

# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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



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The Judges and Administrators of the 16th Judicial Circuit, Macomb County Probate and 42nd Judicial District Courts, and the Macomb County Executive and 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



Welcome to the 2019 Annual Report for the 16th Judicial Circuit, Macomb Probate, and 42nd Judicial District Courts. This past year ushered in many changes to the Courts. The 16th Judicial Circuit Court was fortunate to welcome Judge Julie Gatti to the Bench. In addition, Judge Tracey Yokich had the honor of being named to the Judges' Subcommittee of the Michigan Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration.

The Court continues to improve the services it provides to the public and to become an even better place to work for the employees whose efforts and commitment enable the Court to provide excellent service. One example of these efforts is the creation of an Employee Satisfaction Committee and the implementation of ideas and suggestions arising from this Committee.

Other topics discussed in this year's report include the Probate Court's move to its permanent home at the Court building, our annual Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day, and the Juvenile Court's new celebrity therapy support dog, Izzy. Finally, the report will look back on the life of Judge Donald Miller, whose dedication to public service is an inspiration to us all.

Thank you for taking the time to review this report. I am honored to continue serving Macomb County with the hard-working and dedicated staff of the 16th Judicial Circuit, Macomb County Probate, and the 42nd District Courts. I hope you enjoy reading this report.

Sincerely,

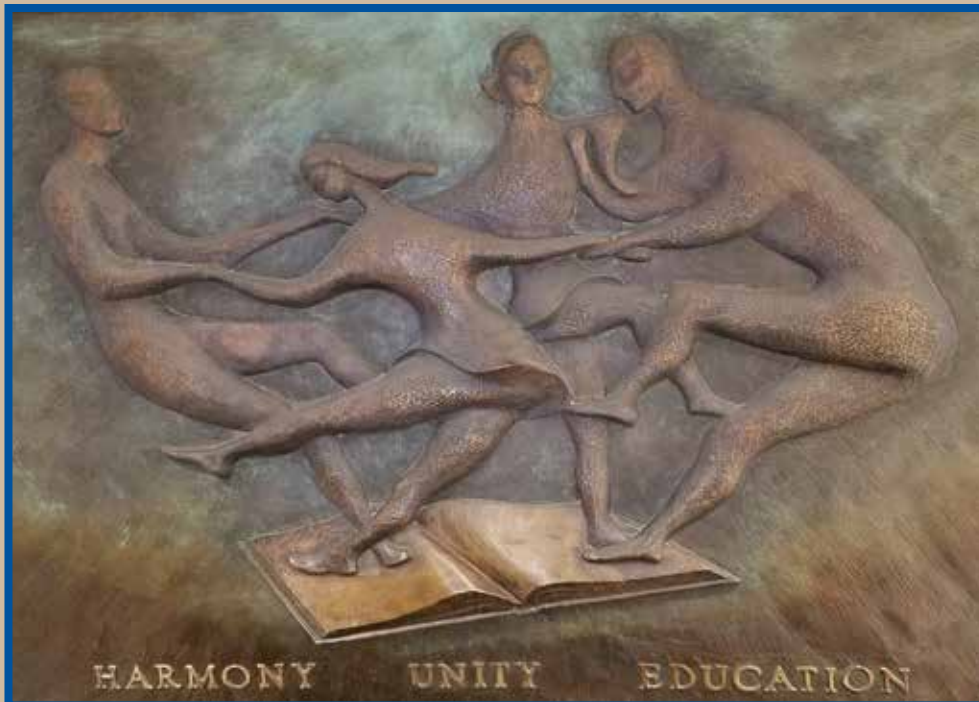
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James M. Biernat, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

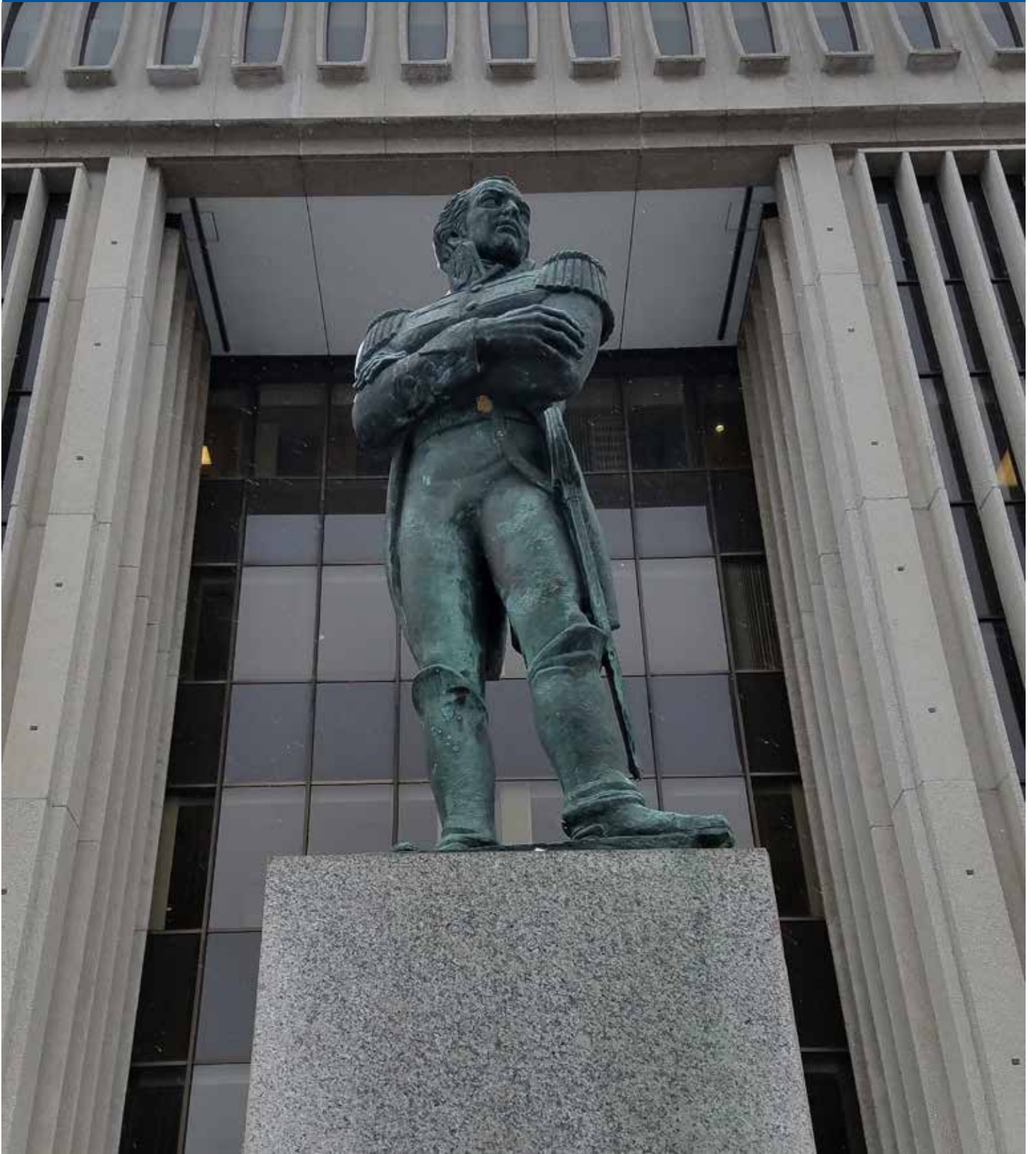
# 16th Judicial Circuit Court Overview

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 System 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



