

# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



16th Judicial Circuit,  
Macomb County Probate,  
and 42nd Judicial District Courts



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The Judges, Administrators, and Staff of the 16th Judicial Circuit, Macomb County Probate and 42nd Judicial District Courts, the Macomb County Executive, and the Macomb County Board of Commissioners for their support with this Annual Report.

# Mission Statement



**“Our mission is to serve the public by providing a fair, expeditious, and impartial forum for the resolution of civil and criminal matters through the rule of law.”**

# A Message from the Chief



I would like to welcome you to our 2021 Annual Report for the 16th Judicial Circuit, Macomb County Probate and 42nd Judicial District Courts. Over the course of the previous year, we have made tremendous strides in bringing back the pre-pandemic in-person court experiences and services that we take pride in while preserving the enhanced flexibility, access, and level of service that new technology has enabled us to provide. All of this could not have been accomplished without the tireless efforts of our court system staff and their unwavering resilience throughout these times of ongoing change.

This latest edition of the Annual Report will explore some of the many accomplishments of the courts over this past year in greater detail, welcome new additions to the Bench, farewell to distinguished jurists who retired this past year, as well as provide insight into the caseloads, revenues and expenditures of our courts.

I am grateful to you for spending the time to review this report and I hope that you find it informative. It is my honor to serve as the Chief Judge of these distinguished courts and work with the amazing and dedicated public servants who keep our courts working on a daily basis. I wish each of you a wonderful 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James M. Biernat, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

James M. Biernat, Jr.  
Chief Judge  
16th Judicial Circuit, Macomb County Probate, and  
42nd Judicial District Courts

# 16th Judicial Circuit Court Overview

16th Judicial Circuit Court  
40 N. Main St.  
Mount Clemens, MI 48043  
[circuitcourt.macombgov.org](http://circuitcourt.macombgov.org)

The 16th Judicial Circuit Court is a trial court of general jurisdiction, which means that it handles all types of cases except those given by state law to another court. Under the Michigan Constitution, the court constitutes one of the three separate branches of government. The Civil Division handles civil cases involving more than \$25,000 and cases in which the parties seek equitable relief. The Criminal Division handles all Macomb County felony cases and some serious misdemeanor cases. The Family Division handles all domestic relations and juvenile matters, including delinquency, abuse, neglect, and adoption cases. Circuit Court Judges are elected to six-year terms on a non-partisan ballot.



# 16th Judicial Circuit Court



# Circuit Court Judges



**Judge  
James M. Biernat, Jr.**  
Chief Judge, 16th Judicial Circuit,  
Macomb Probate, and 42nd Judicial  
District Courts  
Civil/Criminal Division  
[https://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/  
CircuitCourt-JamesBiernatjr](https://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/CircuitCourt-JamesBiernatjr)



**Judge  
Matthew S. Switalski**  
Chief Judge Pro Tempore  
Presiding Judge, Family Division  
[https://circuitcourt.macombgov.  
org/CircuitCourt-MatthewSwitalski](https://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/CircuitCourt-MatthewSwitalski)



**Judge  
Richard L. Caretti**  
Presiding Judge,  
Civil/Criminal Division  
[https://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/  
CircuitCourt-RichardCaretti](https://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/CircuitCourt-RichardCaretti)



**Judge  
Mark S. Switalski**  
Family Division



**Judge  
Edward A. Servitto, Jr.**  
Civil/Criminal Division  
[https://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/  
CircuitCourt-EdwardServittoJr](https://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/CircuitCourt-EdwardServittoJr)



**Judge  
Diane M. Druzinski**  
Civil/Criminal Division  
[https://circuitcourt.macombgov.  
org/CircuitCourt-DianeDruzinski](https://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/CircuitCourt-DianeDruzinski)



**Judge  
Tracey A. Yokich**  
Family Division  
[https://circuitcourt.macombgov.  
org/CircuitCourt-TraceyYokich](https://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/CircuitCourt-TraceyYokich)

# Circuit Court Judges



**Judge  
Kathryn A. Viviano**  
Civil/Criminal Division  
[https://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/  
CircuitCourt-KathrynViviano](https://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/CircuitCourt-KathrynViviano)



**Judge  
Jennifer M. Faunce**  
Civil/Criminal Division  
[https://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/  
CircuitCourt-JenniferFaunce](https://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/CircuitCourt-JenniferFaunce)



**Judge  
James M. Maceroni**  
Civil/Criminal Division  
[https://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/  
CircuitCourt-JamesMaceroni](https://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/CircuitCourt-JamesMaceroni)



**Judge  
Joseph Toia**  
Civil/Criminal Division  
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**Judge  
Carl J. Marlinga**  
Civil/Criminal Division



**Judge  
Michael E. Servitto**  
Civil/Criminal Division  
[https://circuitcourt.macombgov.  
org/CircuitCourt-MichaelServitto](https://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/CircuitCourt-MichaelServitto)



**Judge  
Rachel Rancilio**  
Family Division  
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org/CircuitCourt-RachelRancilio](https://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/CircuitCourt-RachelRancilio)



**Judge  
Julie Gatti**  
Civil/Criminal Division  
[https://circuitcourt.macombgov.  
org/CircuitCourt-Gatti](https://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/CircuitCourt-Gatti)



# 2021 16th Judicial Circuit Court Bench



Back Row Judges: Diane M. Druzinski, Julie Gatti, Richard L. Caretti, James M. Maceroni, Carl J. Marlinga, Mark S. Switalski, Michael E. Servitto, Rachel Rancilio

Front Row Judges: Jennifer M. Faunce, Tracey A. Yokich, Matthew S. Switalski, Chief Judge James M. Biernat, Jr., Joseph Toia, Kathryn A. Viviano, Edward A. Servitto

## Core Values of the 16th Judicial Circuit Court

- Honesty and integrity: telling the truth and fulfilling promises
- Principled decision making: guided by the rule of law and due process
- Independence of the judiciary
- Impartiality of the tribunal: free from bias and discrimination
- Reasonable access to justice: reasonable schedules, promptness and constantly striving to improve processes
- Courtesy and consideration for all
- Openness: processes open to public scrutiny and critical analysis
- Cost effectiveness

**“Truth springs from argument amongst friends.”**

**Hume**

## Farewell, Judge Mark Switalski

Judge Mark Switalski announced his retirement from the 16th Judicial Circuit Court Bench, effective January of 2022.

