



# 52-1 District Court Newsletter

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Honorable Judge David Law  
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## Meet Newly Appointed Presiding Judge David Law

Judge David Law was appointed to the 52-1 District Court bench in February of 2015. He is a proud graduate of Novi-Detroit Catholic Central High School (1987) and the University of Notre Dame (1991) where he earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a concentration in Finance. He received his Juris Doctorate degree from the Detroit College of Law in 1995. Judge Law began his legal career in private practice working for Sills, Law, Essad, Fiedler and Charboneau, P.C. (1995-1998), before joining the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office (1998-2004) as an assistant prosecutor. Most recently, Judge Law worked as an Assistant Attorney General for the Michigan Department of Attorney General (2009-2015) until he joined the Court. In addition to his extensive legal background, Judge Law served two terms as State Representative (2005-2008), where he enjoyed working with law enforcement to sponsor numerous bills focused on keeping our communities safe including Michigan's version of "Jessica's Law" which mandated longer prison sentences and intensive monitoring upon release for child sexual predators. He also served five years as a Commerce Township Trustee (2011-2015), and currently serves on the Legislative Committee for the Michigan District Judges' Association. In addition the judge belongs to numerous community organizations including Lakes Area and Novi Youth Assistance, Novi Rotary, Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce and Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #128.



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Wolverine Lake,  
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Commerce Twp,  
Lyon Twp. and  
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## Meet Chief Judge Pro Tem Robert Bondy

Judge Robert Bondy is the Chief Judge Pro Tem of the 52-1 District Court and was first elected District Court Judge in 2002 and was re-elected in 2006, and again in 2012. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree, with honors, in Criminal Justice, from Michigan State University in 1980, and his Juris Doctorate Degree, cum laude, from the Detroit College of Law (now at Michigan State University) in January, 1985. He has also completed other graduate study courses in public administration at Wayne State University. Judge Bondy, in addition to being admitted to practice law in Michigan, was also admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court of the United States of America. Prior to being elected Judge, he practiced law for 17 years. Judge Bondy is a current member of the Michigan District Court Judges Association, Past President of the Oakland County District Court Judges Association, Novi Chamber of Commerce and Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce.



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## Meet Our Newly Elected Judge - Travis Reeds

Judge Travis Reeds was elected District Judge in 2014. After graduating from Central Michigan University in 1994, Judge Reeds obtained his Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University Law School in 1997. During his years as a practicing attorney, he worked with his father, Michael at the law firm of Reeds & Reeds in Walled Lake. Judge Reeds has worked extensively with the Oakland County Bar Association and has written extensively for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education. Additionally Judge Reeds is a former member of the Oakland County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council and currently is a member of the MDJA Rules Committee and ICLE Criminal Law Advisory Board, where he has contributed as a Champion of Justice. In 2013 and 2014, he was named a Michigan Super Lawyer and was selected as one of the Top 100 National Trial Lawyers. In addition to his legal career, Judge Reeds is very active within the community as a member



of St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon and as a former member of the Walled Lake Rotary Club. He often donates his time and participates in various local charitable organizations in the community, including Kiwanis, Adopt a Highway program, South Lyon Pumpkinfest, among others.

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## Remembering Magistrate Charlie Cooper

In December of 2015, the 52-1 District Court lost a beloved member of its staff. Magistrate Charlie Cooper passed away on December 18, 2015. Charlie graduated from University of Detroit with his Juris Doctorate in 1963 and was a practicing attorney since January 1964. He served as a Municipal Judge for the City of Pleasant Ridge from 1972 to 1974 and was the prosecutor for the City of Novi for several years before becoming a magistrate for the 52nd 1st Division District Court in 2012 until his death in December. Charlie came to work every day with a smile on his face and no matter what was going on or how he was feeling, if you asked him how he was he would say "couldn't be better!". Charlie would never want anyone else to feel bad or worry. He will be remembered here at the Court for his tremendous kind heart, his whistling in the hallways, and his everlasting sunny disposition which spread joy to all of us. He will be missed.





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## The 52-1 District Court Drug Treatment Court

According to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office:

- Currently there is at least one heroin related death every day in Oakland County, and many days there are more.
- Most of those deaths are people between the ages 17 and 25.
- The state recorded 271 heroin-related overdose deaths between 1999 and 2002. The number jumped nearly 300 percent to 728 between 2010 and 2012.

In an effort to address the alarming increase in the number of community members with opiate and prescription drug problems, the 52nd 1st District Court developed a Drug Treatment Court. Statewide, the need for drug courts has only increased since the inception of our Opiate Court in October 2013. This program has continued to evolve and the current Drug Court program is even more comprehensive to meet the ever changing needs of the community. The Drug Court utilizes best practices and the 10 key components and is an intensive form of probation where the participant will start out in an inpatient treatment facility for a minimum of 30 days, and then transition back into the community. Conditions include 30 days of inpatient treatment, contact with their probation officer and judge several times per month, drug and alcohol testing at a high frequency, and participation in several treatment and self-help programs.

The main goals of the program are involve participants in the program in order to

- Eliminate drug abuse
- Reduce alcohol and drug related crimes in the jurisdiction
- Alleviate congestion in the court and jail
- Reduce taxpayer costs associated with incarceration and recidivism
- Retain participants in substance abuse treatment
- Help improve participants' education and/or employment levels



On April 11, 2016, the 52-1 District Court held their fourth Drug Court Graduation Ceremony. This commencement was the culmination of 18 months of this intensive probation program, which included completion of all the terms listed above. Each individual was recognized and congratulated by each one of the judges and the treatment court probation officers in attendance. In addition to the participants, their families, treatment providers, and other local dignitaries attended the event to endorse the program and celebrate the success of the graduates. The drug court graduates were honored during the ceremony. and have joined a group of past graduates, who have continued on their road to long term sobriety. The next graduation will be scheduled during the early part of fall, at which time many more participants will receive the recognition they deserve in completing this vigorous program.



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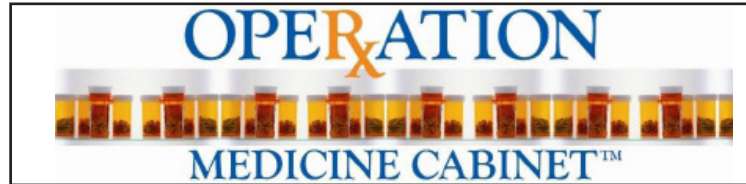
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The Oakland County Sheriff's Office is proud to sponsor Operation Medicine Cabinet™ (OMC). It provides citizens a venue to properly dispose of their expired and/or unused prescriptions anonymously at several different locations around Oakland County. Drop off locations include: 13 Sheriff's Office locations and 20 additional law enforcement locations around Oakland County, including Auburn Hills PD, Beverly Hills Village Dept. of Public Safety, Birmingham PD, Bloomfield Hills Department of Public Safety, Bloomfield Twp. PD, Clawson PD, Farmington Hills PD, Franklin PD, Holly PD, Huntington Woods Department of Public Safety, Keego Harbor PD, Madison Heights PD, Oak Park PD, Oxford Village PD, Rochester PD, Royal Oak PD, Southfield PD, Troy PD, West Bloomfield PD, and White Lake PD. You can drop off any prescription drugs at any of the convenient drop off points with "no questions asked".

## 52-1 Case Breakdown