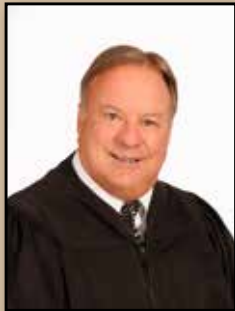
# Circuit Court Judges



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



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



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



**Judge  
Mark S. Switalski**  
Family Division  
[http://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/  
CircuitCourt-MarkSwitalski](http://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/CircuitCourt-MarkSwitalski)



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



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



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

# Circuit Court Judges



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



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



**Judge  
James M. Maceroni**  
Civil/Criminal Division  
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**Judge  
Joseph Toia**  
Civil/Criminal Division  
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**Judge  
Carl J. Marlinga**  
Civil/Criminal Division  
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CircuitCourt-CarlMarlinga](http://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/CircuitCourt-CarlMarlinga)



**Judge  
Michael E. Servitto**  
Civil/Criminal Division  
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**Judge  
Rachel Rancilio**  
Family Division  
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CircuitCourt-RachelRancilio](http://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/CircuitCourt-RachelRancilio)



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



# 2019 16th Judicial Circuit Court Bench



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

Front Row Judges: Jennifer M. Faunce, Tracey A. Yokich, Matthew S. Switalski, 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

**“Freedom is the only worthy goal in life. It is won by disregarding things that lie beyond our control.”**

**Epictetus**

## New Circuit Court Judge

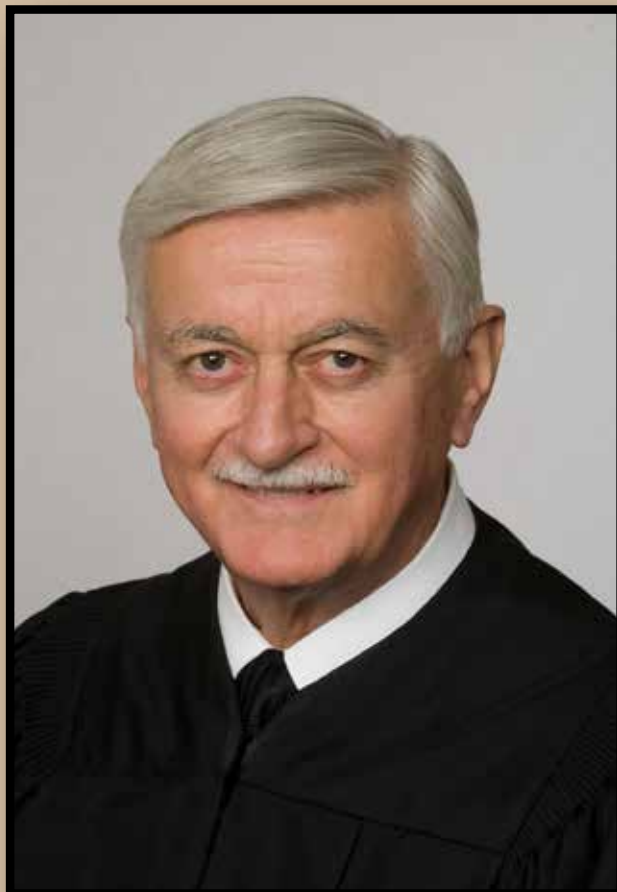
### Judge Julie Gatti



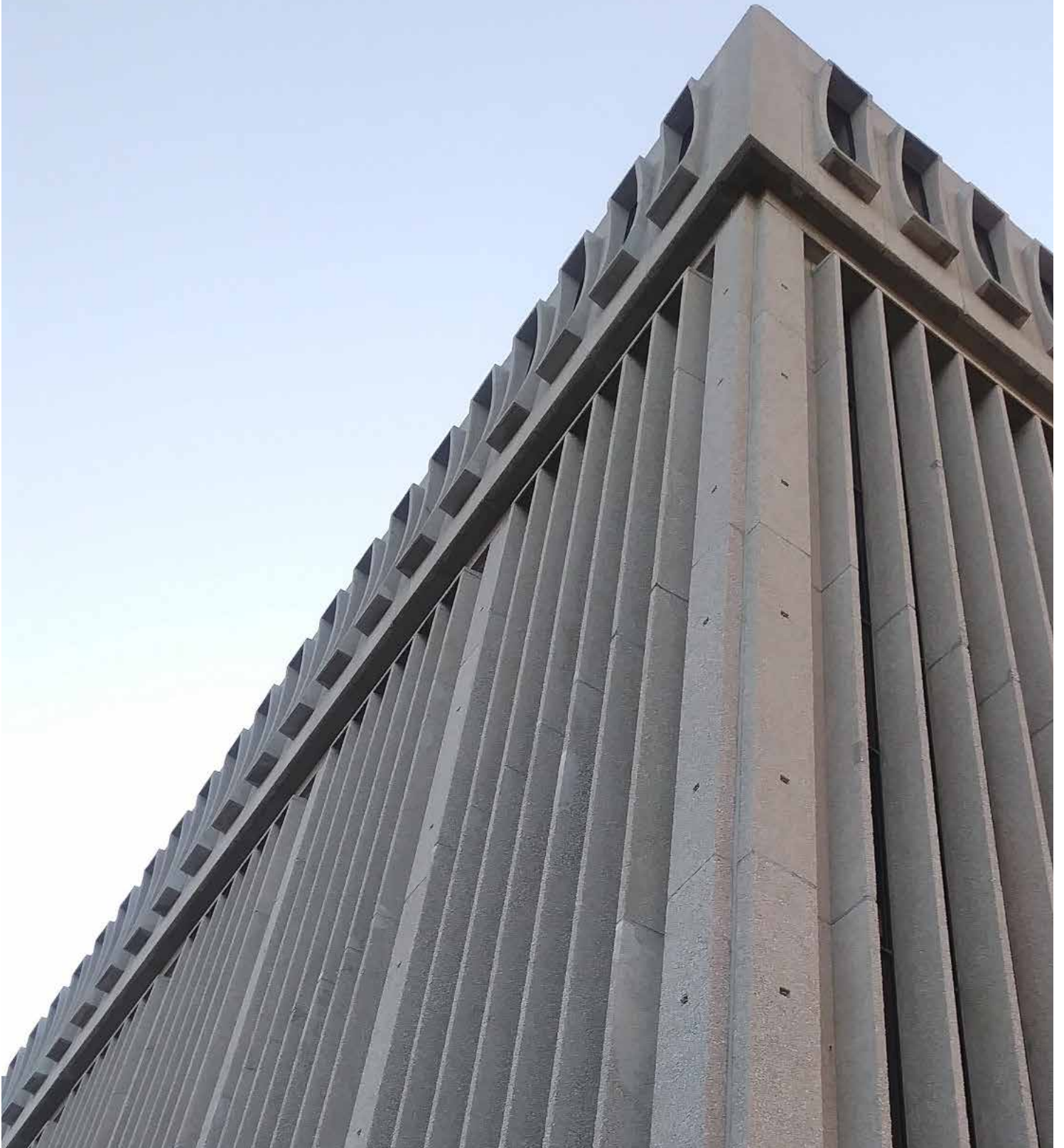
Judge Julie Gatti was elected to a newly created Circuit Court Judgeship in November of 2018 and took the Bench in January of 2019. Judge Gatti graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1989. She received her Juris Doctor from Wayne State University in 1995. Before her election, Judge Gatti was in private practice, specializing in Family Law. She served nine years on the Board of the Macomb County Bar Association (MCBA) and was elected its 85th president. She was the proud recipient of the MCBA's Civility Award for 2017 to 2018. Judge Gatti also serves on the Board of Directors of The Resolution Center and is a member of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan - Macomb Region, the Italian American Bar Association of Michigan, and the Italian American Chamber of Commerce of Michigan.

