

APPENDIX R

COURTS

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT

Michigan Hall of Justice
P. O. Box 30052
Lansing, MI 48909
(517) 373-0120
www.courts.mi.gov/supremecourt

JUDGES

Honorable Maura D. Corrigan, Chief Justice
Honorable Clifford W. Taylor, Chief Justice
Honorable Michael F. Cavanagh
Honorable Marilyn Kelly
Honorable Stephen J. Markman
Honorable Elizabeth A. Weaver
Honorable Robert P. Young, Jr.

COURT OF APPEALS – DISTRICT 2

201 W. Big Beaver Rd.
Suite 800
Troy, MI 48084-4127
(248) 524-8700
www.courtofappeals.mijud.net

JUDGES

Honorable Mark J. Cavanagh
Honorable Jessica R. Cooper
Honorable E. Thomas Fitzgerald
Honorable Kathleen Jansen
Honorable Patrick Donifrio
Honorable Henry W. Saad

OAKLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

**Sixth Judicial Circuit Court of Oakland County
1200 N. Telegraph Road, Department 404
Pontiac, MI 48341
(248) 858-0344
www.oakgov.com/circuit**

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

Circuit Court has jurisdiction over all felonies committed in Oakland County. It handles civil suits over \$25,000, and has jurisdiction over decisions regarding domestic relations, divorce, paternity, etc. Circuit Court also hears appeals from district courts and operates a delinquency/abuse/neglect prevention unit.

JUDGES

Honorable James M. Alexander
Honorable Martha D. Anderson
Honorable Steven N. Andrews
Honorable Rae Lee Chabot
Honorable Mark Goldsmith
Honorable Nanci J. Grant
Honorable Cheryl A. Matthews
Honorable John J. McDonald
Honorable Fred M. Mester
Honorable Denise K. Langford-Morris

Honorable Rudy J. Nichols
Honorable Colleen A. O'Brien
Honorable Daniel Patrick O'Brien
Honorable Wendy Potts (Chief Judge)
Honorable Gene Schnelz
Honorable Edward Sosnick
Honorable Deborah G. Tyner
Honorable Michael Warren
Honorable Joan E. Young

CIRCUIT COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Kevin M. Oeffner (248) 858-0347

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR

..... (248) 452-2195

Assignment Office (248) 858-0350

In civil cases, the office schedules pre-trials, mediations, trials, hearings, and motions.
In criminal cases, the office schedules pre-trials and trials. This office also serves as an information center for attorneys and parties to a lawsuit to check on the progress of a particular case.

Jury Office (248) 858-9802

Anyone who wants a jury in a civil or criminal case is entitled to one by law. In Oakland County Circuit Court, the Jury Office provides jurors for all cases.

COURT BUSINESS DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR

John Cooperrider (248) 858-0256

Administrative/Financial Office

This office deals with all court issues related to fiscal management, personnel and resource management, facility and equipment management, and information management. (248) 858-0296

Data/Technology Office

This office deals with all court issues related to computers, office automation, and technology.

..... (248) 858-1856

Resource and Programs Office

This office deals with court publications, videos, court tours and community seminars. It manages court website content, and handles matters pertaining to the media. (248) 858-0053

FAMILY DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR

Lisa Langton..... (248) 858-0950

COURT SERVICES DIVISION

Pamela L. Davis - Deputy Court Administrator (248) 858-0247

This division is responsible for providing direct client services, case management, research and program development, community resource development through volunteer coordination, and education and public awareness programming. Services include counseling, psychological testing, juvenile probation, and other community-based services for juvenile offenders, prospective adoptive parents, minors in need of guardianship, and at risk families.

CASEWORK SERVICES UNIT

Dallas Coleman – Unit Chief..... (248) 858-0217

Handles official Court probation services, also Intensive Probation, Youth Community Service, and restitution.

CLINICAL SERVICES UNIT

Bernard Gaulier, Ph.D. – Unit Chief..... (248) 858-0066

Provides exclusively court ordered psychological evaluations in order to aid the court in making disposition decisions. It also offers staff training, program evaluation, court-ordered parent education, and groups.

FRIEND OF THE COURT

Suzanne Hollyer..... (248) 858-0431

This office is responsible for investigating the issues of child custody, support, and parenting time in contested cases. Once the Court enters an order pertaining to those issues, the Friend of the Court assists in carrying out the Court’s written directives, including administering support payments, and ensuring compliance. Provides counseling and mediation to persons involved in cases pending with the Court.

FAMILY COUNSELING UNIT (248) 858-0453

Family Counselors conduct investigations and prepare reports and recommendations on custody and parenting time issues when ordered to do so by the Court. As a neutral third party, they provide formal and informal mediation to assist parents in resolving custody and parenting time problems.

YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Mary Schusterbauer - Unit Chief(248) 858-0055

This office provides delinquency, abuse, and neglect prevention services. See Appendix A for more details.

JUDICIAL SUPPORT DIVISION

William P. Bartlam – Deputy Court Administrator/Judicial Assistant (248) 858-0977

ADOPTION UNIT

General Information (248) 858-0030

Lauran F. Howard – Unit Chief

This unit performs the legal processing of all petitions for adoptions, adoption casework services, provides information from adoption records, and Confidential Intermediary services.

JUVENILE UNIT

General Information (248) 858-0012
Lauren F. Howard – Unit Chief

This unit processes all juvenile delinquency, child protective proceedings, status offender, juvenile traffic, and ordinance violation complaints and petitions, schedules hearings, prepares documents, updates records, and provides Victim’s Rights services.

Juvenile Intake (248) 858-0033
Juvenile Victim’s Rights..... (248) 858-0414
Juvenile Traffic..... (248) 858-0220
Juvenile Court Desk..... (248) 858-0061

JUVENILE COURT REFEREES

Martin B. Alvin, Juvenile Referee Supervisor (248) 858-0061
Referees serve as fact finders in juvenile and child protective proceeding cases, and make recommendations to judges. Referees also make night and weekend detention and placement decisions and recommend Orders to Take Into Custody.

PERSONAL PROTECTION ORDERS

Women’s Survival Center Courthouse Coordinator’s Office..... (248) 975-9511
Provides assistance to petitioners filing Personal Protection Orders.

OAKLAND COUNTY PROBATE COURT

**Court Tower – East Wing
1200 N. Telegraph Road
Pontiac, MI 48341
Phone: (248) 858-0260
www.oakgov.com/probate**

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

This court handles estates, trusts and wills, guardianships and conservatorships for adults and minors. This includes information on how to file papers, whether a case exists, obtaining forms, basic questions regarding specific files and general information.

JUDGES

Honorable Barry M. Grant (Chief Judge)
Honorable Linda S. Hallmark
Honorable Eugene Arthur Moore
Honorable Elizabeth M. Pezzetti

PROBATE REGISTER

Lisa Langton..... (248) 858-0950

PROBATE COURT – ESTATES AND MENTAL HEALTH CHIEF

Jill Koney-Daly (248) 858-0282

GUARDIANSHIP QUESTIONS (248) 858-0288

For questions regarding existing guardianship files.

MENTAL HEALTH FILES (248) 858-0291

For information about how to obtain a transport order or guardianship of a person with developmental disabilities.

DISTRICT COURTS

District Courts were established by the Michigan Legislature in 1968 and are considered to be courts of limited jurisdiction. The legal jurisdiction of the District Court is determined by statute and includes:

CIVIL LAWSUITS in which the amount in controversy does not exceed \$25. A civil lawsuit is defined as a non-criminal case, which involves the claim of one private party against another.

CRIMINAL MISDEMEANORS which are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment not exceeding one year.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS in all felony cases. A preliminary examination is a hearing at which the district court judge determines if there is probable cause to believe a crime has been committed and that the defendant committed the crime. If the judge determines that there is probable cause, the case is "bound over" to the Circuit Court for trial.

TRAFFIC misdemeanors and civil infractions, including parking violations.

SMALL CLAIMS cases in which the amount claimed does not exceed \$1,750.

LANDLORD-TENANT disputes, land contract and mortgage forfeitures, civil garnishments and eviction proceedings.

DISTRICT 35

Geographical Area: City of Northville

JOHN E. MACDONALD
RONALD W. LOWE
MICHAEL J. GEROU
660 Plymouth Road
Plymouth, Michigan 48170-1981
(734) 459-4740

DISTRICT 43

Geographical Area: Cities of Ferndale, Hazel Park and Madison Heights.

JOSEPH LONGO
305 E. Nine Mile Road
Ferndale, MI 48220
(248) 547-8700

KEITH P. HUNT
45 E. Nine Mile Road
Hazel Park, MI 48030
(248) 547-3034

ROBERT J. TURNER
200 W. Thirteen Mile Road
Madison Heights, MI 48071
(248) 583-1800

DISTRICT 44

Geographical Area: City of Royal Oak

TERRENCE H. BRENNAN
DANIEL SAWICKI
400 E. Eleven Mile Rd.
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 246-3621

DISTRICT 45A

Geographical Area: City of Berkley

WILLIAM R. SAUER
3338 Coolidge Highway
Berkley, MI 48072
Civil Division: (248) 544-3301
Criminal and Traffic: (248) 544-3300

DISTRICT 45B

Geographical Area: Cities of Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, and Royal Oak Township.

