

55th District Court Annual Report

2012



State of Michigan
Ingham County
Mason, MI

55th District Court is committed to delivering justice in a professional, efficient, and caring manner.

- We value the Court's role in enhancing public safety.
- We value improving the lives of others.
- We value a citizen's right to be heard.
- We value the role of the Court as a community leader, working in partnership with others.
- We value the pursuit of quality improvement.
- We value court staff as individuals and are dedicated to their personal and professional development.
- We value the promotion of a positive work environment.
- We value the utilization of technology and other resources to improve efficiency and accessibility of court services.
- We value the safety of our employees and all users of the court.

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55th Judicial District Court

Ingham County Board of Commissioners

Dear Commissioners:

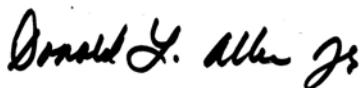
The district court's Annual Report for the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2012, provides an overview of case filing activity and revenue in the three divisions (civil, traffic, criminal) and the probation department.

The court's strategic plan (found at page 28) identifies enhancing public safety as our number one value. Our Sobriety Court program is an expression of that value. 289 participants have graduated from Sobriety Court since it began in 2004. Those are 289 men and women who are now much less likely to commit new offenses. Recidivism rates for our graduates are significantly lower than the national average for similar programs. For example, research in April 2011 demonstrated that 81% of our Sobriety Court graduates had not been re-arrested compared to the national average of 75%. Of those, only 7.5% were convicted of new alcohol- or drug-related offenses. The Sobriety Court is reducing crime, protecting the public, and saving Ingham County taxpayers by reducing the time offenders spend in jail. OWI 3rd offenders were previously sentenced to an average of 30 days in jail and OWI 2nd offenders were sentenced to an average of 14 days. Because participants avoid "up front" jail terms by entering the program, jail utilization is decreased. This program reduced incarceration by a total of 836 days in 2012, a savings of \$45,144.

2012 was the first full year for our pretrial supervision of Sobriety Court eligible defendants (56 new participants – total of 107 supervised pre-adjudication). Pretrial supervision has become integral to Sobriety Court. Without it, potential participants would not be supervised in any way prior to sentencing, an average of 85 days. Pretrial supervision identified 72 violations of bond conditions in 2012. 52 of those violations were for the use of alcohol or controlled substances. Evidence of the long-term effect of prompt pretrial supervision includes a dramatic increase in the number of days sober at the time of graduation, which is a significant recidivism indicator.

The court's strategic plan also included the goal of expanding the court's role as an integrated member of the Ingham County community. We began a landlord/tenant Eviction Diversion Program (EDP) in 2012. The EDP is a partnership with the Department of Human Services, Capital Area Community Services, Volunteers of America, Legal Services of South Central Michigan and the Michigan State University College of Law. Together, the EDP provides landlords and tenants with on-site legal and financial services. The program's goal is to reduce homelessness, as Ingham County has the second highest homelessness rate in the state of Michigan (Wayne County is first), but ranks only seventh in population. We were the second court in Michigan to initiate an EDP program.

2012 was a successful year for the district court. However, we are constantly focused on improvement. This will be particularly challenging as we reorganize in early 2013 due to budget cuts. We look forward to working together in the coming years to continually improve court services to the people of Ingham County.



Honorable Donald L. Allen, Jr.



Honorable Thomas P. Boyd

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Chief Judge



The Honorable Thomas P. Boyd was born and raised in Kalamazoo MI. He graduated from James Madison College at Michigan State University in 1985 and Wayne State University Law School in 1990. After being admitted to the bar, he was engaged in the private practice of law, working with no-fault traffic crash issues and general litigation. He was appointed Assistant Attorney General in 1995 by Attorney General Frank Kelley. His responsibilities within the Department of Attorney General included criminal, civil, administrative and legislative law.

The Honorable Thomas P. Boyd was appointed to the bench by Governor Jennifer Granholm on June 29, 2005, to fill the vacancy created upon the retirement of the Honorable Pamela McCabe. Judge Boyd was elected in 2006 to serve the remainder of Judge McCabe's term. He was reelected in 2008 for a six-year term. His current term expires December 31, 2014.

Judge Boyd was appointed chief judge of the 55th District Court by the Michigan Supreme Court effective January 1, 2008.

The Judge Boyd established and presides over our Domestic Violence (DV) Court. Local administrative order requires all DV cases be assigned to Judge Boyd. The DV Court provides the extra attention that each these important cases require. Repeat offenders are subject to weekly reporting and bi-weekly judicial compliance review hearings with Judge Boyd. The DV Court works closely with EVE, Inc and other community groups to provide as much protection as possible for women and children who find themselves in violent situations.

Judge Boyd actively works to improve the law, the legal system and the administration of justice. In 2011, Judge Boyd was appointed by Governor Snyder to the Michigan Indigent Defense Advisory Commission. The Commission will issue a report on the future of indigent defense in Michigan no later than July 15, 2012. Judge Boyd also serves on the board of the Michigan District Judges Association, where he co-chaired two committees in 2011. Judge Boyd also remains active in our community serving on the boards of the Mason Area Community Fund (an affiliate of the Capital Area United Way); the Oak Park Y; and the YMCA of Metropolitan Lansing.

55th District Court Judges

Honorable Donald L. Allen, Jr.

Chief Judge Pro Tem



The Honorable Donald L. Allen, Jr., was appointed judge of the 55th District Court by Governor Jennifer Granholm on December 22, 2008. He was elected to the bench in 2010. His term expires December 31, 2016. Judge Allen serves as the court's Sobriety Court judge.

Prior to being appointed to the District Court, Judge Allen served as the director of the Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP). Judge Allen assumed the directorship of the Office of Drug Control Policy on June 5, 2006, after serving as deputy legal counsel for the Governor on her legal staff.