## Hon. Donald G. Miller

Judge Donald G. Miller passed away on January 18, 2019. Judge Miller dedicated a life of service to his country and the citizens of Macomb County. Judge Miller graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor's of Science degree in 1961 and was commissioned as an Air Force Officer. He served as a pilot during the Vietnam War, and later attained the rank of colonel and served as Commander of Selfridge Air National Guard Base. In 1982, he received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Detroit. Before becoming a Circuit Court Judge, he was in private practice, served as a Workers' Compensation Magistrate, and served on the Workers' Compensation Appellate Commission. Judge Miller served as a judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit Court from 1998 to 2010. Chief Judge James M. Biernat, Jr., was appointed to Judge Miller's seat at his retirement. Chief Judge Biernat stated: "Don was well-respected for his judicial temperament and leadership qualities. He spent his entire adult life serving the citizens of this Country in one capacity or another. He was a mentor to many young attorneys, including me, and his death is a real loss to the community." Judge Miller is survived by his wife, Candice Miller, Macomb County Public Works Commissioner (and former U.S. Representative).



# Macomb County Probate Court



# Probate Court Judges



**Judge**

**Sandra A. Harrison**

<http://probatecourt.macombgov.org/ProbateCourt-SandraHarrisonSuratt>



**Judge**

**Kathryn A. George**

<http://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/CircuitCourt-KathrynGeorge>

**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>



# 42nd District Court





**Judge  
William H. Hackel**

District Judge

[http://districtcourt.macombgov.org/  
DistrictCourt-WilliamHackel](http://districtcourt.macombgov.org/DistrictCourt-WilliamHackel)



**Judge  
Denis R. LeDuc**

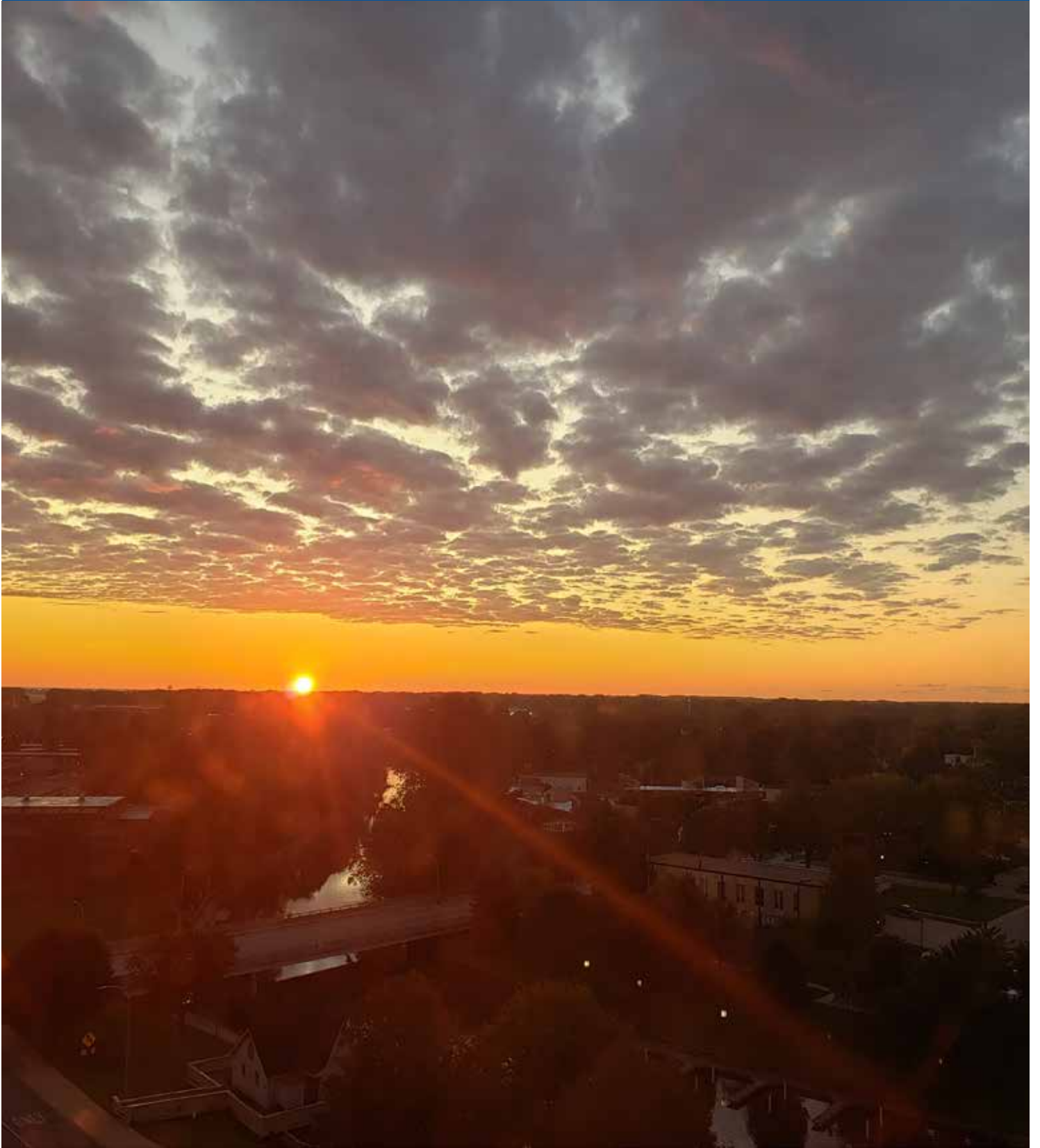
Presiding District Judge

[http://districtcourt.macombgov.org/  
DistrictCourt-DenisLeDuc](http://districtcourt.macombgov.org/DistrictCourt-DenisLeDuc)