Judge Mark Switalski received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1973 and graduated from Boston University School of Law in 1976. Judge Switalski was in the private practice of law from 1977 to 1988, and served as 39th District Court Magistrate from 1983 to 1988. Judge Switalski began his judicial career in 1988, when he was elected to the 39th District Court (Roseville). He served as Chief Judge of the 39th District Court from 1991 to 2000. Judge Switalski was first elected to the 16th Judicial Circuit Court of Macomb County in 2000. He was reelected to the Circuit Court Bench in 2006, 2012, and 2018. He was appointed as Chief Judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit Court and the Macomb County Probate Court by the Michigan Supreme Court in November 2009, for a two year term beginning January 1, 2010. At the time of his retirement Judge Switalski served in the Family Division of the Circuit Court.



Chief Judge James M. Biernat, Jr., stated “I have had the pleasure of working with Judge Mark Switalski for many years, and I’ve always held him in great esteem. He has always maintained a dignified and courteous demeanor on the bench, and still managed to inject humor into his interactions with his colleagues and staff. Mark is a great asset to the Circuit Court Bench, and we wish him all the best in his pursuits following retirement.”

# Macomb County Probate Court





**Judge  
Sandra A. Harrison**

Presiding Probate Judge  
<https://probatecourt.macombgov.org/probatecourt-sandraharrison-suratt>



**Judge  
Kathryn A. George**

Probate Judge

**The Macomb County Probate Court handles two main areas of law through two divisions: the Mental Division and the Wills & Estates Division.**

**The Mental Division** has jurisdiction over proceedings under the Mental Health Code. It handles matters relating to involuntary commitments for psychiatric treatment and guardianships of individuals with developmental disabilities.

**The Wills & Estates Division** has jurisdiction over matters relating to the settlement of decedents' estates; proceedings concerning the validity, internal affairs and settlement of trusts; the administration, distribution, modification, and termination of trusts; the declaration of rights involving trusts, trustees, and beneficiaries of trusts; and matters involving guardianships and conservatorships. For more information, visit: <https://probatecourt.macombgov.org/ProbateCourt-Home>



## Farewell, Judge Kathryn George



The Macomb County Probate Court announced that Probate Court Judge Kathryn A. George will be retiring on January 2, 2022, after almost two decades of dedicated service to the court. Judge George was first elected to the Macomb County Probate Court in 2002. Prior to her election, she served as Councilwoman and Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Sterling Heights. Judge George was raised in Macomb County.

She earned a RN from Harper Hospital School of Nursing in 1973 and a BSN in Nursing from Oakland University in 1985, working as an acute care nurse before beginning her legal career. Judge George earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Idaho in 1988. She was appointed to the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board by Governor James Blanchard and later worked as a general practitioner with an emphasis on Probate and Family Law. As a member of the Macomb County legal community, Judge George has received numerous accolades, including awards from the Macomb County Probate Bar and the Macomb County Bar Association. In 2005, the Michigan National Guard presented her with an award for her support of U.S. military members and their families. In 2007, Judge George was inducted into the Macomb County Hall of Fame for her outstanding community service. Judge George has also received a Certification of U.S. Congress Special Recognition for valuable and dedicated assistance to Macomb County and its communities.

Chief Judge Biernat stated, "I have worked with Kathryn for many years, and I wish to offer my sincere congratulations on her retirement. I hope this next chapter in her life is a happy and fulfilling one, and I wish her all the best!"

## 42nd Judicial District Court



### **Welcome, Judge Jennifer Andary**

Welcome, and congratulations, to 42-1 District Court Judge Jennifer Andary. Judge Andary obtained a BFA, cum laude, with a Minor in Politics from New York University, and a Juris Doctor from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Following law school, she joined the law firm of Andary & Andary (presently, The Andary Law Group). There, she handled a multitude of cases involving all genres of criminal law, family law, labor law, as well as both Federal and State matters throughout the State of Michigan. Judge Andary joined the Macomb County Prosecutor's office in 2003. Following initial assignments at Circuit Court, including the Drug Court Program and the District Courts, she was selected as the Chief of Domestic Violence and Child Abuse, where she held that title and position until her resignation in July 2008 after the birth of her first child. Following a period in private practice, she was appointed Magistrate of the 42-1 Judicial District Court in 2017. She was unopposed in her run for the seat being vacated by Judge Denis LeDuc.

Chief Judge Biernat stated, "Jennifer brings a depth of experience and knowledge to this role, and she is sure to approach her docket with fairness and render decisions consistent with the law. I look forward to working with her in this new role, and wish her all the best!"



**Judge  
William H. Hackel, III**

Presiding District Judge

<https://42newbaltimore.macombgov.org/42NewBaltimore-Judges>



**Judge  
Jennifer A. Andary**

District Judge

<https://42romeo.macombgov.org/42Romeo-Judges>

## District Court Summary

The 42nd Judicial District Court serves the citizens of northern Macomb County, with separate divisions located in Romeo and New Baltimore. The 42nd Judicial District Court has exclusive jurisdiction of civil litigation where the amount in controversy is \$25,000 or less. The District Court also handles garnishments, landlord-tenant matters, civil infractions, local ordinance violations, and misdemeanors where the maximum penalty does not exceed one year in jail. Additionally, the District Court conducts arraignments and preliminary examinations in felony cases, with the District Court judges determining whether there is sufficient evidence to bind the accused over to Circuit Court for trial. The 42nd Judicial District Court also includes a small claims division for civil cases where the amount in controversy is less than \$5,000 and where the parties waive certain rights in order to expedite the handling of the case. For more information, visit the links below:

42-1 District Court

<https://42romeo.macombgov.org/42romeo-Home>

42-2 District Court

<https://42newbaltimore.macombgov.org/42NewBaltimore-Home>

# Department Summaries





## Court Administration

Court Administration manages the 16th Judicial Circuit, Macomb County Probate, and 42nd Judicial District Courts' personnel and business operations, including public relations and court policy issues. Circuit Court Administration departments include the Case Management Division, ADR/Case Evaluation, Specialty Court Services, Finance, Friend of the Court, Research Department, Juvenile Division, and Information Services Division. For more information on Circuit Court's departments, visit <https://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/index.php/circuitcourt-departments>.