The Honorable Donald L. Allen, Jr., is a 1983 graduate of Wayne State University Law School and spent most of his professional career as an assistant attorney general in the Michigan Department of Attorney General. He served at the Department of Attorney General from February 1988 through September 2005. His assignments included the Social Services, Revenue, Corrections, and Health Care Fraud divisions where he specialized in litigation. While at the Attorney General's Office, he also served as a member on the Attorney General's Litigation Advisory Board. In his last assignment in the Health Care Fraud Division, he served as a prosecutor of high profile criminal and civil defendants.

Judge Allen presides over our Sobriety Court. Local administrative order requires all Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) 2nd offense and all felony OWI cases be assigned to Judge Allen. The Sobriety Court focuses on the rehabilitation of repeat offense substance abusers. Our Sobriety Court program has been recognized for excellence. This program has changed hundreds of lives and saved tens of thousands of tax dollars.

55th District Court Judges

James B. Pahl

Magistrate



Magistrate James B. Pahl is a lifelong Michigan resident. He received his Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement degree from Ferris State College in 1975 and his Juris Doctor degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 1981. He was admitted to the Michigan Bar in 1982, engaging in the private practice of law for ten years. Magistrate Pahl served almost 20 years in public law enforcement, including hundreds of hours of traffic crash reconstruction/investigation training.

He was appointed Magistrate in 1992. Magistrate Pahl is currently a member of the board of directors and past president of the Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan Committee on Judicial Ethics and is the judicial member of an informal Michigan Speed Limit task force. He serves the Michigan Judicial Institute as the training Magistrate for this region and instructs Motor Carrier law at each New Magistrate School after receiving specialized training at the National Judicial College.

55th District Court Magistrate

COURT ADMINISTRATION



*Seated left to right - Da'Neese Wells & Pam Pfeifer
Standing left to right - Kathy Fajardo, Michael Dillon & Dianna Emerson*

Michael J. Dillon, Court Administrator
Dianna Emerson, Financial Coordinator
Kathy Fajardo, Chief Clerk Criminal/Traffic Division
Pam Pfeifer, Chief Clerk Civil Division/Jury Clerk
Da'Neese Wells, Chief Probation Officer

Michigan Court Rule 8.110 sets forth that the chief judge of a court is the director of the administration of the court. Also, within the court rule, the chief judge can delegate administrative duties to a trial court administrator. The court's administrative staff is responsible for managing the administrative and business operations of the court.

Court Administration

JUDICIAL SUPPORT SERVICES



Seated left to right - Elaine Stocking & Robin Kelley
Standing left to right - Dave Burt, Alan Spencer & Bob Rutledge

Robin Kelley - Court Recorder/Judicial Secretary (Judge Allen)
Elaine Stocking - Court Recorder/Judicial Secretary (Judge Boyd)

Dave Burt - Court Officer (Judge Allen)
Bob Rutledge - Court Officer *retired 4/1/12* (Judge Boyd)
Alan Spencer - Court Officer/Collections Officer

Personnel that provide judicial support services serve as personal staff of the judge. The court recorder/judicial secretary is responsible for maintaining the record for the court, managing the court docket and providing secretarial services for a judge.

The court officer is responsible for the security of the court and maintaining decorum within the courtroom. The collection officer is responsible for enforcing the financial orders of the court.

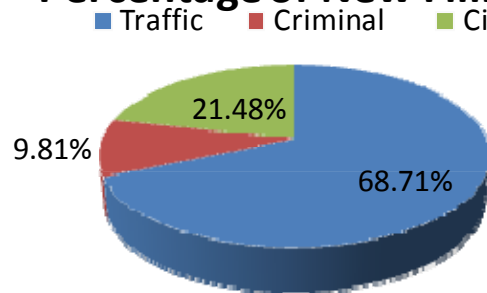
Judicial Support Services

NEW CASE FILINGS

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>2011 Filings</u>	<u>2012 Filings</u>	<u>12-11 Diff</u>	<u>% Diff</u>
Felony	517	605	88	17%
Misdemeanor	1,347	1,347	0	0%
Drunk Driving	342	334	44	12.9%
Traffic **	15,267	15,851	584	3.8%
Civil Infraction - Non Traffic	397	334	-63	-15.9%
General Civil	2,767	2,763	-4	-0.3%
Small Claims	495	465	-30	-6.1%
Summary Proceedings	2,281	1,879	-402	-17.6%
Parking	215	189	-26	-12.1%
TOTALS	23,628	23,831	203	0.86%

** includes traffic felonies, misdemeanors, and civil infractions

Percentage of New Filings



Caseload - New Filings

NEW CASE FILINGS

TOTAL NEW FILINGS - REGION II COMPARISONS

Court		2012 Filings	Judges	Cases Per Judge	% Change 2011
54B	Ingham Co. (<i>East Lansing</i>) **	68,777	2	34,389	-4.86%
63rd	Kent Co. (<i>Rockford/Cascades</i>)	32,987	2	16,494	-3.99%
62B	Kent Co. (<i>Kentwood</i>)	13,565	1	13,565	6.07%
58th	Ottawa Co.	51,142	4	12,786	-0.51%
55th	Ingham Co.	23,831	2	11,916	0.86%
12th	Jackson Co.	45,545	4	11,386	4.77%
3A	Branch Co.	11,151	1	11,151	-14.55%
10th	Calhoun Co.	41,832	4	10,458	-4.38%
59th	Kent Co. (<i>Grandville</i>)	10,403	1	10,403	-3.07%
2A	Lenawee Co.	20,661	2	10,331	-14.54%
62A	Kent Co. (<i>Wyoming</i>)	20,460	2	10,230	8.99%
56A	Eaton Co.	20,105	2	10,053	1.10%
53rd	Livingston Co.	28,891	3	9,630	-5.89%
8th	Kalamazoo Co.	67,313	7	9,616	5.70%
60th	Muskegon Co.	36,868	4	9,217	5.95%
7th	Van Buren Co.	17,700	2	8,850	10.20%
57th	Allegan Co.	17,228	2	8,614	-7.12%
61st	Kent Co. (<i>Grand Rapids</i>)	51,129	6	8,522	-2.33%
5th	Berrien Co.	39,957	5	7,991	-2.59%
4th	Cass Co.	7,812	1	7,812	3.28%
3B	St. Joseph Co.	15,448	2	7,724	-8.22%
2B	Hillsdale Co.	7,401	1	7,401	0.86%
56B	Barry Co.	6,650	1	6,650	-13.19%
54A	Ingham Co. (<i>Lansing</i>)	26,668	5	5,334	5.48%