## District Court Summary

The 42nd District Court serves the citizens of northern Macomb County, with separate divisions located in Romeo and New Baltimore. The 42nd 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 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: <https://42romeo.macombgov.org/42romeo-Home> and <https://42newbaltimore.macombgov.org/42newbaltimore-Home>.

# Department Summaries





## Court Administration

Court Administration manages the 16th Judicial Circuit Court, Macomb County Probate Court and 42nd District Court personnel and business operations, including public relations and Court policy issues. Court Administration departments include the Case Management Division, ADR/Case Evaluation, Specialty Court Services, Finance, Family Counseling Service, Friend of the Court, Research Department, Juvenile Division, and Information Services Division. For more information on the departments of the Court System, visit <http://circuitcourt.macombgov.org/?q=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.



**Case Management Division**

## 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.



**ADR/Case Eval and Specialty Court Department**

## Specialty Court Services

Specialty Court Services oversees the treatment courts. the Adult Felony Drug Court, the Veterans' Treatment Court, the Mental Health Court, and the Business Court. The Department also runs the Swift and Sure Sanctions Program.

# Department Summaries

## Judicial Aide Division



Judicial Aide is responsible for collecting money from defendants ordered to repay fees assessed for court-appointed counsel, transcripts, and expert witnesses; working with defendants on payment arrangements and wage assignments; processing requests for information and return of cash bonds; performing financial reviews and making recommendations to the Court at sentencing and hearings; cashiering and remitting restitution funds; and processing income tax garnishments and orders to remit prisoner funds.

Judicial Aide

## Information Services Division



The Information Services Division (IS 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 District Courts. The IS 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 IS Division assists the judges, court staff, and the public with court information systems and technology.

Information Services Division

## Research Department



The Research Department provides research and writing as requested by the judges of the Court. The Research Department also provides support for Court Administration, assists in the training of law clerks, operates the Court's law library, and provides ancillary legal support services as directed.

Research Department

## 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 Juvenile Division consists of a legal department, diversion unit, probation department, psychology and counseling unit, adoptions department, and clerical services.



Juvenile Division

- **Reimbursement Division**

The Reimbursement Division assists the Juvenile Division in collection of court-ordered assessments and the cost of care and service for youths in juvenile cases. The Reimbursement Division 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.



Reimbursement Division

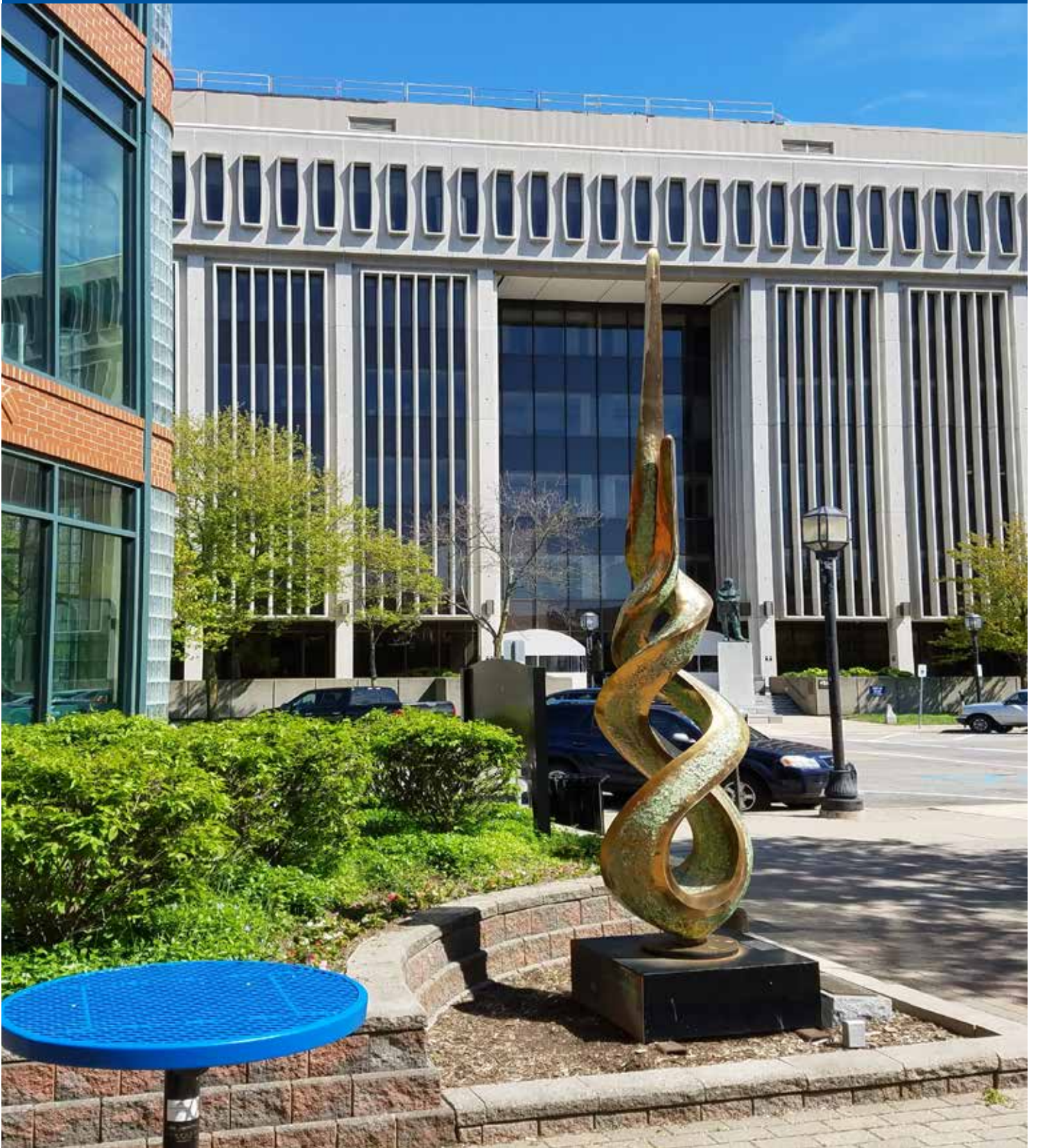
## Friend of the Court

The Friend of the Court (FOC) assists the Family Division of the Court. 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.



