Based Successful Closures	10/18 56%
Treatment Successful Closures (when treatment completed)	140/170 82%

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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.

The JMHC had 19 participants in 2016. Three juveniles were terminated out of the program, leaving 16 receiving services at the end of 2016.



Judge Edward Joseph and JMHC Program Coordinator Deborah Nelson volunteered for a day at Detroit Horse Power. Detroit Horse Power is run by David Silver. He provides weeklong summer camps for Detroit children, where they learn to ride and care for horses. There is a strong classroom component, and the students receive art instruction and visiting speakers like veterinarians and farriers talk about the care of horses. This is an awesome program, and one that Judge Joseph and Deborah hope to have JMHC kids participate in soon.

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Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous Family 2016 Statistics

	Other Family*	Ancillary**	Total
Pending Cases as of Jan. 1st	109	0	109
New Filings	739	0	739
Reopened Cases	0	0	0
Total Caseload	848	0	848
Dispositions Resulting From:			
Orders Issued Ex Parte	48	0	48
Orders Issued after Hearing	549	0	549
Petition Granted	0	0	0
Transferred	0	0	0
Dismissed: Denied Ex Parte	0	0	0
Dismissed: Denied after Hearing	28	0	28
Petition Denied	0	0	0
Dismissed by Party	104	0	104
Petition Withdrawn/Dismissed	0	0	0
Deferred	0	0	0
Case Type Change	0	0	0
Total Dispositions	729	0	729
Pending Cases as of Dec. 31st	119	0	119

*Miscellaneous 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. Chief Judge Colombo, with the help of Judge William Giovan and Judge John O'Hara, was able to put together the rendition of the historical highlights of the Court and locate some lost portraits. 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

HISTORY OF THE BENCH – CHIEF JUDGES



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 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 – Present - Hon. Robert J. Colombo, Jr.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016



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Law Day with Judge Colombo



Law Day – Auditorium



CASA – Backpack Challenge



Clinic for Child Study - Back 2 School Rally



CAYMC Ice Cream Social



FOC Ice Cream Social



Referee Witucki – Volunteered Flint at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan



FOC Outreach



Friend of the Court Bring Your Child to Work Day



Juvenile Bring Your Child to Work Day

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016



Mass Swearing In – Spring



State of the Court Address



S.A.F.E. Event – “What to do When Stopped by the Police”



The Clothes Closet Reopening



The Clothes Closet - LHJ



Veterans Court 3rd Annual Commencement – Judge James A. Callahan



S.T.A.N.D. Graduation



Michigan State



Central Michigan



Resource Event w/ Jonathan Edison

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016

Grants Awarded in 2016

FY 2017 Michigan Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program Grant Award - \$65,000
Awarded by the State Court Administrative Office

FY 2017 Michigan Veterans Treatment Court Grant Program Award - \$60,000
Awarded by the State Court Administrative Office

FY 2017 Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program Award – Juvenile Mental Health Court - \$185,000
Awarded by the State Court Administrative Office

FY 2017 Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program Award – Adult Mental Health Court - \$423,900
Awarded by the State Court Administrative Office

FY 2017 Urban Drug Court Initiative Grant Program Award – Hybrid DWI/Drug Court - \$200,000
Awarded by the State Court Administrative Office

FY 2017 Michigan Drug Court Grant Program Award – Juvenile Drug Court - \$30,000
Awarded by the State Court Administrative Office

FY 2017 Michigan Drug Court Grant Program Award – Hybrid DWI/Drug Court - \$145,000
Awarded by the State Court Administrative Office

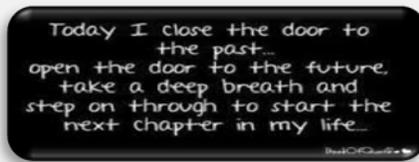


Our Community Partners Include:

Abundant Children & Family Services
Arab Community Ctr. for Economics & Social Services (ACCESS)
Children and Family Services (C.A.F.S.)
Children's Trust Fund of MI
Circle of Parents (NHMBC)
Detroit Parent Network
Detroit Public Library
Disability Network
80 Strong Community Outreach
Fifth Third Bank
Focus Hope
Jehovah Jireh Deliverance
Jewish Vocational Services
Legal Aid Defenders Association
Looking For My Sister
Mariner's Inn Shelter & Treatment
Matrix Human Services
Michigan State University
Michigan Veterans Foundation
Neighborhood Service Organization

SCAO Region 1
St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center
Stakeholder Partnerships, Education & Communications (SPEC)
The Children's Center
The Guidance Center – Southgate
The Salvation Army's William Booth Legal Aid Clinic
UAW Vote Center
U of D Mercy School of Law
U.S. Probation Officer Workforce
Development/Community
Wayne County Head Start
Wayne County Legal Resource Consortium
Wayne County Probate Court
Wayne Mediation Center
Wayne State University Law School
Wayne-Westland Head Start
Wayne County Community College District
Western Wayne County YWCA
Young Fathers Standing United

THIRD CIRCUIT COURT RETIREMENTS



Jacquelyn Ace, 17 years – Clerk IV, Juvenile



Margaret P. Bamonte, 18 years – Official Court Reporter – Administration



Hon. Margie R. Braxton, 23 years – Judge – Criminal



Hon. James A. Callahan, 12 years – Judge – Criminal



Kathryn Desmet, 31 years – Domestic Relations Supervisor – Family Domestic



Lavonia Dixon, 3 years – Judicial Secretary – Criminal



Kim L. Faison, 24 years – Probation Officer – Family Juvenile



Bernetta D. Farr, 24 years – Domestic Relations Specialist – Family Domestic



Hon. Michael Hathaway, 15 years – Judge – Criminal



Marian Kay Henry, 28 years – Clinical Assessment Specialist – Family Juvenile



Walter Jaczkowski, 27 years – Deputy Chief Financial Officer – Administration



Rosanne Josephs, 31 years – Judicial Staff Coordinator – Criminal

THIRD CIRCUIT COURT RETIREMENTS



Vikki Kapanowski, 28 years – Coordinator of Juvenile Services – Family Juvenile



Mary C. Kedzior, 26 years – Senior Staff Attorney – Family Domestic



Violet D. Leonard, 32 years – Chief Financial Officer – Administration



Hon. Kathleen Macdonald, 29 years – Judge – Civil



Hon. Maria L. Oxholm, 14 years – Judge - Civil



Denise V. Pike, 24 years – Typist II – Family Domestic



Theresa Plotzke, 31 years – Director of Purchasing & Facilities Management – Administration



Deborah Powell, 38 years – Senior Manager-Human Resources – Administration



Alice M. Raby, 27 years – Probation Officer – Family Juvenile



Debra H. Schear, 29 years – Administrative Assistant I – Administration



Gloria J. Smith, 29 years – Certified Electronic Recorder – Administration



Sonja B. Steis, 24 years – Applications Services Manager – Administration



Mary Kay Wimsatt, 11 years – Director of Jury Services – Administration

EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016

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

Kristian Anthony – A Court clerical worker in the Information Services Department received her Associate Degree in Business Information Technology from Schoolcraft College.

Kara Baxter – A contractor with our Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) program earned her Juris Doctorate in Law from Wayne State University.

Hon. Ulysses W. Boykin – He received the Champion of Justice Award by the State Bar of Michigan for his integrity and adherence to the highest principles and traditions of the legal profession, superior professional competence, and an extraordinary professional accomplishment that benefits the nation, the state, or the local community in which he lives.

Hon. James A. Callahan – He was named one of the Top Circuit Court Judges in Metro Detroit by D-Business Magazine.

Hon. Thomas Cameron – He was appointed by Governor Snyder to the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board.