** Filings include parking violations

Note: caseload data has not been verified by the State Court Administrative Office

Region 2 - New Case Filings

CIVIL DIVISION

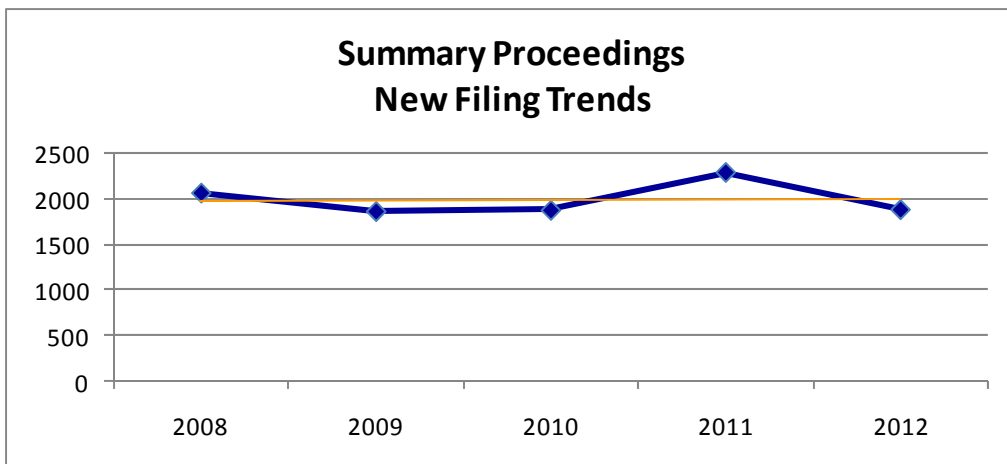
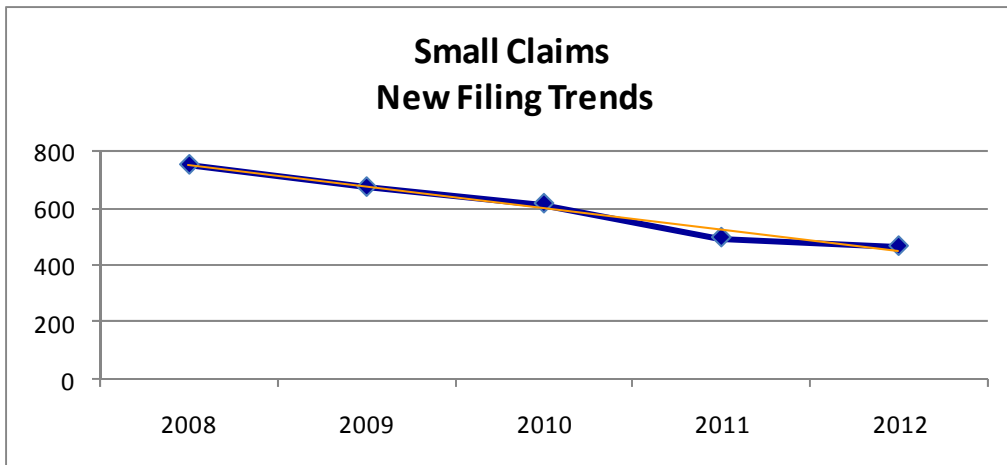
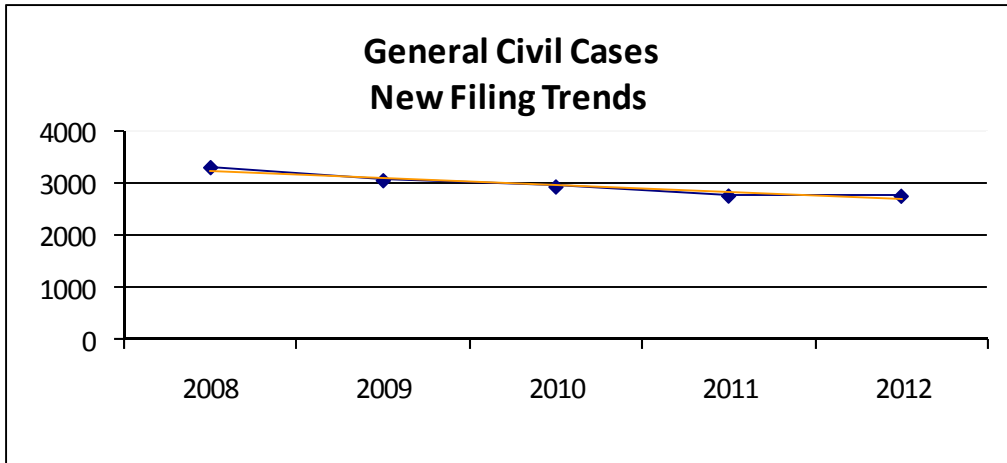