Clerical Services

# Highlights



## Judge Tracey Yokich on Judicial Subcommittee of Task Force

Judge Tracey Yokich was named a member of the Judges' Subcommittee of the Michigan Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration. The Task Force was charged with making recommendations for changes to state law and policy to (1) expand alternatives to jail, (2) safely reduce jail admissions and length of jail stays, and (3) improve efficiency and effectiveness of our justice system. The Judges' Subcommittee was co-chaired by Judge Prentis Edwards of the Third Circuit and Judge Thomas Boyd of the 55th District. In addition to Judge Yokich, the Macomb County Bench is represented by Judge Carrie Fuca and Judge Sebastian Lucido of the 41B District Court and Judge Matthew Sabaugh of the 37th District Court.

The final report of the Task Force was issued in January of 2020, and is available at <https://courts.michigan.gov/News-Events/Pages/Data-DrivenJusticeSolutions.aspx>.

## Probate Move

The Probate Court relocated from Dunham Road to the fifth floor of the Macomb County Court Building during the first week of May, 2019. The Dunham Road offices closed for the last time on May 8 at noon. The Probate Court administrative offices and two courtrooms share the fifth floor with one Circuit Court Judge. The new location for Probate Court finalizes our multi-year campus renovation project, moving all of our Circuit and Probate Court operations to one convenient downtown Mount Clemens location.

## Adoption Day

On November 26, 2019, the Circuit Court participated in National Adoption Day, which is celebrated in courts across the state and the nation to give thanks to adopting families. Adoption proceedings are normally closed to the public, but on this day four families agreed to share their adoption celebration by opening their hearings to the public. Michigan Supreme Court Justice David Viviano joined Chief Judge James Biernat and Chief Judge Pro Tempore Matthew Switalski in confirming the adoptions.



# 2019 Highlights

## Friend of the Court Statistics

Friend of the Court was very busy in 2019. As usual, the staff worked very hard to process an impressive caseload.

- A total of \$120,737,505 in support was distributed by FOC.
- FOC processed 140,845 pieces of incoming mail, interoffice mail, facsimiles, court pleadings, and documents.
- FOC Referees conducted 965 hearings; they heard 3,166 motions and conducted 1,168 status conferences.
- The Custody Department completed 823 investigations.
- The Enforcement Department participated in 8,209 show cause hearings.

## MIDC Update

In 2019, after years of planning, the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission approved plans for Macomb County to create a Public Defender Office. The Public Defender Office will be housed at the Clemens Center and will take over responsibility for attorney appointments and payment, while also providing legal representation directly to criminal defendants in some cases. This new office will report to the County Executive and maintain independence from the judiciary (similar to the Prosecutor's Office). The Public Defender Office represents real opportunities for providing improved resources for the criminal defense bar and for all of those who find themselves involved in the criminal justice system but unable to afford retained counsel.

## Employee Satisfaction Committee

In July 2019, the Courts conducted an Employee Satisfaction Survey to get 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 to make recommendations based on staff feedback. Employees from all areas of the Court are represented on the Committee, which met several times in 2019. The Committee established priorities based on survey results and developed an implementation plan to achieve the goals established. The Committee continues to meet and evaluate progress.

## 42-1 Drug Court Graduation

The 42-1 District Court Drug Treatment Court in Romeo held a graduation ceremony on September 30, 2019. Two participants graduated from the Treatment Court and they were recognized by Magistrate Jennifer Andary, Judge Denis LeDuc, and Michigan Supreme Court Justice David Viviano. There are now a total of 11 graduates from this program. We congratulate the graduates, and wish them good luck in their drug-free lives.



## Infax Docket Call Boards

The Court completed the installation of Docket Call monitors in the County Courthouse. These monitors replace paper printouts of the daily docket and inform attorneys, parties, and spectators of the location of scheduled hearings each day. The monitors display the parties' names, case number, and location.

## Izzy the Therapy Dog

In 2019, the Juvenile Division was joined by its newest member: Izzy the Therapy Dog. Izzy is a golden doodle who was rescued from a dog-hoarding situation where she spent most of her time in a crate. She was adopted from Macomb County Animal Control and prepared for her role as a therapy dog by participating in an intensive residential dog-training program. Izzy provides support to youth and families who are receiving services through the Juvenile Division.



## 2019 Highlights

### Bring Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day

Bring Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day took place on April 25. Roughly 130 children and their employee parents participated. Chief Judge Biernat welcomed everyone at their breakfast, and then the kids were off to a full day of fun and learning. Judge Matt Switalski joined Chief Judge Biernat in inviting into their courtrooms some of the children to participate in sessions about the law.



### Mock Trial 2019

On Saturday, March 2, 2019, the Macomb Bar Foundation continued its partnership with the Michigan Center for Civil Education and hosted one of four regional Michigan High School Mock Trial Competitions in the Court Building. At this day-long event, 140 high school students competed with the assistance of their volunteer instructors and attorney coaches. Several Macomb County Judges volunteered to hear the cases and many attorneys volunteered to score the students' skills and play the role of court officer. Cardinal Mooney and Grosse Pointe South were 2019 finalists and advanced to the State Finals.

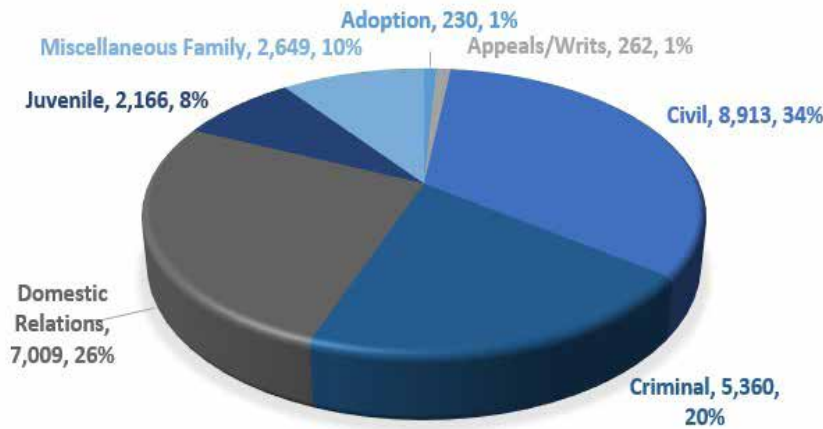




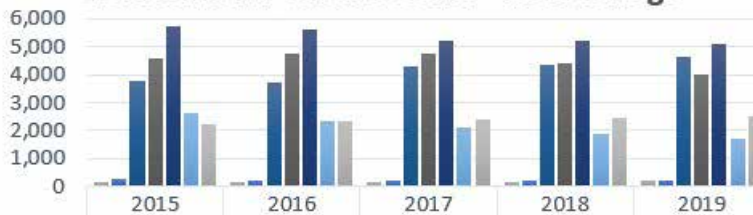
# 16th Judicial Circuit Court

# Caseload Information

16th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT  
CASELOAD BY CATEGORY FOR 2019

