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**News**

John C. Foster, Chief Judge  
16th Judicial Circuit Court,  
Macomb County Probate Court,  
42nd District Courts



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# **Macomb County Courts Receive Grant Awards for 2015**

The Macomb County Circuit, Probate, Juvenile, and 42nd District Courts are pleased to announce the receipt of over \$265,000 in grant awards for the upcoming 2015 fiscal year. The individual grant awards are as follows:

Adult Drug Court	\$70,000.00
Juvenile Drug Court	\$ 2,500.00
Veterans' Treatment Court	\$71,622.13
Mental Health Court	\$90,535.00
42nd District Court Planning Grant	\$30,500.00

The Drug Court is the longest existing program and began with a juvenile docket in 1999. Currently, the Juvenile Drug Court docket is shared equally between Judge Mary Chrzanowski and Judge Kathryn Viviano. In 2003, the Adult Drug Court began and there are now two Adult Drug Court dockets; one before Judge Diane Druzinski and the other before Judge James Biernat, Jr. In April 2012, the Veterans' Treatment Court held its first sessions in Circuit Court before Judge Mark Switalski and in 41B District Court before Judge Carrie Fuca. The newest problem solving court, Mental Health Court, began in November 2013 before Judge Carl Marlinga. The next addition to our specialized dockets will be a treatment court at the 42-1 District Court in Romeo with Judge Denis LeDuc presiding.

"This drug court grant will definitely strengthen the ability of the 42nd District Court to serve the people of northern Macomb County. The drug epidemic being experienced by all of Macomb County is a serious danger to our young citizens, to our communities, and to ourselves as parents and local residents. We cannot incarcerate our way out of this serious drug crisis. This grant will substantially enhance the Court's ability to provide treatment and rehabilitation, particularly for young, nonviolent offenders. Our success in receiving this grant is due to the strong partnership between the 42nd District Court and the County of Macomb. I would particularly like to thank Chief Judge John Foster and Prosecutor Eric Smith for all their cooperation, help, and encouragement in this project," stated Judge LeDuc regarding the award for the planning grant for the 42nd District Court.

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Judge John Foster, Chief of the 16th Circuit, Macomb County Probate, and 42nd District Courts stated, "These grant awards are due to the hard work of the Judges and staff who dedicate their time both on work and off work hours to make these programs a success. We would like to thank the State Court Administrator's Office for their continued funding of our programs as well as the Office of the County Executive and the Macomb County Board of Commissioners for their continued support."

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