

<p style="text-align: center;">STATE OF MICHIGAN 6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CREATION OF THE OAKLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT COMBAT VETERANS' TREATMENT COURT</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2015-01</p>
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I. SCOPE

This administrative order is issued in accordance with Michigan Court Rule 8.112, and is effective on February 3, 2015. The purpose of this order is to establish a combat veterans' treatment court in the 6th Judicial Circuit Court in accordance with MCL 600.1200 et seq. The Combat Veterans' Treatment Court will assist eligible United States military veterans in meeting the terms and conditions of their probation by providing them with judicial oversight, case management team assistance, mentoring, mental health and substance abuse treatment, and readjustment counseling. The Combat Veterans' Treatment Court complies with the ten key components of a veterans' court as referenced in MCL 600.1201(1).

II. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Oakland County Circuit Court has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding in accordance with MCL 600.1201. The Memorandum of Understanding proscribes the objectives and operation of the Combat Veterans' Treatment Court and identifies each participating party and describes their roles.

III. VETERAN-DEFENDANT ELIGIBILITY

Defendants who have been convicted of a criminal offense(s) and who are currently serving in the United States Military or who have been honorably discharged from service are eligible for participation in the Combat Veterans' Treatment Court. Eligible participants must be under the legal jurisdiction of Oakland County Circuit Court. Veteran-defendants who have been convicted of a violent offense are not eligible.

Defense attorneys will identify potential candidates for participation in the Combat Veterans' Court at arraignment or upon initial contact, and will contact the assigned probation officer. The Michigan Department of Corrections, Pontiac Probation Office will review the candidates for program eligibility. As a condition of eligibility, the veteran-defendant will be required to obtain a substance abuse/mental health assessment approved by the Veterans' Administration. The Michigan Department of Corrections, Pontiac Probation Office will inform the assigned judge of eligible veteran-defendant(s) on their docket. The assigned judge will have sole discretion in referring eligible candidates to the Combat Veterans' Treatment Court. Participation will be post-sentencing and a condition of probation.

Upon referral of a veteran-defendant, the case will be reassigned to the judge presiding over the Combat Veterans' Treatment Court. The presiding judge will have sole discretion to

assess sanctions during program participation and to handle violations of probation. Cases may be transferred from other jurisdictions at the discretion of the presiding judge of the Combat Veterans' Treatment Court.

IV. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

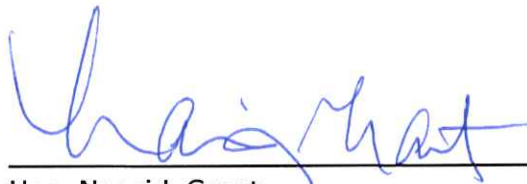
Veteran-defendants must adhere to the terms and conditions of their probation and all Combat Veteran Treatment Court rules. The program is comprised of five phases; each with defined expectations and requirements that must be met in order to advance to the next phase. The case management team will establish a treatment regimen for each veteran-defendant that is designed to encourage his or her investment and commitment in the program and to aide him or her in successfully completing the program requirements.

V. FILE MAINTENANCE AND CONFIDENTIALITY


The Combat Veterans' Treatment Court will maintain case files in compliance with Trial Court General Schedule 16, the Michigan Case File Management Standards, and Part 2 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations to ensure the confidentiality of case records.

VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon approval of the State Court Administrative Office, this administrative order shall be effective on February 3, 2015.



Hon. Nanci J. Grant
Chief Judge



Date

NOTES:

This Administrative Order is issued under the authority of MCR 8.112 and in accordance with MCL 600.1201. The order establishes the Combat Veterans' Treatment Court in the 6th Judicial Circuit Court. The order was approved by the Circuit Judges on February 3, 2015.