## Case Management Division

The Case Management Division manages and tracks the progress of a case from case initiation through disposition. The division is responsible for event scheduling, docket management, notice generation, dismissals for lack of progress, adjournment processing, tracking actions taken by each judge, disposal of cases pursuant to the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) caseload reporting requirements, and answering questions from the public. The Case Management Division is responsible for reporting statistical information to SCAO, for appointing counsel for indigent defendants, and appointing foreign language and American Sign Language interpreters.

## ADR/Case Evaluation

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) is a process in which the judge refers the parties to a mediator to help them resolve their dispute. Case Evaluation is a form of alternative dispute resolution, which requires most civil cases be evaluated by a panel of three experienced attorney evaluators who review written and oral presentations and evaluate the monetary value of each case. The Case Evaluation/ADR clerks are responsible for implementing the court rules, scheduling hearings, receiving written case summaries, and tracking and following up on evaluations.

## Specialty Court Services

Specialty Court Services oversees the treatment courts, including the Adult Felony Drug Court, the Veterans' Treatment Court, and the Mental Health Court. In 2020, the department also began the planning process for a new DWI/Sobriety Treatment Court. The department is also responsible for managing the Swift and Sure Sanctions Program and the Specialized Business Court Docket.

## Judicial Aide

The Judicial Aide department is the financial division of the court that manages the financial aspects of cases. Judicial Aide manages the overall collection of court ordered assessments including crime victim rights, state minimum costs, court costs, fines, restitution and defense related costs. Judicial Aide provides billing statements, accepts payments and works with defendants on setting up payment plans and wage assignments. Judicial Aide manages the review and release of cash bond funds as well as bond forfeitures and judgments. Judicial Aide prepares orders to remit prisoner funds and satisfaction of financial obligation orders to Michigan Department of Corrections. Judicial Aide manages invoice review, approval and payment for court services such as interpretation, transcript preparation and appellate work. This division also manages the collection and remittance of restitution funds to victims as well as State Court Administrative Reporting on Court Costs Imposed and Outstanding Receivables. Judicial Aide performs financial status reviews and processes income tax garnishments and collections account referrals to the Michigan Department of Treasury.

## Information Services Division

The Information Services Division is responsible for managing and utilizing new technology initiatives to develop and maintain a state-of-the-art communication system for the 16th Judicial Circuit, Macomb County Probate, and 42nd Judicial District Courts. The division acts as a liaison with the Macomb County Information Technology Department, technology vendors, and other state and local government agencies to identify, advocate, and implement court technology projects to enhance the operations of the courts. The division assists the judges, court staff, and the public with court information systems and technology.

## Research Department

The Research Department provides research and writing as requested by the judges of the court. The department also provides support for administration, assists in the training of law clerks, operates the county law library, and provides ancillary legal support services as directed.

## Juvenile Division

The Juvenile Division handles cases related to juvenile delinquency, juvenile traffic matters, parental abuse/neglect, adoption, emancipations, juvenile guardianships, and parental waivers. The division consists of a legal department, diversion unit, probation department, psychology and counseling unit, adoptions department, and clerical services.

## Reimbursement

Reimbursement assists with the collection of court-ordered assessments and the cost of care and service for youths in juvenile cases. Reimbursement is responsible for interviewing responsible parties, reviewing financial information, preparing recommendations, preparing court orders, preparing show causes, inputting costs, processing payments, and reviewing delinquent accounts for further collection action.

## Friend of the Court

The Friend of the Court (FOC) assists the Circuit Court's Family Division. The FOC provides enforcement of court orders relating to child support, health care, spousal support, parenting time, and custody and investigates, evaluates, and submits recommendations to the court on any contested domestic relations matter. Additionally, the FOC provides alternative dispute resolution opportunities for litigants and the court.

# 2021 Highlights



## Return to Jury Trials

Following the lifting of the majority of pandemic restrictions at the state and local levels, the courts swiftly initiated a return to jury trials on a large scale to address the backlog precipitated by the pandemic.

In addition to returning to jury trials onsite at the courthouse, we also worked with the County Executive to repurpose the former juvenile court building at 380 N. Rose to conduct civil jury trials with a visiting judge to move things along. Special thanks to the Sheriff's Department, County IT, the County Clerk's Office, the Court's Information Services Department, Facilities and Operations, and of course our visiting judges for helping our operations at this satellite location.

## Employee Satisfaction Committee

In July 2019, the courts conducted an employee satisfaction survey to obtain feedback from staff in all locations in an effort to understand the needs of employees. In conjunction with the survey, an Employee Satisfaction Committee was established to review the survey results and make recommendations based on feedback. The committee was temporarily sidelined as a result of the COVID pandemic, but has reconvened and will begin developing a new survey that considers changes in the workplace that have occurred over the last several years. A new implementation plan and subsequent goals will be developed as well.

## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

The court established a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee to help promote an inclusive environment where employees and litigants from various backgrounds feel welcome. The committee consists of employee representatives from Circuit Court, Probate Court, Friend of the Court, Juvenile Court, and the two District Courts.

In 2021, the DE&I Committee sponsored two court-wide trainings. The first was LGBTQ+ 101: A presentation on the basics including definitions of terms and the challenges faced by LGBTQ+ individuals. The second was training about implicit bias and its impact on how we interact with fellow employees and the litigants served by the court.