Hon. Robert J. Colombo, Jr. – He was named one of the Top Circuit Court Judges in Metro Detroit by D-Business Magazine. He received the Guardian of Justice Award from the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee Michigan Office (ADC-Michigan) for his distinguished public service and commitment to civil rights.

Christina DiMichele – A Judicial Assistant for Judge Lisa M. Neilson received her Juris Doctorate from the University of Detroit Mercy - School of Law.

Sierra Dunklin – She received certification in Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.

Jillian Fitzgerald – She received the Purple Rose Award from ACCESS Domestic Violence Awareness and Treatment Program for starting an outreach program the second Friday of the month in Dearborn. The program has successfully assisted ACCESS clients and the general public in addressing their FOC issues.

Thomas Fuentes – He served on the Wayne County Head Start Policy Committee.

Alyce Haas – She received the Purple Rose Award from ACCESS Domestic Violence Awareness and Treatment Program for starting an outreach program the second Friday of the month in Dearborn. The program has successfully assisted ACCESS clients and the general public in addressing their FOC issues.

Jeannette Heacox – She ran the 5K in the Wyan Knot Run the Dotte Run and also ran the Detroit Free Press International Half-Marathon.

Hon. Catherine Heise – She was published last year in the July 2016 edition of the Journal of Insurance and Indemnity Law. Her article “Insurer’s Right to Restitution under the Crime Victim’s Rights Act” may be viewed by using the QR code.



EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016

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

Leslie Graves – She was the recipient of the Kristy Lynn Berkelbaugh Child Advocate Award for her commitment to improving the lives of children by advocating for children’s safety, health, and well-being and working together with child-placing agencies and the State of Michigan to ensure the protection and placement of children in a loving and safe home.

Jan Hiller – She is the Treasurer for the Wayne County Council for the Arts, History and Humanities.

Hon. Timothy M. Kenny – He was inducted to the Livonia City Hall of Fame on October 6, 2016 at the Historic Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church for not only serving as a model for judges but also for fulfilling his duty to citizens to provide clarity to our laws and consistency in their application.

Erin Lincoln – She was honored by the Detroit Bar Association at the 29th Annual Summer Breeze and Law Clerk Party for her outstanding accomplishments in community outreach events throughout Wayne County and was presented with the Community Impact Award.

Rich Lynch – He received the Ed Pokorny Pioneer of Justice Award. This is an award from the Metropolitan Justice Center of Southeast Michigan, formerly the Legal Aid and Defender Association.

Kathryn Mayer – She was honored with the Prosecuting Attorney Supervisor Award. This award is given to an attorney who works in the Prosecutor’s Office, establishing child support and paternity cases, and who is credited with performing exemplary service within the Michigan Child Support Program.

Hon. Kathleen McCarthy – She received a 15 year ribbon from the State Bar of Michigan for her devotion to the area of family law.

Anjela Moore – She served on the Wayne County Head Start Policy Committee.

Hon. Maria L. Oxholm – She was named one of the Top Circuit Court Judges in Metro Detroit by D-Business Magazine.

Hon. Lita M. Popke – She was named one of the Top Circuit Court Judges in Metro Detroit by D-Business Magazine.

Marie Quaker – She was awarded the John S. Goldkamp Memorial Scholarship from the Pretrial Justice Institute. This scholarship provided Ms. Quaker with an all-expense paid trip to the annual NAPSA conference which was held in Utah. The scholarship also paid for her NAPSA certification for one year.

Christine Rodriguez – A Family Division – Domestic Relations Referee has received a Master’s Degree in Business Administration from Wayne State University.

Hon. Leslie Kim Smith – She was named one of the Top Circuit Court Judges in Metro Detroit by D-Business Magazine.

Lauren Stover – She received certification in Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.

OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES OF 2016

*Success isn't just about what you accomplish in your life; it's about what you inspire others to do.
~Unknown*



Eileen Nanna, April 2016. Ms. Nanna is a Senior Domestic Relations Specialist in the Family Domestic Division. She has been a great role model by exhibiting a positive and excellent work ethic and attitude. Even while diligently maintaining her own work duties, she still makes herself available to assist and answer questions with kindness and patience. In addition, she goes above and beyond to help litigants by providing excellent customer service and effective solutions.