*Seated - Pam Pfeifer
Standing left to right - Renee Smith & Teresa Ballance*

Civil Division



CIVIL DIVISION



Civil Cases - New Filing Trends

CIVIL DIVISION

DISPOSITIONAL INFORMATION

DISPOSITION	General Civil	Small Claims	Summary Proceedings
Jury Verdict	0	0	0
Bench Verdict	24	98	29
Uncontested/Default/Settled	1,850	157	1204
Transferred	8	22	2
Dismissed by Party	427	81	561
Dismissed by Court	558	125	111
Inactive	30	1	2
Other Disposition	18	1	2
Case Type Changed	0	0	1
TOTALS	2,797	485	1,912
New Filings	2,763	465	1899
Reopened	40	1	9
Total Cases	2,803	466	1908
Less Dispositions	2,915	485	1912
Clearance Rate	104.0%	104.3%	100.2%

Civil Case Dispositions

Clearance rate above 100% indicates a reduction in backlog
 Clearance rate at 100% indicates no change in backlog
 Clearance rate below 100% indicates an increase in backlog

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DIVISION

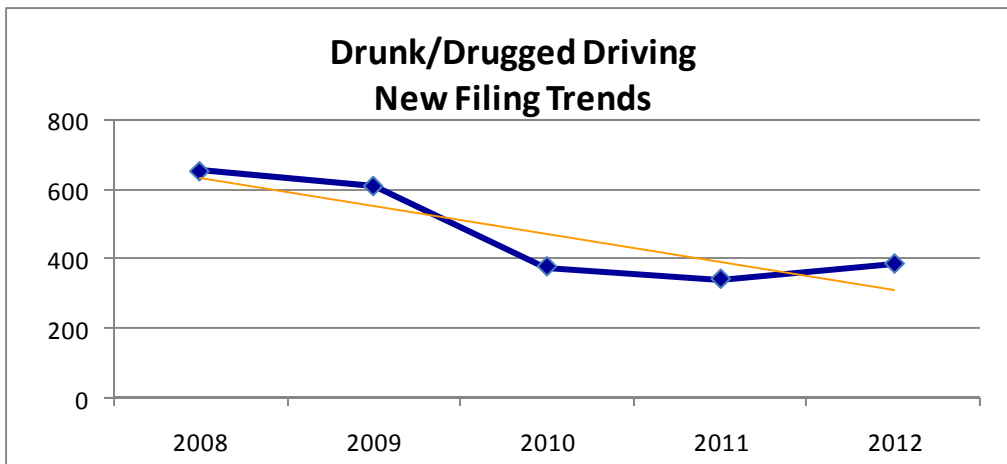
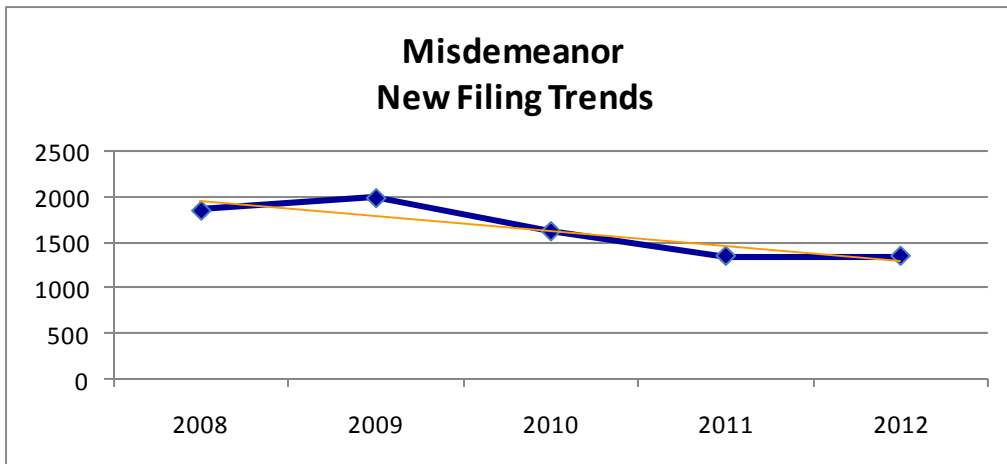
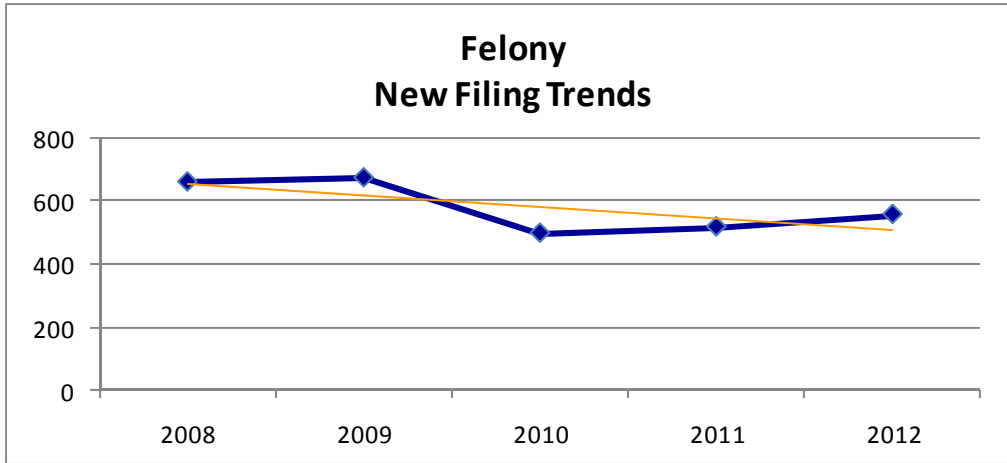


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Standing left to right - Joan Nelson, Erin Jackson, Kathy Fajardo & Irene Bost*

Criminal Traffic Division



CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DIVISION



Criminal Cases - New Filing Trends

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DIVISION

CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONAL INFORMATION

DISPOSITION	Felony	Misdemeanor	Drunk Driving
Jury Verdict	0	12	3
Bench Verdict	0	4	0
Guilty Plea/Admission/Waive	151	726	305
Bindover/Transferred	314	0	28
Dismissed by Party	47	526	27
Dismissed by Court	44	73	7
Inactive/Bench Warrant	424	1,024	124
Other Disposition	0	0	0
Case Type Changed	6	3	0
TOTALS	987	2,368	492
New Filings	579	1,347	386
Reopened	416	950	113
Total Cases	995	2,297	499
Less Dispositions	987	2,368	492
Clearance Rate	99.2%	103.1%	98.6%