The committee continues to work on initiatives and training opportunities that promote the court's commitment to a culture of inclusion and equity for employees and for the public that we serve.

## 2021 Highlights

### Drug Court Thank You to Judge Faunce

On December 16, 2021, Judge Jennifer Faunce held her final Drug Court session, ending on a positive note with another successful graduation. Judge Faunce spent seven years as a Drug Court Judge, impacting so many lives for the better along the way. She will be greatly missed by the participants, graduates and her team members. The program thanks her for her many years of dedication to improve the lives of Macomb County residents.



(Left to right): Joshua Abbott, Judge Jennifer M. Faunce, Christina Wohlfield, Josh Jones, Jessica Pringle and Cathy Castle



### Sobriety Treatment Court

After an energetic planning process, the Sobriety Treatment Court Program was implemented and began taking applications. The program was awarded grant funds from the Office of Highway Safety Program and can currently accept up to 20 participants. Judge Julie Gatti has graciously volunteered her time to oversee the program. The DWI/Sobriety Treatment Court is dedicated to helping address alcohol dependence by recurring drinking and driving offenders. The

goal is to provide an intensive but rewarding opportunity to end the cycle of alcohol abuse, promote long-term sobriety, and, in doing so, not only protect the community but improve the quality of life for the participants.

## 2021 FOC Annual Report Information

The Macomb County Friend of the Court continues to promote and allow for alternative ways to conduct business with its office. Litigants are provided the convenience of appearing remotely for many administrative matters. They have streamlined their ability to respond to emails, resulting in much quicker response times. Friend of the Court is also upgrading their current document management system. This will allow for virtual documents and fillable forms to immediately be sent to the Friend of the Court electronically, allowing for faster response times. All of these improvements are intended to make the office more reactive, and user-friendly for families.

Friend of the Court continues its effort to collect child support on behalf of families and in 2021 a total of \$122,801,989 in child support was distributed. Friend of the Court Referees conducted 1,257 hearings; they heard 2,162 motions and conducted 806 status conferences. The Custody Department completed 672 investigations, and the Enforcement Department participated in 5,086 show cause hearings.

## Juvenile Department Project to Examine Collection Practices

The Juvenile Division and the Michigan Center for Youth Justice entered into a joint project to examine our collection practices in delinquency cases.

Most of the outstanding debt owed was the result of court-ordered stays in juvenile detention and long-term residential treatment. These services can cost hundreds of dollars per day, creating tens of thousands of dollars worth of debt. The families affected by the assessment of these fees reported that they didn't realize that they would be responsible for paying for these court ordered services or that the debt followed them after their child's court involvement ended. Many families reported that our collection efforts caused them to experience significant financial hardship.

As a result of the project we learned:

- nearly 70% of the families with court-involved youth in Macomb County had incomes below poverty guidelines.
- probation staff believed that the assessment of these fees negatively impacted their relationship with probationers and their families and, at times, was a barrier to youth and family engagement in treatment services.
- our collection rate from 2015-2019 was only 7.2%, even with the use of wage assignments and state tax income intercepts. It became clear that we expended a lot of resources collecting only a small amount.

In May of 2021, the Chief Judge, with the support of the Family Division bench, made the decision to discontinue assessing the discretionary fees that we negatively impacting the families that we serve.

# Circuit Court Statistics

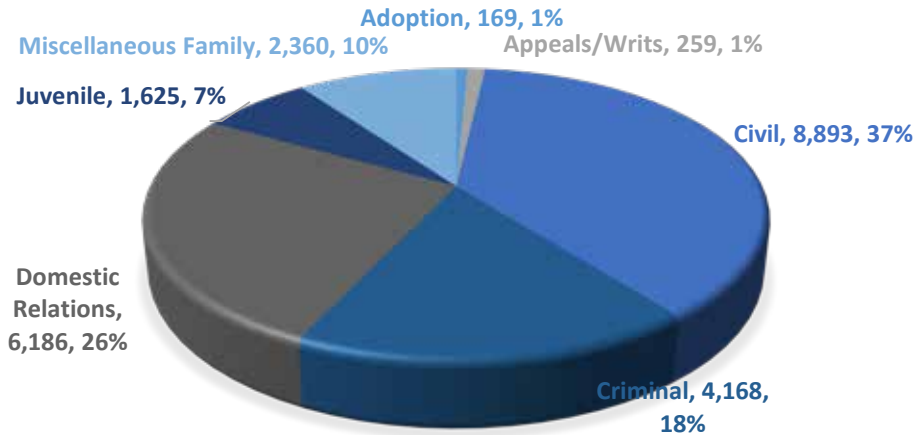




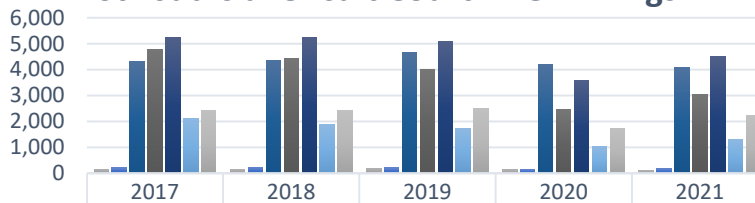
# 16th Judicial Circuit Court

# Caseload Information

## 16th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT CASELOAD BY CATEGORY FOR 2021

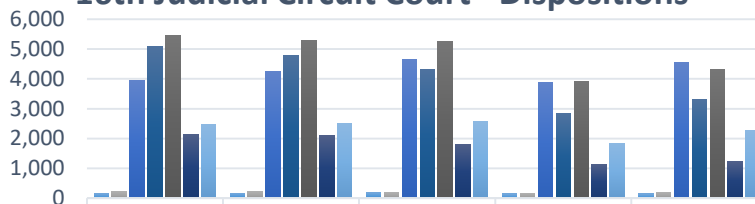


## 16th Judicial Circuit Court - New Filings



Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Adoption	165	155	187	139	119
Appeals/Writs	216	225	209	170	194
Civil	4,311	4,331	4,651	4,196	4,078
Criminal	4,780	4,421	4,013	2,447	3,039
Domestic Relations	5,226	5,220	5,089	3,593	4,517
Juvenile	2,128	1,897	1,724	1,026	1,299
Miscellaneous Family	2,411	2,431	2,506	1,743	2,239

