

## Collaborative Efforts

### Oakland County Teen Court Program

Oakland County Teen Court is a successful first offender diversion program for juvenile defendants with minor violations. The program was initiated in 2000 by the Oakland County Prosecutors Office and involves the participation of several District Courts and Oakland County Schools. 52-2 District Court joined the Oakland County Teen Court Program in 2003. Both Judge Fabrizio and Judge Kostin preside in the program. Area students volunteer in the roles of prosecutor, defense attorney, bailiff, and jurors over cases involving their peers, and gain a hands-on approach to the court system. The program is designed with a focus of accountability and positive resolution for juvenile offenders without having a formal juvenile court record.

### Mock Trial Program

52-2 District Court participates in the Mock Trial Program sponsored by the Oakland County Bar Association. The program is designed for Oakland County elementary school students with the goal of educating them about the legal system. Mentored by volunteer attorneys, students conduct a simulated trial before a judge.