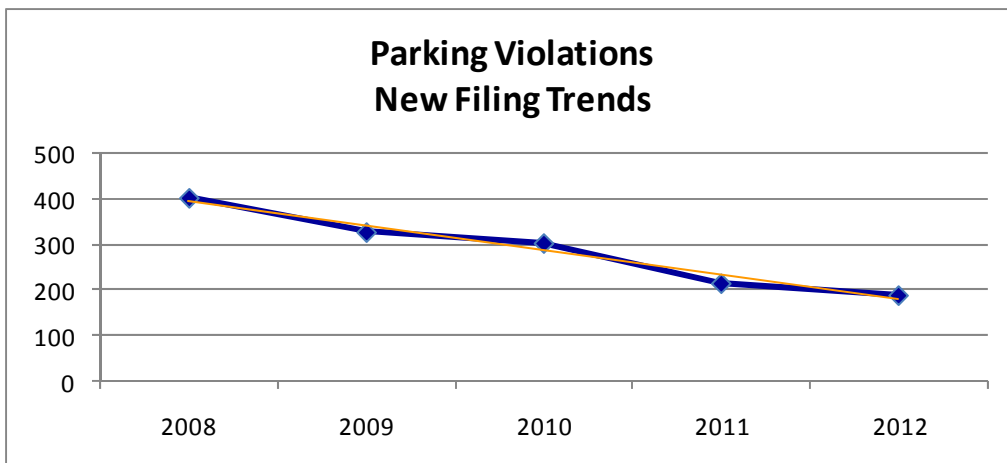
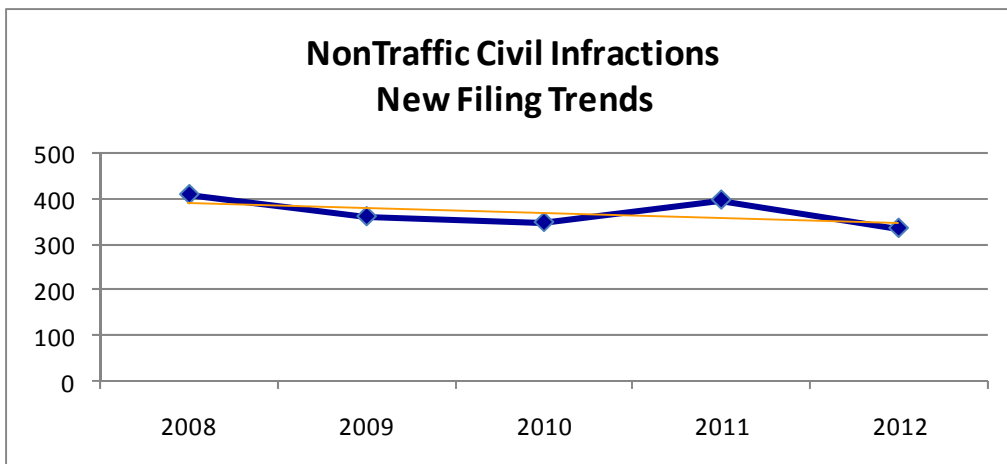
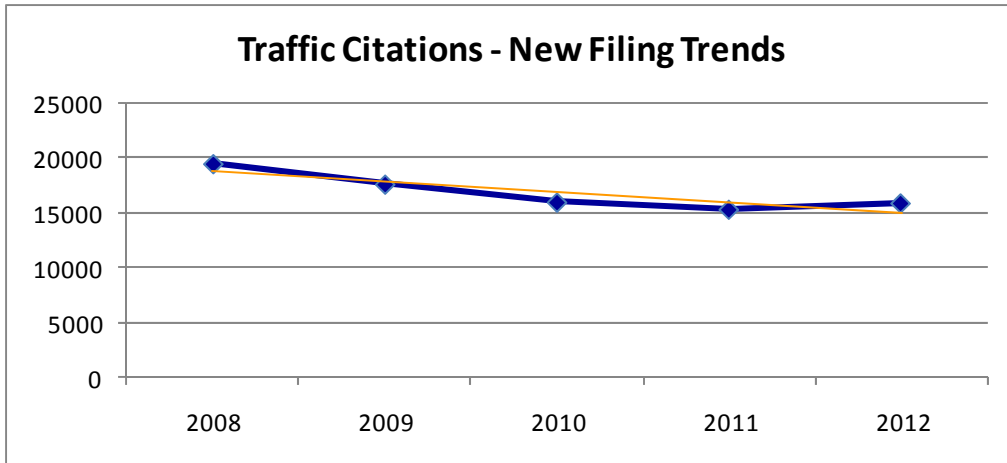
Criminal Case Dispositions

Clearance rate above 100% indicates a reduction in backlog

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Clearance rate below 100% indicates an increase in backlog

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DIVISION



Traffic Cases - New Filing Trends

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DIVISION

TRAFFIC DISPOSITIONAL INFORMATION

DISPOSITION	Civ Infraction/ Misdemeanor	Nontraffic Civ Infraction	Parking
Jury Verdict	0	0	0
Bench Verdict	852	52	7
Guilty Plea/Admission/Waive	11,131	193	105
Bindover/Transferred	0	0	0
Dismissed by Party	730	15	3
Dismissed by Court	414	18	7
Default	3,015	82	66
Inactive/Bench Warrant	944	0	0
Case Type Changed	5	0	0
TOTALS	17,092	360	188
New Filings	15,851	334	189
Reopened	483	7	1
Total Cases	16,334	341	190
Less Dispositions	17,092	360	188
Clearance Rate	104.6%	105.6%	98.9%

