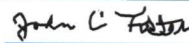
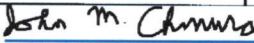
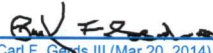





CONCURRENT JURISDICTION PLAN APPLICATION

A. APPLICANT SUMMARY

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16 th Circuit; Macomb Probate; and 42 nd District Courts Chief Judge: Hon. John C. Foster	Signature:  <small>John C Foster (Mar 5, 2014)</small> Email: _____
Chief District Court Judges: Hon. John M. Chmura (37 th) Hon. Carl F. Gerds (38 th) Hon. Catherine B. Steenland (39 th)	Signature:  <small>John M. Chmura (Mar 18, 2014)</small> Email: _____ Signature:  <small>Carl F. Gerds III (Mar 20, 2014)</small> Email: _____ Signature:  <small>Catherine B. Steenland (Mar 20, 2014)</small> Email: _____

<p>Hon. Joseph C. Oster (40th)</p>	<p>Signature:  <small>Joseph Craigen Oster (Mar 22, 2014)</small></p> <p>Email: _____</p>
<p>Hon. Michael S. Maceroni (41-A)</p>	<p>Signature:  <small>Michael S Maceroni (Mar 27, 2014)</small></p> <p>Email: _____</p>
<p>Hon. Sebastian Lucido (41-B)</p>	<p>Signature:  <small>Sebastian Lucido (Mar 31, 2014)</small></p> <p>Email: _____</p>

Concurrent Jurisdiction Plan

The Macomb County Concurrent Jurisdiction Plan is an agreement primarily among the 16th Judicial Circuit Court, the 42nd District Court, and the Macomb County Probate Court, which all share one funding unit, Macomb County. These Courts will be referred to as the "County Funded Courts" throughout the remainder of this document. Effective January 1, 2014, the Michigan Supreme Court designated a single Chief for the 16th Circuit Court, Macomb County Probate Court and 42nd District Court. The term "Chief Judge" refers to the Chief Judge of these courts. Additionally, through the enactment, continuation and future development of Local Administrative Orders approved by the Chief Judges of each Court, the third class locally funded district courts in Macomb County agree to the goals set forth in this document. Any future additions to existing Local Administrative Orders will be voluntary and require the ongoing consent of the participating judges.

Subject to the approval of the Michigan Supreme Court and pursuant to the requirements of Public Act 338 of 2012 (MCL 600.401) this plan of concurrent jurisdiction has been adopted by a majority vote of the circuit, probate and district judges of Macomb County.

1. GOALS

- Utilize judicial resources and services in the most efficient way possible to meet the needs of our community;
- Ensure that decision making considers the needs of all courts and funding units;
- Reduce duplication and redundancy of administrative activities wherever practical;
- Improve integration of case management systems; and
- Ensure effective case processing and public access to meet the needs of litigants.

2. JUDICIAL RESOURCES

The Chief Judge has the authority to determine the number and duration of judicial assignments to the respective divisions of the County Funded Courts. The Judges of the County Funded Courts will be cross-assigned. The Chief Judge may reassign judges as needed to respond to changes in caseload, or to meet mandated duties and responsibilities. Assignments will be made after consultation with the judiciary and for the purpose of ensuring that the Courts' resources are maximized for the benefit of citizens, and to develop a competent judiciary to serve all jurisdictions. This is especially important given the Judicial Resources Recommendations Report (2013) published by the Michigan Supreme Court, which indicates the current level of resources is inadequate for the caseload of the County Funded Courts in Macomb County.

Specific case assignment, transition of open cases, rotation of judges within divisions, transfer of cases, and disqualification process are further addressed in the Joint Local Administrative Orders regarding Assignment of Civil and Criminal Circuit Court Cases, Assignment of Probate Court Cases, and Family Division Plan and Case Assignment in the Family Division.

Additionally, Local Administrative Orders 2009-1, 2009-2, 2011-13, 2013-02, and 2013-03 address the assignment of cases for specialty court cases, specifically drug court, juvenile drug court, veterans' treatment court, business court, and mental health court.

Several District Court Judges are authorized by joint local administrative order to conduct Circuit Court arraignments and accept felony pleas. This is intended to eliminate delay in the transition of cases from District Court to Circuit Court, to reduce costs of court appointed attorney and to save jail bed days. The District Court felony plea program will also reduce duplicative administrative work, thereby increasing the availability of court time and resources for other court matters. In addition, joint local administrative orders with each District Court waive family division jurisdiction over civil infractions of juveniles.

Future amendments to any referenced Local Administrative Order will not require the submission of a revised plan, provided that the amendments do not fundamentally alter the concurrent jurisdiction plan.

