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Macomb County Court Offices Moving

As 2016 comes to an end, the reopening of the Old County Building will finally become a reality. The Macomb County Friend of the Court will be moving its offices from the sixth floor of the Circuit Court Building to floors one through seven of the adjacent Old County Building. The move will take place during the week of December 19th, and Friend of the Court should be fully relocated to the Old County Building by Tuesday, December 27. Although the Friend of the Court is expected to remain open during the course of the move, services will be spread between both buildings until the move can be completed. Consequently, it is recommended all non-essential business be addressed before or after the week of December 19th. Upon completion of the move, all Friend of the Court payments will be made on the first floor of the Old County Building, enforcement services will be located on the second and third floor, and referee and investigative functions will operate out of floors four through seven. Phone numbers will remain unchanged. The move presents many opportunities for improvement, including less crowded floors and a setting more conducive to problem-solving. We anticipate this relocation will allow for improved services to the families of Macomb County. For additional information please go to the Friend of the Court website at <http://foc.macombgov.org>.

The Juvenile Division Referees, their clerical staff, and the Juvenile Division File Room will also be relocating the week of December 19th. The remaining Juvenile Division staff (currently housed at the North Rose location) will be relocating the week of January 2nd. The main reception area, file room, and administration of the Juvenile Division will be located on the eighth floor of the Old County Building; probation, diversion, and counseling will be located on floors nine through twelve; referee hearing rooms will be located on floors eight through twelve; and the Adoption Department will be located on the twelfth floor. All phone numbers will remain unchanged.

The Old County Building will also be equipped with a new digital signage system. Electronic displays will be installed in the lobby, the basement, and outside of each hearing room in the building. The displays will electronically present the case information for the current date with hearing locations and times. These displays will assist in directing court visitors to their proper locations.

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Additionally, the Court's Judicial Aide and Reimbursement Departments will be moving from the fifth floor of Circuit Court Building to the first floor of the Old County Building the week of December 19th. The hope is to have cashiering available at both locations the week of the 19th. Following the move to the first floor of the Old County Building, Judicial Aide will also continue to operate a satellite office at 32 Market Street in the Clemens Center. Again, phone numbers will remain unchanged despite the move.

Finally, the Circuit Court Law Library will be moving from the fifth floor of the Circuit Court Building to the thirteenth floor of the Old County Building the week of December 19th. In addition to the books, there will be new computer workstations available for public use on the thirteenth floor. The Court's Self-Help Center will also be moving from its current location on the fifth floor of the Courthouse to the thirteenth floor of the Old County Building.

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