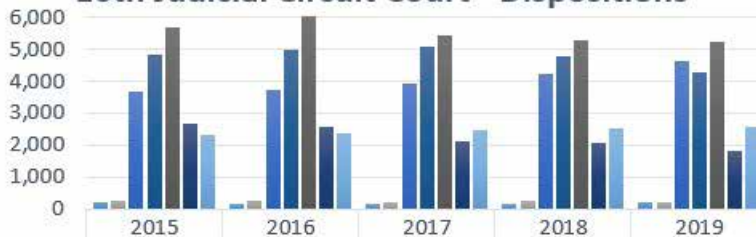


16th Judicial Circuit Court - New Filings



Adoption	163	143	165	155	187
Appeals/Writs	250	234	216	225	209
Civil	3,758	3,723	4,311	4,331	4,651
Criminal	4,565	4,730	4,780	4,421	4,013
Domestic Relations	5,733	5,602	5,226	5,220	5,089
Juvenile	2,617	2,362	2,128	1,897	1,724
Miscellaneous Family	2,243	2,355	2,411	2,431	2,506

16th Judicial Circuit Court - Dispositions



Adoption	177	158	153	158	181
Appeals/Writs	261	254	225	230	207
Civil	3,692	3,732	3,949	4,248	4,653
Criminal	4,859	4,979	5,079	4,798	4,307
Domestic Relations	5,670	6,066	5,447	5,308	5,265
Juvenile	2,691	2,591	2,121	2,088	1,811
Miscellaneous Family	2,316	2,393	2,474	2,498	2,553

# Caseload Information

# 16th Judicial Circuit Court

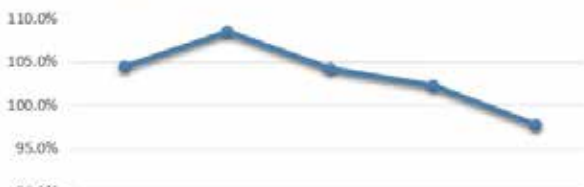
## Clearance Rates

16th Judicial Circuit Court Adoption Clearance Rates



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Clearance Rate	108.6%	110.5%	92.7%	101.9%	95.8%
Incoming	163	143	165	155	189
Outgoing	177	158	153	158	181

16th Judicial Circuit Court Appeals/Writs Clearance Rates



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Clearance Rate	104.4%	108.5%	104.2%	102.2%	97.6%
Incoming	250	234	216	225	212
Outgoing	261	254	225	230	207

16th Judicial Circuit Court Civil Clearance Rates



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Clearance Rate	94.7%	100.2%	91.6%	98.1%	97.2%
Incoming	3,899	3,723	4,311	4,331	4,785
Outgoing	3,692	3,732	3,949	4,248	4,653

16th Judicial Circuit Court Criminal Clearance Rates



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Clearance Rate	99.4%	105.3%	105.6%	108.5%	99.2%
Incoming	4,887	4,730	4,780	4,421	4,342
Outgoing	4,859	4,979	5,049	4,798	4,307

16th Judicial Circuit Court Domestic Relations Clearance Rates



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Clearance Rate	97.5%	108.3%	104.2%	101.7%	101.4%
Incoming	5,818	5,602	5,226	5,220	5,193
Outgoing	5,670	6,066	5,447	5,308	5,265

16th Judicial Circuit Court Juvenile Clearance Rates



	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Clearance Rate	96.7%	109.7%	99.7%	110.1%	98.5%
Incoming	2,781	2,362	2,128	1,897	1,844
Outgoing	2,689	2,591	2,121	2,088	1,816

16th Judicial Circuit Court Miscellaneous Family Clearance Rates

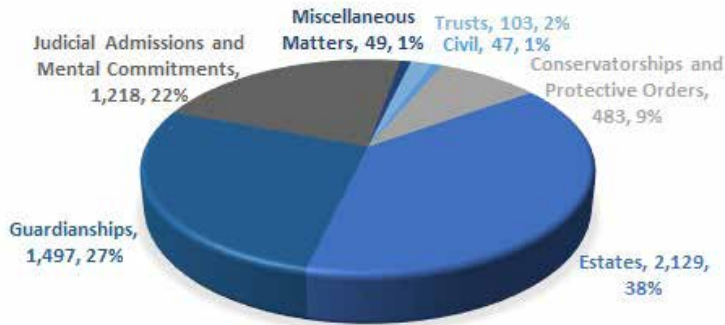


	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Clearance Rate	100.1%	101.6%	102.6%	102.8%	99.1%
Incoming	2,314	2,355	2,411	2,431	2,577
Outgoing	2,316	2,393	2,474	2,498	2,553

# Macomb County Probate Court

# Caseload Information

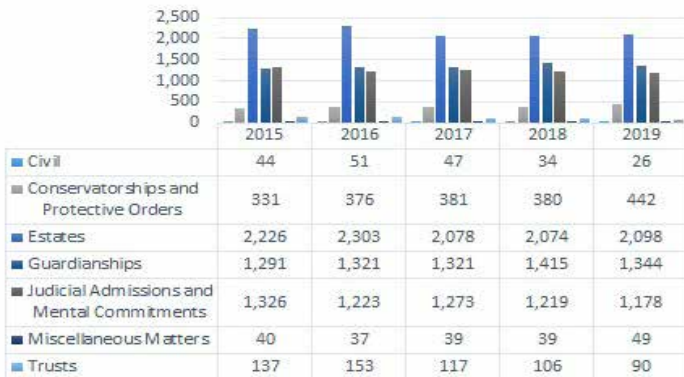
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**Macomb Probate Court - New Filings**