## 16th Judicial Circuit Court - Dispositions



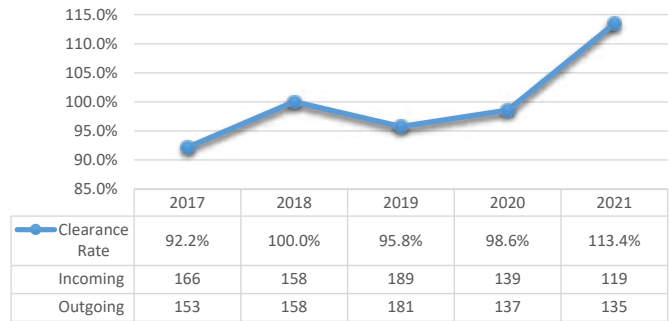
Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Adoption	153	158	181	137	135
Appeals/Writs	225	230	207	169	204
Civil	3,949	4,248	4,653	3,879	4,551
Criminal	5,079	4,798	4,307	2,843	3,303
Domestic Relations	5,447	5,308	5,265	3,910	4,315
Juvenile	2,137	2,098	1,816	1,138	1,216
Miscellaneous Family	2,474	2,498	2,553	1,851	2,265

# Caseload Information

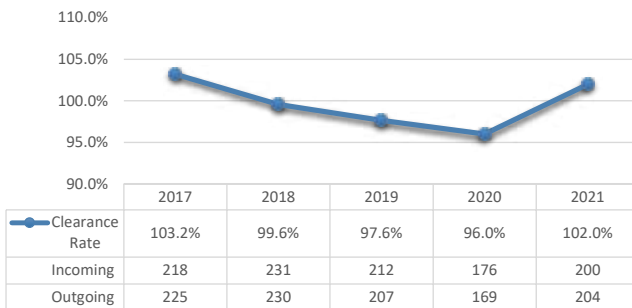
# 16th Judicial Circuit Court

## Clearance Rates

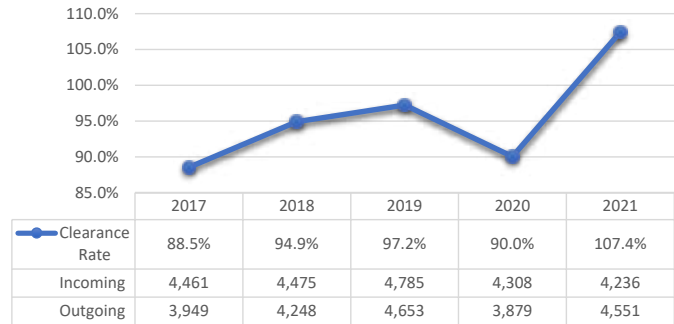
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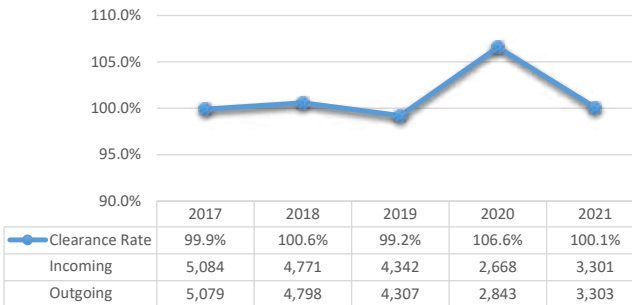
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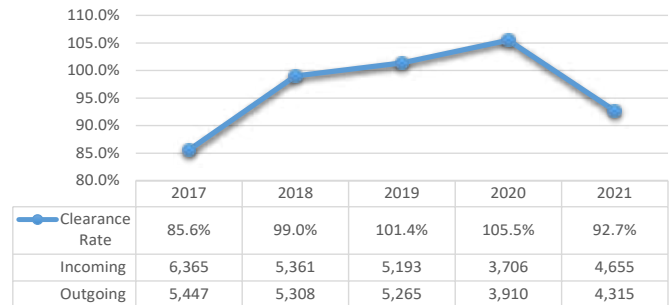
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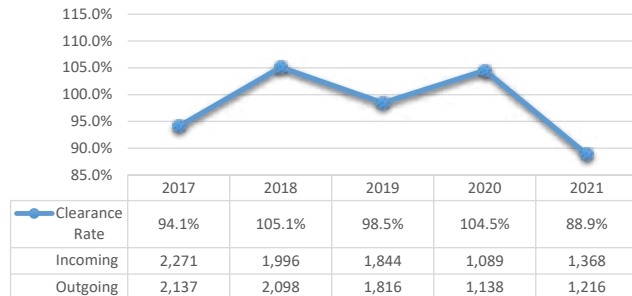
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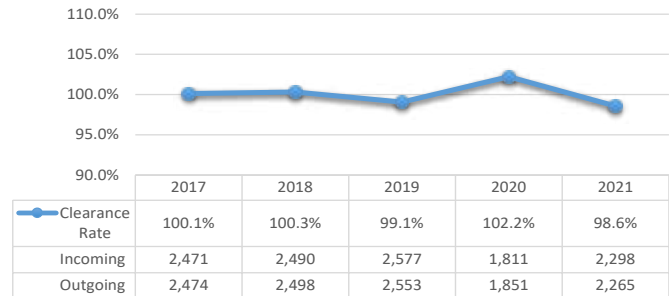
### 16th Judicial Circuit Court Domestic Relations Clearance Rates