Marie Robinson, May 2016. Ms. Robinson is a Clerk IV in the Family Juvenile Division. She was very instrumental with assisting new staff upon their arrival to the department. She does so willingly and can be depended upon to handle situations that may arise without supervision present. In addition, she is also self-motivated and continues to further her knowledge through workshops offered by the Court. She is dependable and well organized.

RECOGNITION FOR PERFECT ATTENDANCE IN 2016

January

Janis Sherrell
Darryl Short
Vicki Leonard
Alan Pacey

February

Lisa Bey
Deborah Price
James Caputo
Georgette Passmore

March

Marsul Taylor
Catherine Hammond
Thomas Smellie
Linda Brooks

April

Shawn Perry
Sinatra Rockette
Jacinta Dill
Latrice Ross

May

Troy Evans
Rosanne Josephs
Francis Smellie
Lauren Stover

June

Sheryl White
Vedrice Moore
Daydrea Dennard
Wendy Lawson

July

Leonard Branka
Enrique Rodriguez
Denise Hamilton
Sonya Ristic

August

Gloria Hamilton
Carolyn Robbins
Ladonna Floyd
Marlena Lipscomb

September

Michelle Hall
Andrea Smith
Lauretta Keleman
Catherine Cartwright

October

Cara Lee
Lee Brown
Christin Adams
Theresa Payne

November

Kevin Hanson
Larry Macdonald
Rabecca Sultana
Robert Geiger

December

Rasel Siddiquee
Kimberly Lewis
Nicole Paron
India Williams

TWENTY YEAR EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION OF 2016

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



David A. Cucinella, Official Court Reporter in Juvenile Division.



Nancy J. Evans, Clinical Case Manager in Casework Services in Juvenile Division.



Penny Freelon, Official Court Reporter in Criminal Division.



Dawn M. Hintz, Clinical Case Manager in Casework Services in Juvenile Division.



Jennifer M. Howard, Family Clinician in F.A.M.E. in Family Division.



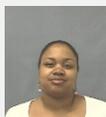
Allana R. Jones, Clinical Supervisor IV in Diversion Treatment in Juvenile Division.



Michelle A. Milligan, Deputy Administrator of the Clinic for Child Study in Juvenile Division.



Maria A. Quaker, Pretrial Services Specialist in Pretrial Services in Criminal Division.



Toielynn Smith, Manager of Specialty Court Services in Juvenile Division.



Antoinette Wilder, Domestic Relations Supervisor in Case Establishment in Family Division.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH WINNERS

We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do. ~Mother Teresa

To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream, not only plan, but also believe. ~Author Unknown

**Be who you are and say what you feel because the ones who mind don't matter, and the ones who matter don't mind.
~Theodor Seuss Geisel aka Dr. Seuss**

Positive thinking is more than just a tagline. It changes the way we behave. And I firmly believe that when I am Positive, It not only makes me better, but it also makes those around me better. ~Harvey Mackay

**Let our hearts and hands be stretched out in compassion toward others, for everyone is walking his or her own difficult path.
~Dieter F. Uchtdorf**

Every job is a self-portrait of the person who does it. Autograph your work with excellence. ~Author Unknown

Being successful doesn't necessarily make you great. What makes you great is when you reach back and help somebody else become great. ~Author Unknown

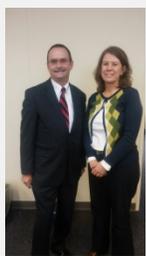
If you can't fly, then run, if you can't run, then walk, if you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward. ~Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team. ~Phil Jackson

Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success. ~Henry Ford

Tell me and I will forget...Teach me and I will remember... and Involve me and I will learn. ~Benjamin Franklin

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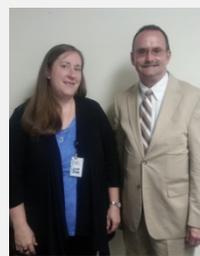
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COVER CONTEST WINNERS



Bojana Vukovic – 1st Place

Bojana Vukovic is an exchange student from Serbia. Because of this once in a lifetime opportunity, she is experiencing life in the United States in Wyandotte, Michigan. She was born in Sombor, Serbia where she grew up with her mother and aunt.