Traffic Case Dispositions

Clearance rate above 100% indicates a reduction in backlog
 Clearance rate at 100% indicates no change in backlog
 Clearance rate below 100% indicates an increase in backlog

PROBATION DIVISION



*Seated left to right - Jesse Besonen & Da'Neese Wells
Standing left to right - Marty Waugh, Linda Burkholder, Eva Higgins, & Emily Fabry
Missing - Amy Iseler*

Jesse Besonen, Probation Officer
Linda Burkholder, Probation Officer
Emily Fabry, Probation Officer
Amy Iseler, Assessment Specialist/Probation Officer
Eva Higgins, Probation Officer
Marty Waugh, Probation Clerk
Da'Neese Wells, Chief Probation Officer



Probation Division

PROBATION DIVISION

Snapshot - Active Supervision

CATEGORY OF OFFENSES	ACTIVE SUPERVISION	PERCENT of CASELOAD
Drunk Driving	292	37.48%
Controlled Substances	132	16.94%
Assault	115	14.76%
Theft	104	13.35%
Public Welfare & Safety	42	5.40%
Alcohol—MIP	33	4.23%
Obstructing Justice	20	2.56%
Vehicle Offenses	18	2.31%
Property Offenses	12	1.54%
Weapons	5	0.64%
Animals	3	0.38%
Sexual Related Offenses	2	0.25%
Telecommunications	1	0.12%
TOTAL	779	100.00%

The figures above reflect the number of defendants being actively supervised by a probation officer on 12/31/2012. These figures do not include defendants who have absconded from probation and a warrant has been issued for their arrest.

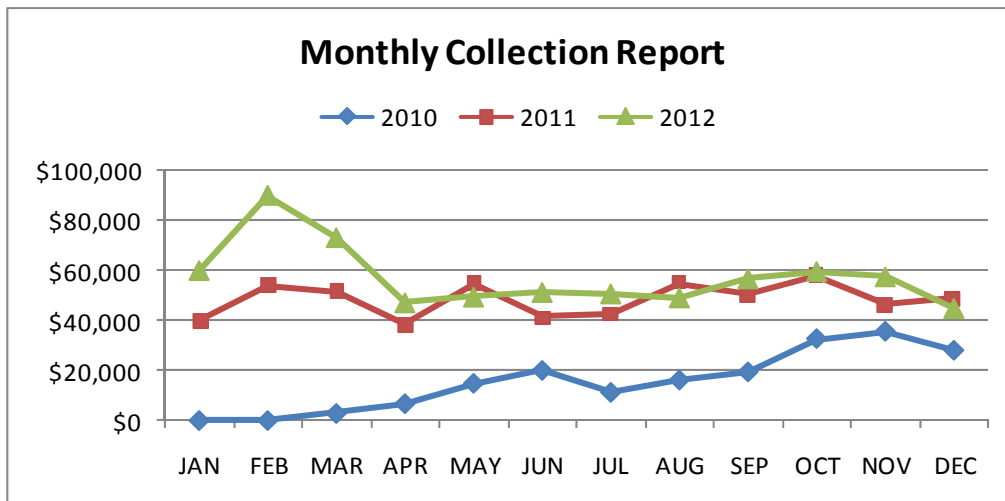
Probation Statistics

COLLECTIONS DIVISION

Collection of Revenue as a Result of Collection Activity

MONTH	2010	2011	2012
JAN	\$0	\$38,649	\$59,684
FEB	\$0	\$53,886	\$89,654
MAR	\$2,844	\$51,913	\$72,777
APR	\$6,739	\$38,280	\$46,837
MAY	\$14,865	\$54,837	\$49,126
JUN	\$20,026	\$41,189	\$50,975
JUL	\$11,247	\$42,625	\$50,386
AUG	\$16,190	\$55,226	\$48,752
SEP	\$19,427	\$50,369	\$56,348
OCT	\$32,756	\$58,120	\$59,269
NOV	\$36,652	\$46,403	\$57,175
DEC	<u>\$28,084</u>	<u>\$48,792</u>	<u>\$44,574</u>
TOTAL	\$187,831	\$581,288	\$685,558

Collections Report



OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2012 Financial Report General Fund Revenue - Budget

REVENUE	BUDGET	RECEIVED	DIFF	% BUD
STATE OF MICHIGAN				
State Judges Supplement	\$91,488	\$91,488	\$0	100.00%
Drunk/Drugged Driving Asst.	\$26,200	\$27,811	\$1,611	106.14%
Juror Reimbursement	\$6,500	\$4,655	<u>(\$1,845)</u>	<u>71.62%</u>
	\$124,188	\$123,954	(\$234)	99.81%
CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC				
Court Costs	\$1,100,000	\$1,081,428	(\$18,572)	98.31%
Ordinance Fines & Costs	\$11,000	\$14,820	\$3,820	134.73%
No Proof of Insurance Fee	\$30,000	\$27,637	(\$2,363)	92.12%
Bond Forfeitures	\$30,000	\$21,570	(\$8,430)	71.90%
Crime Victim Rights Fee	\$390,000	\$364,349	(\$25,651)	<u>93.42%</u>
	\$1,524,000	\$1,509,805	(\$51,195)	99.06%
COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY				
Attorney Reimbursement	\$100,000	\$70,139	-\$18,722	70.14%
PROBATION				
Probation Oversight	\$205,000	\$211,049	\$6,049	102.95%
Screening & Assessment Fee	\$35,000	\$39,922	\$4,922	114.06%
Presentence Fee	\$3,000	\$2,624	<u>(\$376)</u>	<u>87.47%</u>
	\$243,000	\$253,595	\$10,595	104.36%
CIVIL				
Civil Fees	\$206,300	\$243,381	\$37,081	117.97%
MISCELLANEOUS				
Miscellaneous Fees	\$1,700	\$9,844	\$37,081	175.02%
TOTALS	\$2,236,188	\$2,210,718	(\$25,470)	98.86%