3. COURT GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

In 2010, the Michigan Supreme Court designated a single Chief for the 16th Circuit and Macomb County Probate Courts. In 2013, effective January 1, 2014, the Michigan Supreme Court designated a single Chief for the 16th Circuit Court and Macomb County Probate Court in addition to the 42nd District Court. This established a foundation for centralized and coordinated administration among the County Funded Courts. *See* attached organization chart.

The remainder of the district courts in Macomb County are Third Class district courts which are funded locally and each have their own Chief Judge and administration. In each of these courts, the chief judges internally manage court specific issues, but continue to seek opportunities to collaborate when practicable.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES

Oversight of all human resource functions for the County Funded Courts is the responsibility of the Chief Judge and Court Administrator in cooperation with Macomb County Human Resource policies and procedures where adopted. Having one Chief Judge for all County Funded Courts allows for the standardization of human resource policies among the courts in addition to improved ability to analyze and assign staffing based on need (in compliance with collective bargaining agreements.) This plan does not alter staffing at any of the Third Class district courts.

5. BUDGET AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT

Under this plan, all County Funded Courts will prepare and submit budgets through the Chief Judge to the funding unit for review and approval. The third class district courts are locally funded and maintain independent budgets with their funding units. No additional budgetary impacts are anticipated from the implementation of this Concurrent Jurisdiction Plan.

6. FUNDING UNIT

The Concurrent Jurisdiction plan was submitted to the Macomb County Board of Commissioners for review 30 days prior to SCAO submission. The plan will not create additional financial burdens for

the funding unit. Copies were also provided to the Chief Judges of all third class district courts in Macomb for submission to their funding units as appropriate. This Concurrent Jurisdiction plan does not have any financial implications for the third class district courts which would require funding unit review.

7. RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Please see Section 8 regarding information systems, immediately below. Otherwise, this Concurrent Jurisdiction Plan does not provide for any other changes to the record management process.

8. INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The 16th Circuit Court, Macomb County Probate Court, and the Probation Department of the 42nd District Court all use CourtView as their case management system. The 42nd District Court uses QuadTran of Michigan as their case management system for non-Probation related functions. The majority of the third class district courts in Macomb County use JIS as their case management system.

Macomb County Friend of the Court uses MiCSES for case management and OnBase for document management. DCCMIS is utilized by the drug courts, veteran court, and mental health court in Macomb County. LEIN is utilized to provide court disposition information and conduct criminal history checks. Additionally, FTR provides the audio and video recording systems for all circuit and probate courtrooms in Macomb County.

The 16th Circuit Court recently switched its document management system to OnBase and converted to ImageSoft efilng. Several of the third class district courts in Macomb County have entered into contracts and/or are in discussions with ImageSoft for OnBase document management systems.

It is the intent of the Courts to improve integration of case management and/or document management systems to reduce redundancies, improve efficiency and improve public access to court information. Wherever practicable, the Courts will look for ways to integrate technologies for this purpose.

9. FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The Concurrent Jurisdiction Plan does not provide for any changes to facilities, infrastructure or court hours at this time.

10. JURY MANAGEMENT

The County Clerk manages a consolidated jury pool for the 16th Judicial Circuit and Macomb Probate Courts. The Clerk has done an outstanding job in this role and the Courts are supportive of the Clerk's continued efforts, as funding allows, upgrading jury systems and enhancing public access. Each District Court manages a separate jury pool.

11. EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE

The Macomb County Courts Concurrent Jurisdiction Plan provides a foundation for increased collaboration, efficiency and improved public service for the citizens it serves. The Plan was

developed in consultation with the Judges and Administrators from the 16th Circuit Court, Macomb County Probate Court and all Macomb County District Courts. Court policies are posted on the court website and published to the local bar. Copies of court policies are also available to the public through Court Administration.

12. TRAINING

For any changes in case assignments, training will be provided to Judges and court staff unfamiliar with the case types to which they have been assigned or may be assigned in the future. Local resources along with those available through MJI will be utilized for this purpose. If any changes in technology occur, training will be provided through local resources and/or the applicable vendor(s).