Her artistic abilities were noticeable very early, as well as her interest for art in general. She enjoys painting, drawing, and photography. She also enjoys experimenting with all kinds of mediums, especially 3D artwork. Her work has been recognized and won notable prizes numerous times since she started investing more time in art.

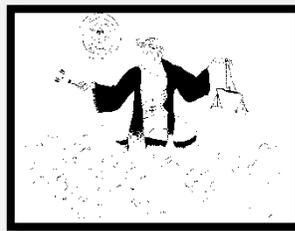
Since the beginning of her education, she has been achieving the highest grades.

When it comes to furthering her education and future career, her preference is social studies. She is interested in philosophy, psychology, and psychiatry. Her desire is to specialize either in Europe or United States.

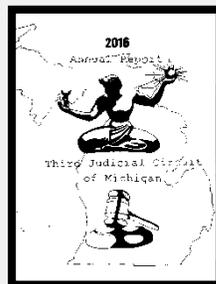
She is highly grateful for all the people in her life that represent support and comfort. She has met a lot of amazing people here. Some experiences here have changed her perspective and points of view. This experience has also made her appreciate what she has at home even more.



Shaunya Henderson - 2nd Place



Griffin Ackley – 3rd Place



IN MEMORY OF THOSE WE LOST



Hon. Gladys Barsamian, Retired Judge. September 21, 1931 - January 4, 2016. Judge Barsamian graduated from Wayne State University, receive a Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctor Degrees. She was a Wayne County Probate Judge, assigned to the Juvenile Division, since January 1975. She was Presiding Judge of the Division for six years, as well as Chief Judge Pro Tempore for two years. Some of her achievements were developing the Wayne County Juvenile Justice Plan, initiated Youth Assistance Program, and developed intensive Probation Program.



Norma Chanerl, Retired – Court Reporter. June 3, 1939 – January 9, 2016. Norma was featured in a USA today article in January 1985 in which she was showcased as the first person in the country to transcribe “live” in a courtroom. During her court tenure, she worked for the late Judge Myron J. Wahls and Judge Robert J. Colombo, Jr. She was an avid Bonanza player and enjoyed cooking.



Joseph Gondol, Retired – Court Recorder. May 5, 1927 - February 5, 2016. Joseph attended and graduated from Flint Northern High school, and was a veteran of WWII having served in the U.S. Navy. He enjoyed collecting classic cars.



Hon. Roman S. Gribbs, Retired Judge. December 29, 1925 – April 5, 2016. Judge Gribbs served in the U.S. Army from 1944-1948, graduated from the University of Detroit in 1952 with a degree in Economics and Accounting, and received a law degree from the University of Detroit in 1954. He became a Wayne County Circuit Court judge in 1975. He was elected to the Michigan Court of Appeals in 1982. He was Mayor of the City of Detroit from 1970-1974, where he helped design, along with others, something that would become the heart of the city – a mixed-use facility with shops, restaurants, office spaces, and hotel. It became known as the Renaissance Center.

IN MEMORY OF THOSE WE LOST



Hon. George W. Crockett, III, Retired Judge. December 23, 1938 – July 1, 2016. Judge Crockett graduated from Morehouse College in 1961. He earned his juris doctor degree from Detroit College of Law in 1964. He was elected judge of the Recorder's Court of the City of Detroit in 1977. In 1993, Judge Crockett presided over the Malice Green trial.