Revenue - Budget

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2012 Financial Report General Fund Revenue - Comparison

REVENUE	2011	2012	DIFF	% DIFF
STATE OF MICHIGAN				
State Judges Supplement	\$91,448	\$91,488	\$0	0.00%
Drunk/Drugged Driving Asst.	\$26,312	\$27,811	\$1,499	6.35%
Juror Reimbursement	<u>\$9,518</u>	<u>\$4,655</u>	<u>(\$4,863)</u>	<u>(51.09%)</u>
	\$127,277	\$123,954	(\$3,323)	(2.61%)
CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC				
Court Costs	\$1,083,194	\$1,081,428	(\$1,766)	(0.16%)
Crime Victim Rights Fee	\$12,504	\$14,820	\$2,317	18.53%
No Proof of Insurance Fee	\$27,637	\$27,637	\$0	0%
Bond Forfeitures	\$27,665	\$21,570	(\$6,095)	(22.03%)
Ordinance Fines and Costs	\$348,574	\$364,349	\$15,775	4.53%
	\$1,499,574	\$1,509,805	\$10,231	0.68%
COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY				
Attorney Reimbursement	\$81,228	\$70,139	(\$11,088)	(13.65%)
PROBATION				
Screening & Assessment Fee	\$35,970	\$39,922	\$3,952	10.99%
Presentence Fee	\$2,776	\$2,624	(\$152)	(5.48%)
Probation Oversight	\$194,786	\$211,049	<u>\$16,263</u>	<u>8.35%</u>
	\$233,532	\$253,595	\$20,063	8.59%
CIVIL				
Civil Fees	\$255,412	\$243,381	(\$12,031)	(4.71%)
MISCELLANEOUS				
Miscellaneous Fees	\$3,579	\$9,844	\$6,264	175.02%
TOTALS	\$2,200,602	\$2,210,718	\$10,116	0.46%

Revenue - Comparison

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2012 Financial Report Expense - Budget

EXPENSES	BUDGET	EXPENDED	DIFF	% DIFF
PERSONNEL COSTS				
55th District Court	\$1,684,299	\$1,699,890	(\$15,591)	100.93%
Sobriety Court	<u>\$186,749</u>	<u>\$191,767</u>	(\$5,108)	102.69%
	\$1,871,048	\$1,891,657	(\$20,699)	101.10%
OPERATING EXPENSES <i>(controlled by court)</i>				
55th District Court	\$178,220	\$162,190	\$16,030	91.01%
Sobriety Court	<u>\$2,620</u>	<u>\$16,720</u>	(\$14,100)	638.10%
	\$180,840	\$178,910	\$1,930	98.93%
OPERATING EXPENSES <i>(controlled by other departments)</i>				
55th District Court	\$162,382	\$125,733	\$36,649	77.43%
Sobriety Court	<u>\$981</u>	<u>\$996</u>	(\$15)	101.49%
	\$163,363	\$126,729	\$36,634	78.04%
TRIAL EXPENSES <i>(constitutional expenses related to trial)</i>				
Ct Appointed Attorney Expense				
55th District Court	\$121,000	\$110,751	\$10,249	91.52%
Sobriety Court	\$15,000	\$9,375	\$6,425	62.50%
Jury Expense	\$12,000	\$12,612	(\$612)	105.10%
Interpreter Expense	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$3,438</u>	<u>\$2,562</u>	57.31%
	\$154,000	\$136,176	\$18,624	88.42%
TOTAL DISTRICT COURT EXP	\$2,178,811	\$2,123,988	\$54,823	97.48%
TOTAL SOBRIETY COURT EXP	\$205,350	\$218,857	(\$13,507)	106.58%
TOTALS	\$2,384,161	\$2,342,845	\$41,316	98.26%

Expense - Budget

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2012 Financial Report Expense - Comparison

EXPENSES	2012	2011	DIFF	% DIFF
PERSONNEL COSTS				
55th District Court	\$1,699,890	\$1,697,413	\$2,477	0.14%
Sobriety Court	<u>\$191,767</u>	<u>\$186,043</u>	<u>\$5,724</u>	<u>3.08%</u>
	\$1,891,657	\$1,883,456	\$8,201	0.43%
OPERATING EXPENSES <i>(controlled by court)</i>				
55th District Court	\$162,190	\$179,999	(\$17,809)	-9.89%
Sobriety Court	<u>\$16,720</u>	<u>\$19,857</u>	<u>(\$3,137)</u>	<u>(15.80%)</u>
	\$178,910	\$199,856	(\$20,946)	(10.48%)
OPERATING EXPENSES <i>(controlled by other departments)</i>				
55th District Court	\$125,733	\$153,537	(\$27,804)	(18.11%)
Sobriety Court	<u>\$996</u>	<u>\$1,438</u>	<u>(\$442)</u>	<u>(30.73%)</u>
	\$126,729	\$154,975	(\$28,246)	(18.23%)
TRIAL EXPENSES <i>(constitutional expenses related to trial)</i>				
Ct Appointed Attorney Expense				
55th District Court	\$110,751	\$108,215	\$2,536	2.34%
Sobriety Court	\$9,375	\$9,375	\$0	0.0%
Jury Expense	\$12,612	\$15,433	(\$2,812)	(18.28%)
Interpreter Expense	<u>\$3,438</u>	<u>\$3,776</u>	<u>(\$338)</u>	<u>(8.95%)</u>
	\$136,176	\$136,799	(\$623)	(0.46%)
TOTAL DISTRICT COURT EXP	\$2,123,988	\$2,158,373	(\$34,385)	(1.59%)
TOTAL SOBRIETY COURT EXP	\$218,857	\$216,713	\$2,144	0.99%
TOTALS	\$2,342,845	\$2,375,086	(\$32,241)	(1.36%)