**Macomb Probate Court- Dispositions**

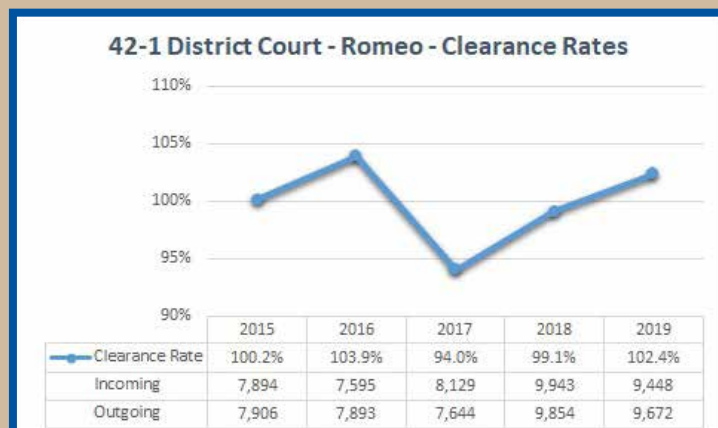
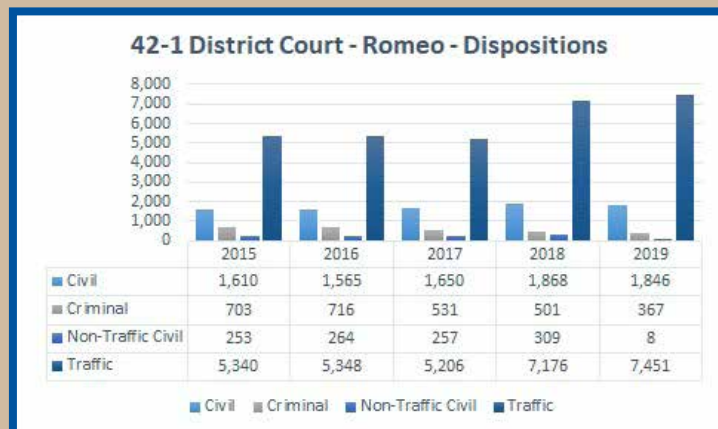
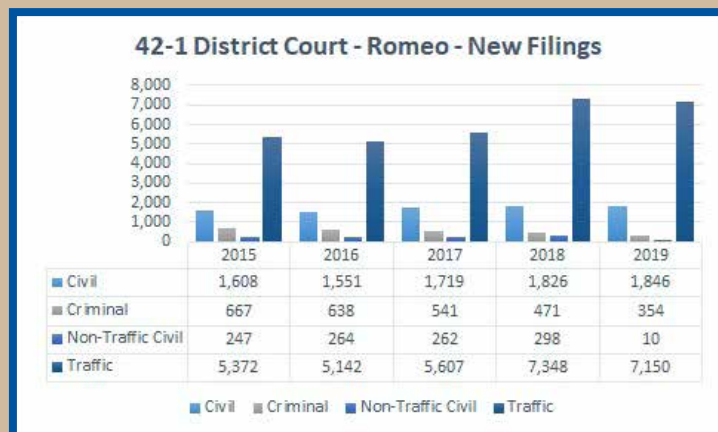
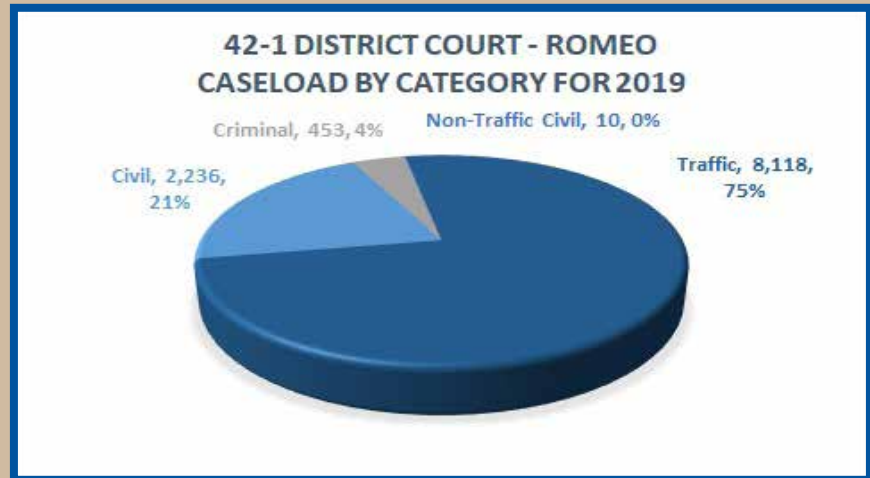