Marsha Pickens, Retired Employee – Criminal Division. April 23, 1953 – July 6, 2016.



Richard Thomas Schutt, Retired – Domestic Relations Supervisor. February 11, 1948 – September 28, 2016.



Sandra Kirkendall, Retired – Assistant to the General Counsel. Date of Death - July 4, 2016.



Deborah Locher, Retired – Typist II. April 7, 1958 – October 7, 2016. Deborah loved animals, crafts, gardening, baking, and canning.

Public Satisfaction Survey

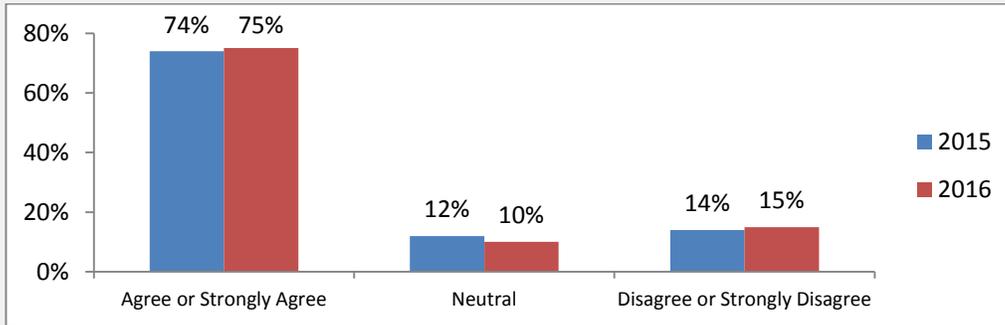
The State Court Administrative Office required all Michigan courts to participate in a Public Satisfaction Survey. The Third Circuit Court of Michigan uses the Public Satisfaction Survey as a tool to identify areas of concern and to make the needed improvements. The results of both the State Court Administrative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

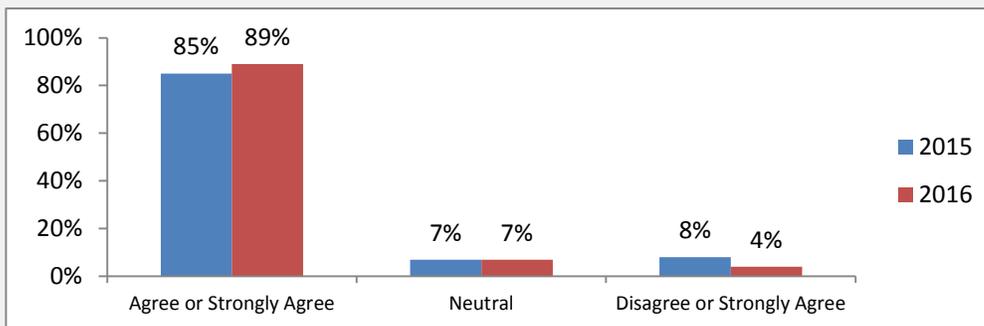
1) I was able to get my court business done in a reasonable amount of time today.

	2015		2016	
5 – Strongly Agree	212	42%	309	44%
4 – Agree	161	32%	223	31%
3 – Neutral	62	12%	70	10%
2 – Disagree	33	7%	46	6%
1 – Strongly Disagree	39	8%	62	9%
Total Responses	507		710	
Score	3.9		3.9	
NA – Not Applicable	19		40	
No Response	16		8	



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

	2015		2016	
5 – Strongly Agree	286	56%	446	61%
4 – Agree	153	30%	206	28%
3 – Neutral	35	7%	52	7%
2 – Disagree	17	3%	11	1%
1 – Strongly Disagree	24	5%	20	3%
Total Responses	515		735	
Score	4.3		4.4	
NA – Not Applicable	7		11	
No Response	20		12	

