

52nd District Court
3rd Division
700 Barclay Circle
Rochester Hills MI 48307

2005 Annual Update



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Judges:

Julie A. Nicholson

Nancy T. Carniak

Lisa L. Asadoorian

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2005 Data

Court Established: 1968 by constitutional mandate

Geographical Jurisdiction: Auburn Hills, Lake Angelus, Rochester, Rochester Hills, Addison Township, Oakland Township, Orion Township, Oxford, Oxford Township, Lake Orion and Leonard.

Legal Jurisdiction: Civil lawsuits under \$25,000, small claims under \$3,000, landlord/tenant proceedings, criminal arraignments, felony preliminary examinations, misdemeanors and civil infractions.

Non-Traffic Filings:

657 Felonies

2,912 Misdemeanors

376 Civil Infractions

Probation:

2,895 New Probation Cases

Parking:

715 Parking violations

Traffic Filings:

926 Operating While Intoxicated

4,287 Misdemeanors

39,703 Civil Infractions

Civil Filings:

3,557 General Civil

777 Small Claims

2,940 Landlord Tenant

Sobriety Court:

Drug Court/Sobriety Court is a mechanism for courts to provide long term intensive and supervised treatment to alcohol and/or drug offenders. The program involves a coordinated effort among judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, probation, law enforcement and treatment agencies to reduce the incidence of alcohol/drug offenses, improve public safety, minimize jail time and promote a substance free lifestyle. In 2005, the 52-3 court team attended the National Drug Court Institute training program and began developing a sobriety court program, which will take effect in 2006.

Video Arraignment:

In 2005, the Court worked with CLEMIS, the Oakland County Information Technology Department and various police departments to begin utilizing the video arraignment equipment in each courtroom. This system, which works as a communication tool between the court, jail and law enforcement, has many advantages including minimizing prisoner transport and improving court security.

PayTickets:

This technology is available through the court or county Web site and assists the public in paying their traffic tickets in a time saving, efficient manner. The online system helps in decreasing the amount of traffic in and out of the courthouse and allows employees to focus on other tasks. This program has proven to be a huge success at the 52-3 District Court.

52-3 District Court



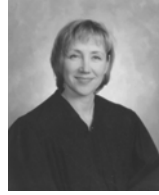
Honorable Julie A. Nicholson

Elected November of 1996
Appointed Chief Judge January 2000
Reappointed Chief Judge January 2002
Appointed Chief Judge Pro Tem 2004, 2006
Michigan State University Undergrad
B.A. Business Administration/Pre-Law 1983
Juris Doctorate Detroit College of Law 1987
Private Practice Attorney for 13 years

Judge Nicholson instituted the award winning Court in the Schools/Critical Life Choices Program for schools within the 52-3 District Court's jurisdiction. She conducts actual court proceedings at the schools along with a presentation regarding legal issues and the consequences of illegal behavior. Judge Nicholson was awarded the 2002 Rochester Board of Education Service Award and the 2005 Rochester Elks Community Service Award.

Additionally, Judge Nicholson implemented a night court program for Landlord/Tenant and Small Claims cases. She is also involved in the mock trial program.

Judge Nicholson is also actively involved in numerous community and State organizations and committees.



Honorable Nancy T. Carniak

Appointed January of 2000
Elected November 2000
Michigan State University Undergrad
B.A. Business Administration 1979
Juris Doctorate Detroit College of Law 1985
Private practice attorney for 15 years
Magistrate for 52nd District Court (1999)

Judge Carniak initiated the Mock Trial program for 5th grade students in our community. In this program, students learn about the legal system firsthand by participating in a mock criminal trial. Students also take a tour of the Oakland County Sheriff's substation and observe actual criminal proceedings in the courtroom.

Judge Carniak actively participates in the Oakland County Prosecutor's Teen Court program. She presides over hearings for teen offenders who are being sentenced by their peers.

Additionally, Judge Carniak has held the position of President for the Rochester Bar Association and the Oakland County District Court Judges Association. She is also involved in a variety of community organizations.



Honorable Lisa L. Asadoorian

Elected November of 2000
Michigan State University Undergrad
B.A. Criminal Justice 1986
Juris Doctorate University of Detroit 1989
Magistrate 52nd District Court (1995 to 2000)
Former Asst. Oakland County Prosecutor
Private Practice through November 2000

Judge Asadoorian implemented a sentencing requirement for alcohol offenses whereby defendants of all ages must tour the county morgue. The purpose is to educate persons about the true and ultimate consequences of underage and/or excessive drinking. This program has garnered widespread attention and support both locally and statewide. Additionally, Judge Asadoorian implemented the Teen Court program in 52-3 and is involved with the mock trial program.

Judge Asadoorian was named as the 2004 Outstanding Young Government Leader for the State of Michigan, and she was the 2004 recipient of the Oakland County Coordinating Council Against Domestic Violence Award. In 2005, Judge Asadoorian received the Women's Bar Association Award for outstanding achievements and contributions in the legal community.

A lifelong resident of the district, Judge Asadoorian is active in numerous civic groups and community organizations.

Administration

Lynda Hammerstein
Court Administrator (1986)

Lorna Skipworth
Deputy Court Administrator (2003)

Special Recognition

The Judges and Court Administrator of the 52-3 District Court were presented with the **Building Healthy Communities Award** in December 2005 by the Rochester/Auburn Hills Community Coalition. The award is for outstanding support of the Coalition's mission to promote healthy lifestyles through the prevention and reduction of substance abuse and violence in collaboration with youth, families and the community.

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