**Macomb Probate Court - Clearance Rates**



# Caseload Information

## 42-1 Judicial District Court



# 42-2 Judicial District Court

# Caseload Information

## 42-2 DISTRICT COURT - NEW BALTIMORE CASELOAD BY CATEGORY FOR 2019



## 42-2 District Court - New Baltimore - New Filings



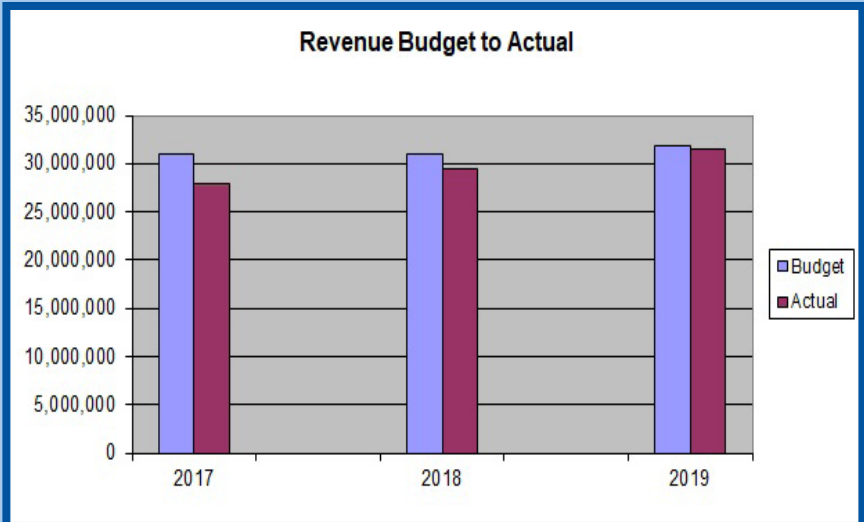
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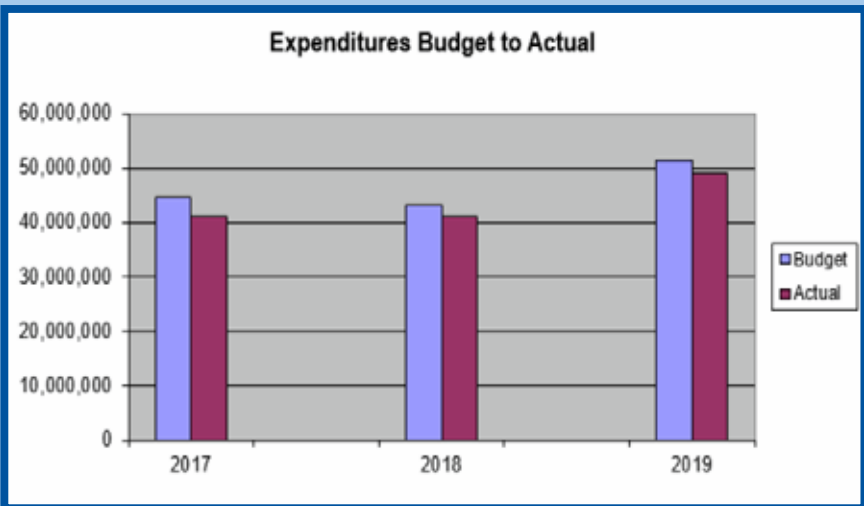
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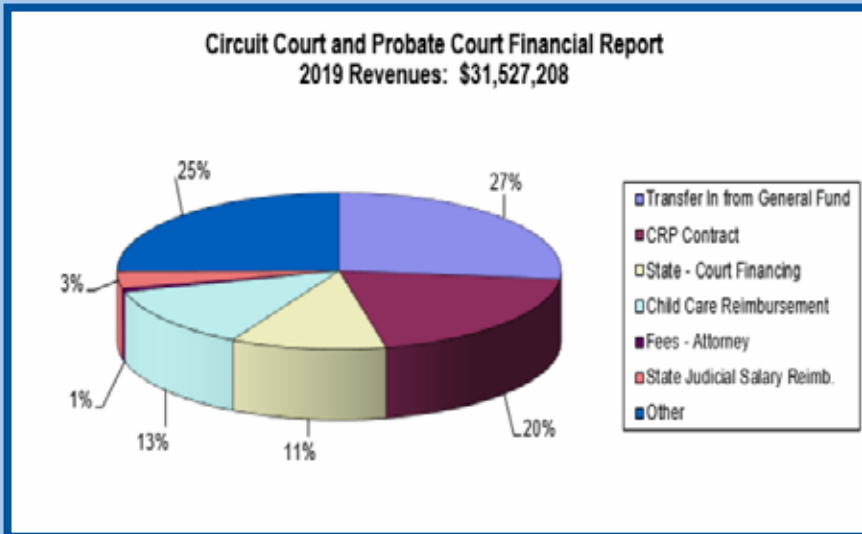
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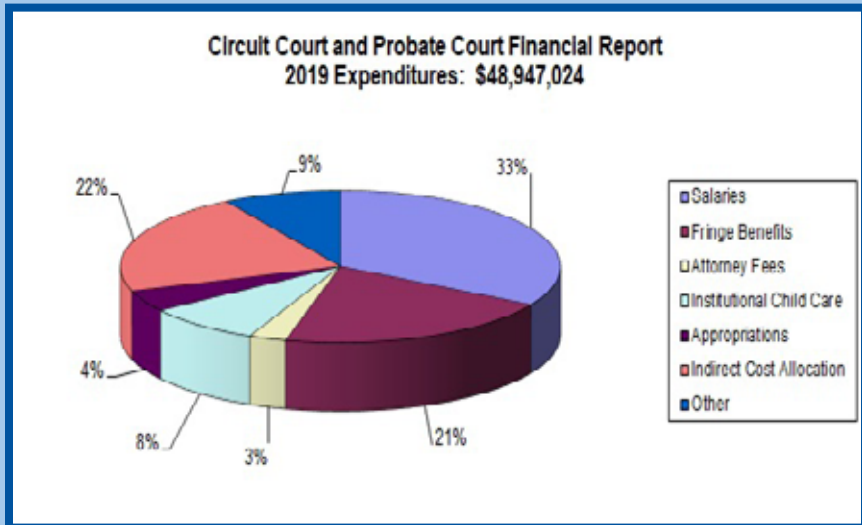
Total revenues collected as a percent of budget were 99% in 2019 compared with 95% in 2018. Collections at the Court have been increasing as the economy improves and the Court is always trying to maintain a budget that closely follows past and future predicted trends.



The Court spent 95% of the allocated budget for 2019. The largest budget changes from 2018 to 2019 were an increase in salary and wages, a decrease in attorney fees shifted to the MIDC fund, and an increase in indirect costs now budgeted in each general fund department.



Both the Child Care Fund and the Friend of the Court saw large increases in revenue in 2019 from their respective state and federal funding sources. This also caused a corresponding increase in the transfer in from the general fund for these two programs. Overall, revenue collections for the Courts was up 7% from 2018 to 2019.



With the shift of the funding source for criminal attorney fees to the MIDC fund beginning October 1, 2018, remaining attorney fees have dropped to 3% of total Court expenditures. Another large change for 2019 is to record indirect costs to each Court department in the general fund. Although this is not an increase in spending, it is a significant accounting change that now reflects 22% of the total Court expenditures.

# Elected Officials



**Mark A. Hackel**  
Macomb County Executive

**Eric Smith**  
Prosecuting Attorney

**Candice S. Miller**  
Public Works Commissioner

**Lawrence Rocca**  
Treasurer

**Fred Miller**  
Clerk and Register of Deeds

**Anthony Wickersham**  
Sheriff

## Board of Commissioners

**Bob Smith**  
Board Chair, District 12

**Robert Mijac**  
District 5

**James L. Carabelli**  
Vice-Chair, District 6

**Don Brown**  
District 7

**Elizabeth Lucido**  
Sergeant-at-Arms, District 9

**Phil Kraft**  
District 8

**Andrey Duzyj**  
District 1

**Robert Leonetti**  
District 10

**Marvin E. Sauger**  
District 2

**Harold Haugh**  
District 11

**Veronica Klinefelt**  
District 3

**Leon Drolet**  
District 13

**Joseph V. Romano**  
District 4



# 2020

## 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 Mark S. Switalski

Family 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 Carl J. Marlinga

Civil/Criminal Division

### Judge Michael E. Servitto

Civil/Criminal Division

### Judge Rachel Rancilio

Family Division

### Judge Julie Gatti

Civil/Criminal Division



## Macomb County Probate Court

40 North Main Street  
Mount Clemens, MI 48043

### Judge Kathryn A. George

Senior Probate Judge

### Judge Sandra A. Harrison

Probate Judge

## 42nd District Court

### (Division I)

14713 33 Mile Road  
Romeo, MI 48065

### (Division II)

35071 23 Mile Road  
New Baltimore, MI 48047

### Judge Denis R. LeDuc

Presiding District Judge

### Judge William H. Hackel

District Judge



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