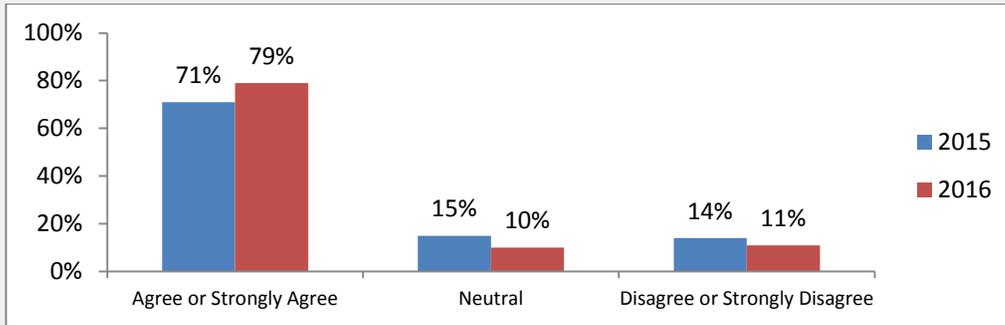


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Questions 3 and 4 were directed to persons who attended a hearing or trial.

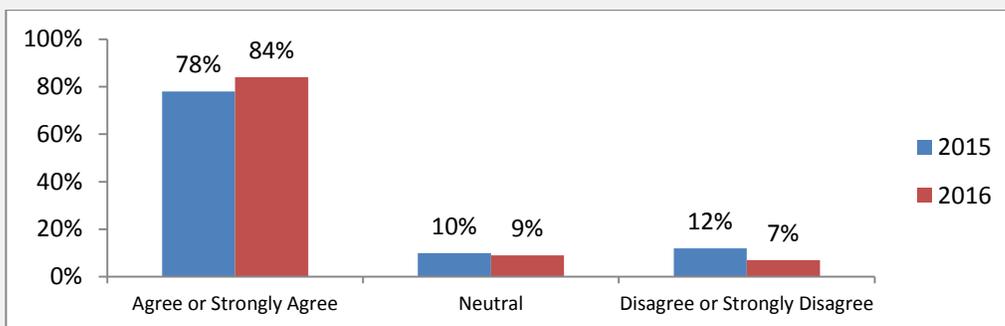
3) The way the case was handled was fair.

	2015		2016	
5 – Strongly Agree	132	39%	237	46%
4 – Agree	110	32%	171	33%
3 – Neutral	51	15%	53	10%
2 – Disagree	15	4%	22	4%
1 – Strongly Disagree	31	9%	35	7%
Total Responses	339		518	
Score	3.9		4.1	
NA – Not Applicable	109		151	
No Response	94		89	



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

	2015		2016	
5 – Strongly Agree	177	52%	276	54%
4 – Agree	86	25%	150	29%
3 – Neutral	35	10%	48	9%
2 – Disagree	20	6%	16	3%
1 – Strongly Disagree	20	6%	19	4%
Total Responses	338		509	
Score	4.1		4.3	
NA – Not Applicable	100		151	
No Response	104		98	