### 16th Judicial Circuit Court Juvenile Clearance Rates



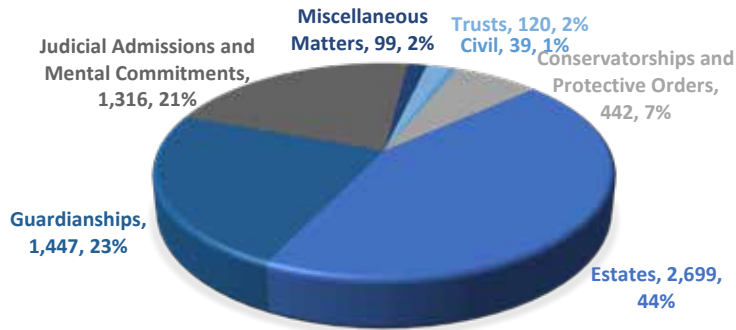
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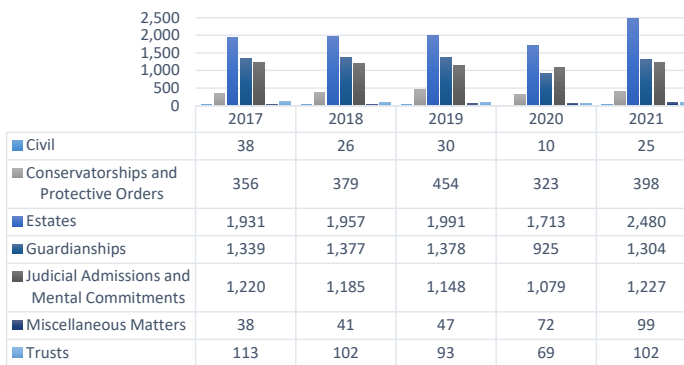
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# Caseload Information

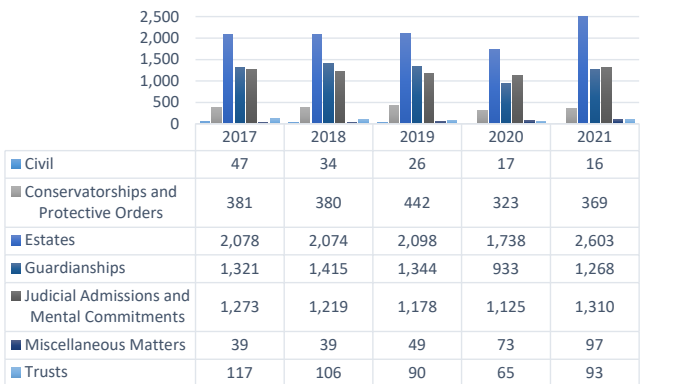
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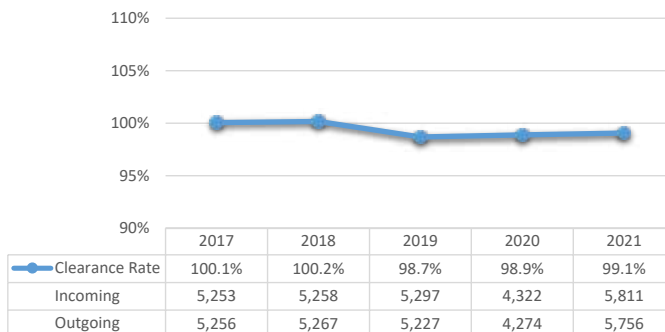
### Macomb County Probate Court - New Filings



### Macomb County Probate Court - Dispositions



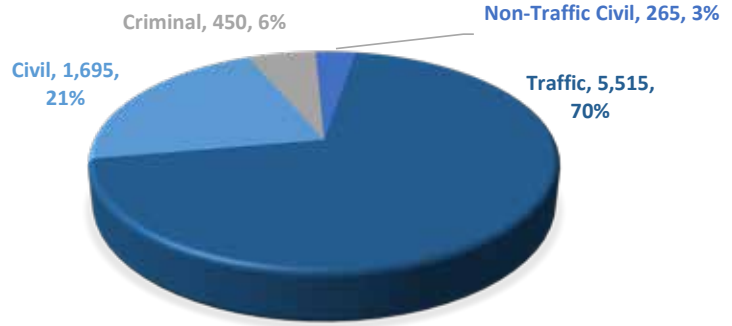
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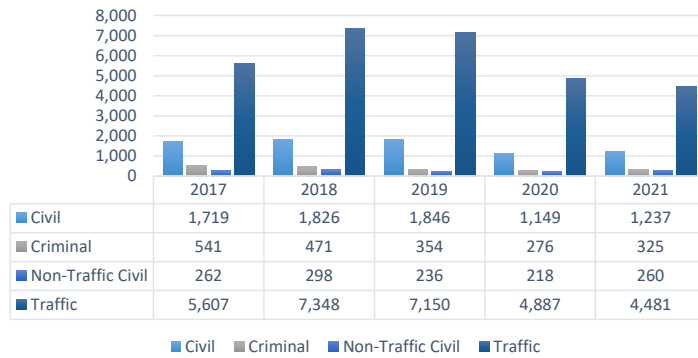
# Caseload Information

## 42-1 Judicial District Court

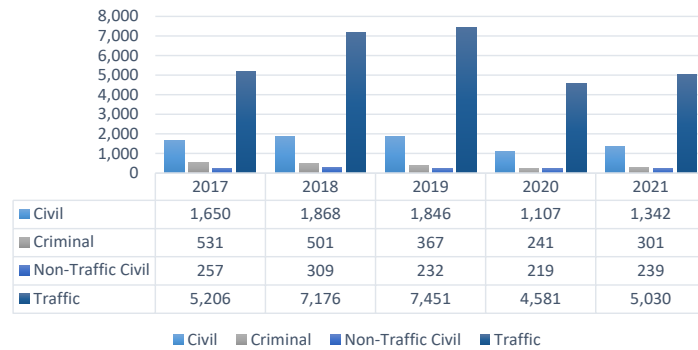
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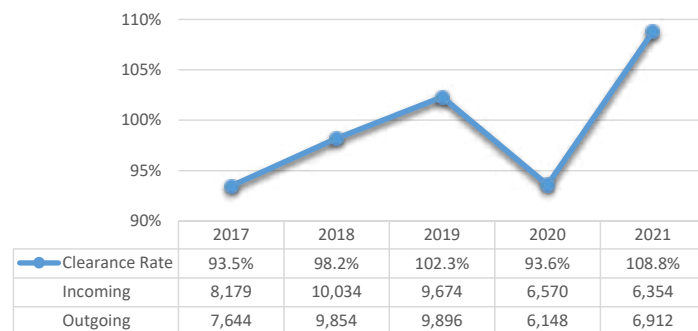
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### 42-1 Judicial District Court - Romeo - Dispositions