MICHELLE FRIEDMAN APPEL
DAVID M. GUBOW
13600 Oak Park Boulevard
Oak Park, MI 48237
(248) 691-7440
Probation: (248) 691-7598

DISTRICT 46

Geographical Area: Cities of Lathrup Village, Southfield, Southfield Township; Villages of Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, and Franklin.

STEPHEN C. COOPER**SHELIA JOHNSON****SUSAN M. MOISEEV**

26000 Evergreen Road

Southfield, MI 48076

Civil Division: (248) 796-5870

Misdemeanor/Felony: (248) 796-5880

Civil Infractions/Traffic/Parking (248) 796-5860

DISTRICT 47

Geographical Area: Cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills.

JAMES B. BRADY**MARLA E. PARKER**

31605 W. Eleven Mile Rd.

Farmington Hills, MI 48336

(248) 871-2900

General Information: Ext. 110

Civil Division: Ext. 119

Probation: Ext. 137

Traffic/Criminal: Ext. 123

Automated Traffic Fine Schedule: Ext. 123

DISTRICT 48

Geographical Area: Cities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake, and Sylvan Lake; Townships of Bloomfield and West Bloomfield.

MARC BARRON**DIANE D'AGOSTINI****KIMBERLY SMALL**

4280 Telegraph Road

P.O. Box 3200

Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302-3200

(248) 647-1141

DISTRICT 50

Geographical Area: City of Pontiac

LEO BOWMAN**MICHAEL C. MARTINEZ****PRESTON G. THOMAS****CYNTHIA THOMAS WALKER**

70 N. Saginaw Street

Pontiac, MI 48342

Civil Division: (248) 758-3880

Criminal Division: (248) 758-3820

Traffic Division: (248) 758-3878

Probation Department: (248) 758-3811

DISTRICT 51

Geographical Area: Township of Waterford

RICHARD D. KUHN, JR.**PHYLLIS C. McMILLEN**

5100 Civic Center Drive

Waterford, MI 48329

Traffic Division: (248) 674-4655

Civil/Criminal/Probation: (248) 674-4655

DISTRICT 52-1ST DIVISION

Geographical Area: Cities of Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake, and Wixom; Townships of Commerce, Highland, Lyon, Milford, Novi, and Rose; Villages of Milford and Wolverine Lake.

ROBERT BONDY**BRIAN W. MacKENZIE****DENNIS N. POWERS**

48150 Grand River Avenue

Novi, MI 48374-1222

Civil Division: (248) 305-6080

Criminal Division: (248) 305-6460

Traffic Division: (248) 305-6511

Probation Division: (248) 305-6144

DISTRICT 52-2ND DIVISION

Geographical Area: City of Clarkston; Townships of Brandon, Groveland, Holly, Independence, Springfield, and White Lake; Villages of Holly and Ortonville.

DANA FORTINBERRY**KELLEY KOSTIN**

5850 Lorac

Clarkston, MI 48346

Civil Division: (248) 625-4994

Criminal Division: (248) 625-4888

Violations Bureau: (248) 625-4880

Probation Division: (248) 625-5957

DISTRICT 52-3RD DIVISION

Geographical Area: Cities of Auburn Hills, Lake Angelus, Rochester, and Rochester Hills; Townships of Addison, Oakland, Orion, and Oxford; Villages of Lake Orion, Leonard, and Oxford.

LISA L. ASADOORIAN**NANCY TOLWIN CARNIAK****JULIE A. NICHOLSON**

700 Barclay Circle

Rochester Hills, MI 48307

(248) 853-5553

Civil Division: Ext.302

Criminal Division: Ext. 300

Traffic Division: Ext. 301

DISTRICT 52-4TH DIVISION

Geographical Area: Cities of Clawson and Troy.

WILLIAM E. BOLLE

DENNIS C. DRURY

MICHAEL A. MARTONE

520 West Big Beaver Road

Troy, MI 48084

Civil Division: (248) 528-0404

Traffic/Criminal/Division: (248) 528-0400

Probation Department: (248) 528-1790

Fax: (248) 528-3588

BANKRUPTCY COURT

**EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION
UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE**

**Bankruptcy Court
21ST Floor
211 West Fort Street
Detroit, MI 48226
Phone: (313) 234-0065**

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Bankruptcy Court handles all petitions by individuals who wish to file for bankruptcy.

JUDGES

Honorable Steven W. Rhodes
Honorable Ray Reynolds-Graves
Honorable Walter Shapero