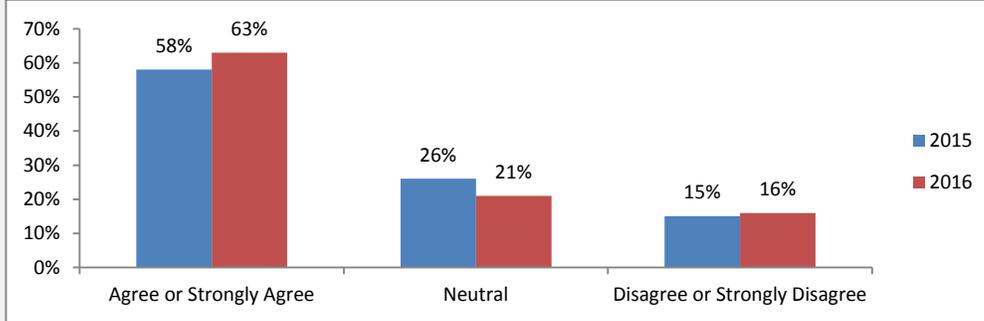


Third Circuit Court Public Satisfaction Survey

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

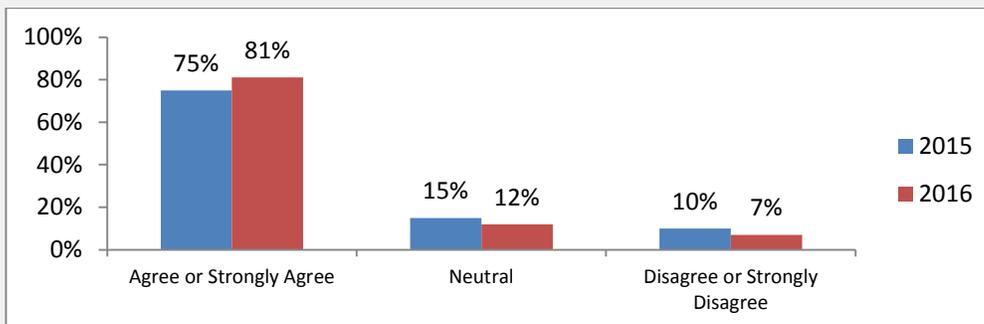
5) The outcome in my case was favorable to me.

	2015		2016	
5 – Strongly Agree	91	33%	171	42%
4 – Agree	68	25%	90	22%
3 – Neutral	72	26%	87	21%
2 – Disagree	24	9%	30	7%
1 – Strongly Disagree	17	6%	34	8%
Total Responses	272		412	
Score	3.7		3.8	
NA – Not Applicable	137		205	
No Response	133		141	



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

	2015		2016	
5 – Strongly Agree	131	47%	240	54%
4 – Agree	80	29%	120	27%
3 – Neutral	42	15%	51	12%
2 – Disagree	10	4%	9	2%
1 – Strongly Disagree	17	6%	23	5%
Total Responses	280		443	
Score	4.1		4.2	
NA – Not Applicable	123		171	
No Response	139		144	



Third Circuit Court Public Satisfaction Survey

Questions 7-10 were directed to all respondents.

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

	2015		2016	
Child Protective	58	12%	81	11%
Civil Matter	30	6%	63	9%
Criminal/Probation	100	20%	146	20%
Divorce/Custody/Support	117	24%	180	25%
Drug/Sobriety Court	5	1%	14	2%
Estate/Trust	4	1%	17	2%
File Papers	43	9%	37	5%
Get Information	27	5%	39	5%
Guardianship/Conservatorship	10	2%	38	5%
Juvenile Delinquency	14	3%	46	6%
Landlord/Tenant	0	0%	0	0%
Make a Payment	13	3%	10	1%
PPO	8	2%	13	2%
Small Claims	0	0%	0	0%
Traffic/Ticket	0	0%	0	0%
Other	109	22%	113	15%
Number of Respondents	496		731	
No Response	46		27	

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

	2015		2016	
Party (Plaintiff/Defendant)	234	44%	325	44%
Agency Worker	27	5%	46	6%
Attorney/Prosecutor	68	13%	118	16%
Family/Friend of party to case	81	15%	141	19%
Juror	60	11%	37	5%
Witness	11	2%	11	1%
Other	57	11%	68	9%
Number of Respondents	528		739	
No Response	14		19	

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9) What is your gender?

	2015		2016	
Male	204	39%	307	41%
Female	319	61%	441	59%
Other	4	1%	2	0%
Number of Respondents	525		744	
No Response	17		14	

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

	2015		2016	
American Indian/Alaska Native	16	3%	29	4%
Asian	10	2%	3	0%
Multiracial/Biracial	14	3%	12	2%
Black/African American	295	57%	463	63%
Hispanic/Latino	17	3%	16	2%
White/Caucasian	171	33%	216	29%
Other	17	3%	23	3%
Number of Respondents	517		740	
No Response	25		18	

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