C. CONCURRENT JURISDICTION LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS

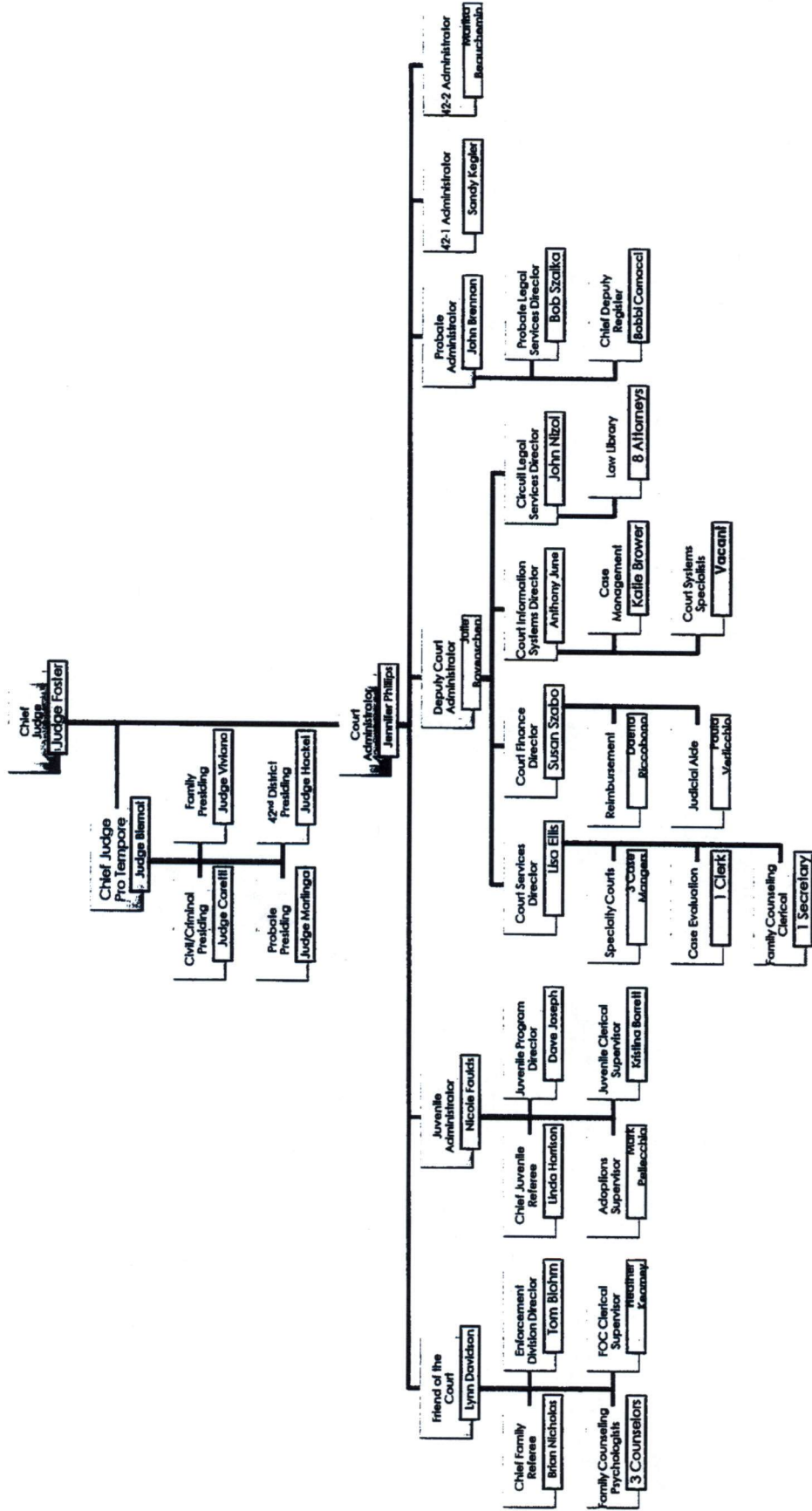
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17. Joint Local Administrative Order (Pending) – In re: Assignment of Civil and Criminal Circuit Court Cases
18. Joint Local Administrative Order (Pending) – In re: Family Court Plan and Case Assignment in the Family Division
19. Joint Local Administrative Order (Pending) – In re: Assignment of Probate Court Cases

D. CERTIFICATION OF PLAN APPROVAL

The signatures of the Chief Judges, Section A. above, indicate the consensus of the Macomb County judges to this Concurrent Jurisdiction Plan.

E. ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Macomb County Circuit & Probate Court Organizational Chart



CONCURRENT JURISDICTION PLAN

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- _____ A. Applicant Summary Page with Authorized Signatures
- _____ B. Concurrent Jurisdiction Plan Application
- _____ C. Proposed Concurrent Jurisdiction Local Administrative Orders
- _____ D. Organizational Chart(s)
- _____ E. Verification of Funding Unit Review

**Please send your completed plan by e-mail, including the above items, to the SCAO --
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