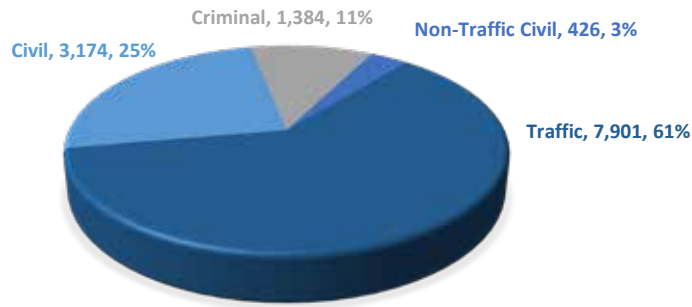
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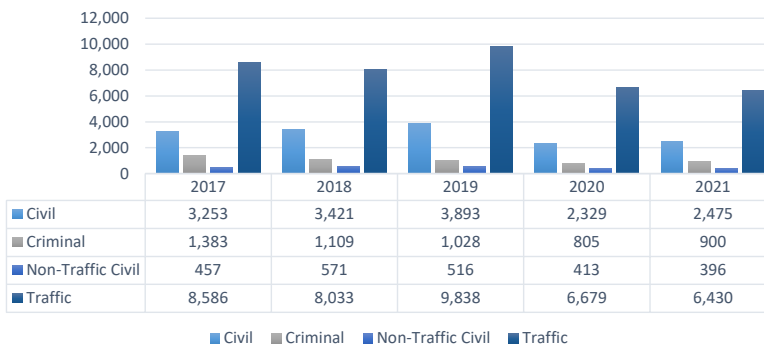
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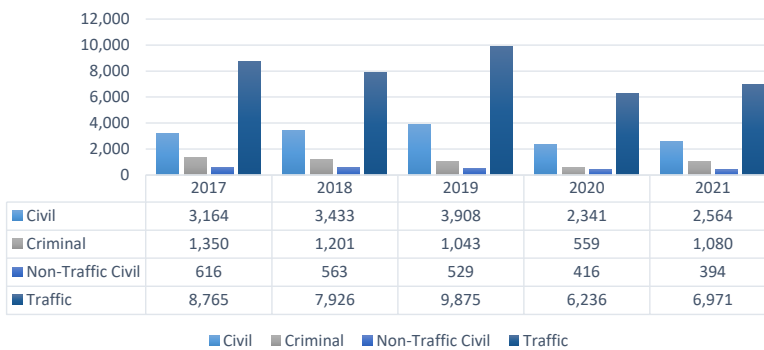
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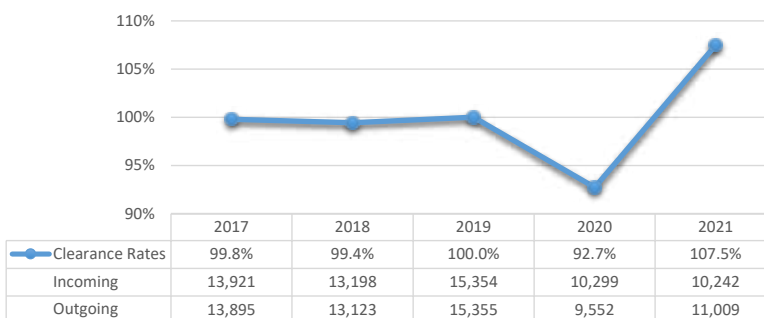
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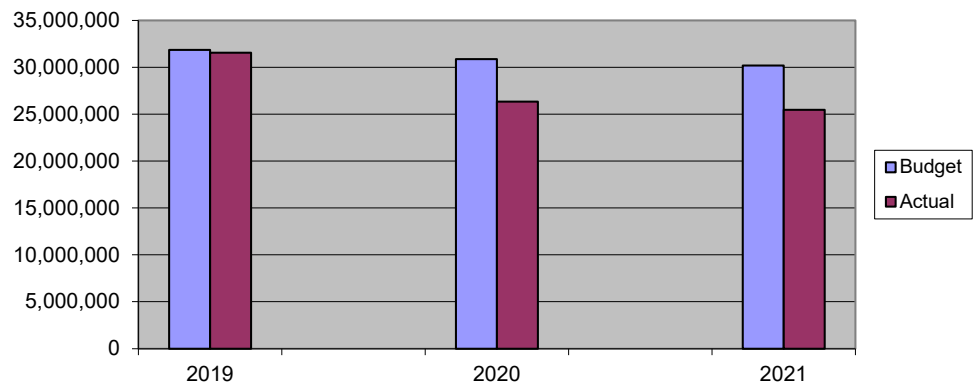


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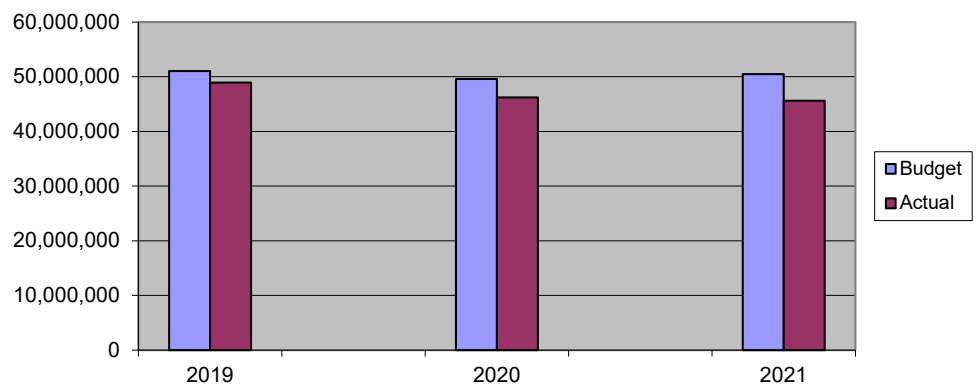
# Fiscal Snapshots

### Revenue Budget to Actual



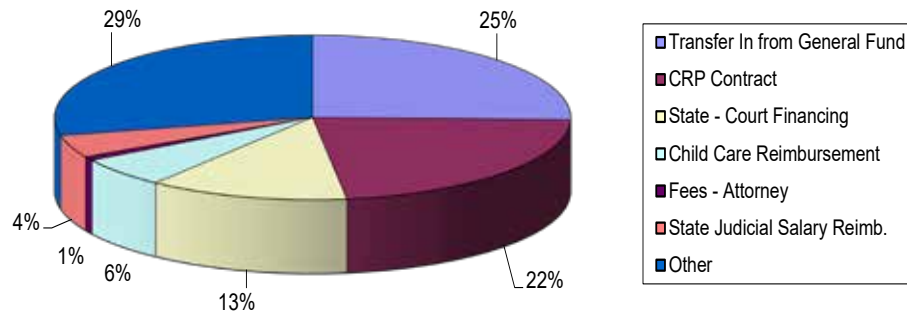
Total revenues collected as a percent of budget were 84% in 2021 compared to 86% in 2020. The largest factor affecting revenues was a second year of decreased cases and costs in the Child Care Fund. Although this appears as a reduction in revenue, there is also a corresponding decrease in expenses. When the expenses do not occur, the revenue is not collected. Collections of court fines and costs were also down when compared to the pre-pandemic totals in 2019.

### Expenditures Budget to Actual



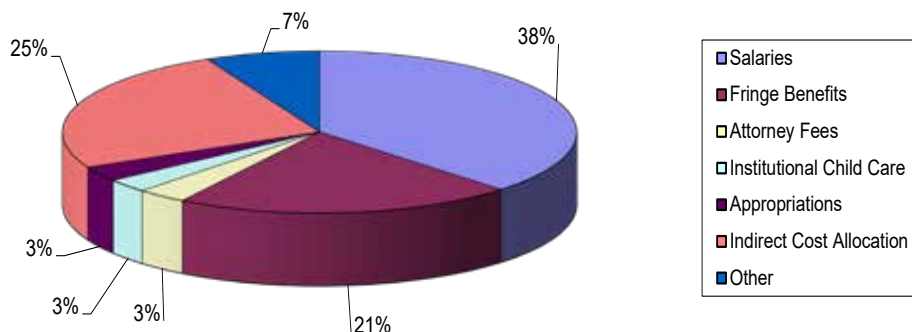
The Court spent 90% of the allocated budget for 2021. The Court still faced many challenges during 2021 caused by the pandemic, and was not able to return to spending levels seen in 2019. Conference & Seminars, Travel, Employee Training, and Jury Fee expenditure line items all had budget reductions in 2021.

## 16th Judicial Circuit, Macomb County Probate, and 42nd District Courts Financial Report 2021 Revenues: \$25,460,281



Total revenue collected was down 3% from 2020 to 2021. The majority of this reduction was tied specifically to the Child Care Fund which receives contributions from the State of Michigan as well as from the General Fund. When juvenile case counts are down, less money is spent from the Child Care Fund. This results in less revenue from the State and County General Fund to cover these expenses.

## 16th Judicial Circuit, Macomb County Probate, and 42nd District Courts Financial Report 2021 Expenditures: \$45,600,120



Salary and Fringe Benefit costs in 2021 represented 59% of the total Court expenditures. The number of Juveniles in Residential placements continued to be lower than normal, resulting in 43% less in Institutional Child Care expenses from 2020 to 2021. Attorney fees increased slightly as the Court worked to address a backlog of cases from 2020.

2022

## 16th Judicial Circuit Court

40 North Main Street  
Mount Clemens, MI 48043

### Judge James M. Biernat, Jr.

Chief Judge  
16th Judicial Circuit, Macomb County Probate  
and 42nd District Courts, Civil/Criminal Division

### Judge Matthew S. Switalski

Chief Judge Pro Tempore  
Presiding Judge Family Division

### Judge Richard L. Caretti

Presiding Judge, Civil/Criminal Division

### Judge Edward A. Servitto, Jr.

Civil/Criminal Division

### Judge Diane M. Druzinski

Civil/Criminal Division

### Judge Tracey A. Yokich

Family Division

### Judge Kathryn A. Viviano

Civil/Criminal Division

### Judge Jennifer M. Faunce

Civil/Criminal Division

### Judge James M. Maceroni

Civil/Criminal Division

### Judge Joseph Toia

Civil/Criminal Division

### Judge Michael E. Servitto

Civil/Criminal Division

### Judge Rachel Rancilio

Family Division

### Judge Julie Gatti

Civil/Criminal Division

### Judge Teri L. Dennings

Family Division

### Judge Matthew P. Sabaugh

Civil/Criminal Division



## Macomb County Probate Court

40 North Main Street  
Mount Clemens, MI 48043

### Judge Sandra A. Harrison

Presiding Probate Judge

### Judge Sara A. Schimke

Probate Judge

## 42nd Judicial District Court

### (Division I)

14713 33 Mile Road  
Romeo, MI 48065

### (Division II)

35071 23 Mile Road  
New Baltimore, MI 48047

### Judge William H. Hackel

Presiding District Judge

### Judge Jennifer A. Andary

District Judge



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