Expense - Comparison

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2012 Financial Report
Disbursement of Revenue Collected by the Court

AGENCY	2012	2011	DIFF
Ingham County Treasurer	\$2,263,483	\$2,250,600	\$12,883
Ingham Libraries	\$211,179	\$233,346	(\$22,167)
Local Municipalities	\$256,211	\$223,033	\$33,178
State of Michigan	\$969,354	<u>\$977,203</u>	<u>(\$7,849)</u>
TOTAL	\$3,700,227	\$3,684,182	\$16,045

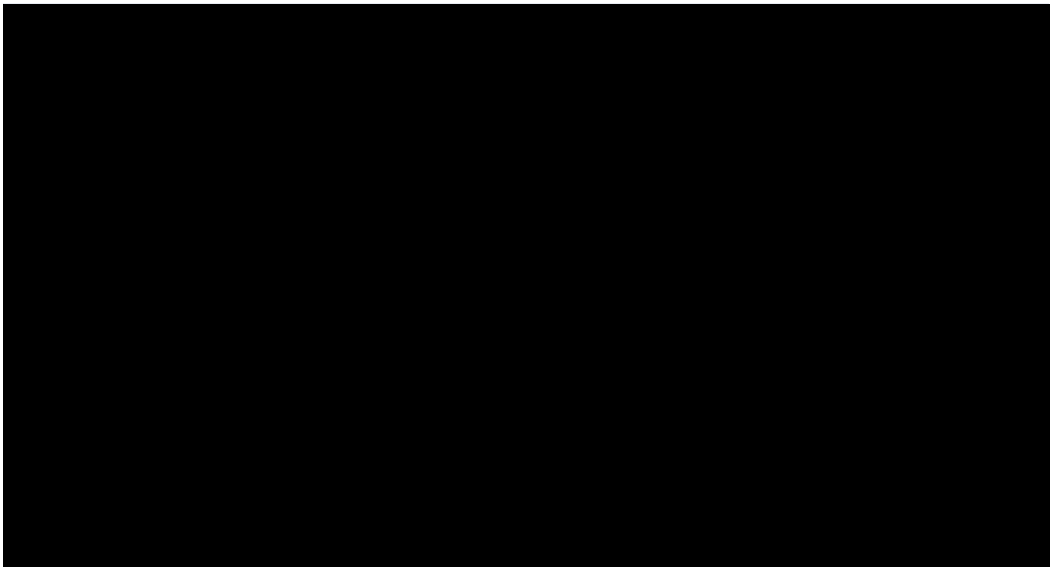
Disbursement of Revenue

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2012 Financial Report
Disbursement of Revenue to the State of Michigan

REVENUE CATEGORY	2012	2011	DIFF
Justice System Fund	\$555,030	\$558,253	(\$3,223)
Secretary of State Clearance	\$33,702	\$33,265	\$437
Crime Victim Rights Fund	\$133,537	\$120,905	\$12,632
Juror Compensation	\$34,240	\$36,576	(\$33,156)
Civil Filing Fund	\$200,744	\$226,193	(\$25,449)
Miscellaneous	<u>\$958</u>	<u>\$261</u>	\$697
TOTALS	\$969,354	\$977,203	(\$48,062)

Disbursement To State

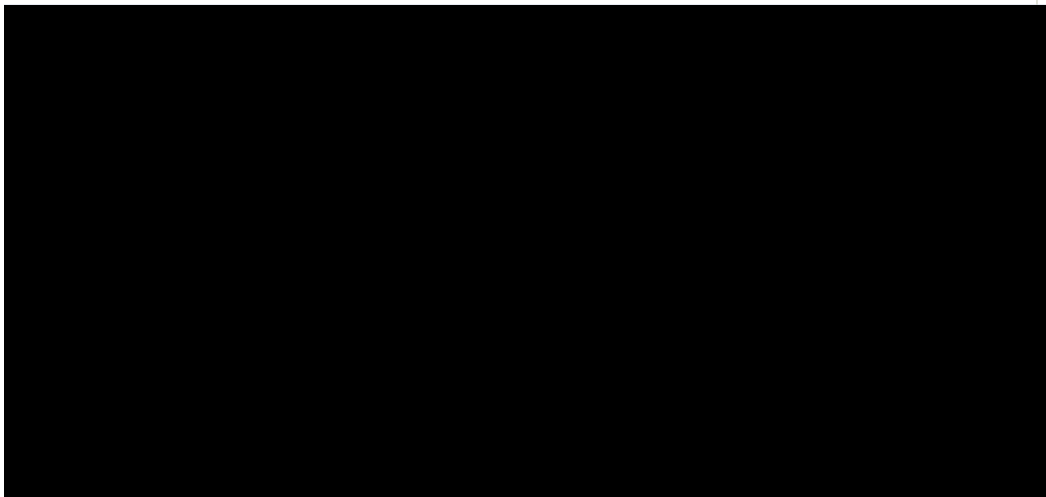


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2012 Financial Report
 Disbursement of Revenue to Municipalities
 From Fines & Costs

AGENCY	2012	2011	DIFF
Alaiedon Township	\$36	0	\$36
Delhi Township	\$57,985	\$41,065	\$16,920
Lansing Township	\$957	\$1,902	(\$945)
Leslie	\$317	\$404	(\$87)
Mason	\$14,286	\$15,695	(\$1,409)
Meridian Township	\$100,287	\$89,141	\$11,146
Stockbridge Twp	\$0	\$69	(\$69)
Stockbridge Vill	\$86	\$52	\$34
Vevay Township	\$0	\$50	(\$50)
Webberville	\$618	\$69	\$549
Williamston	<u>\$4,824</u>	<u>\$3,474</u>	<u>\$1,350</u>
TOTALS	\$181,407	\$153,932	\$27,476

Disbursement To Municipalities



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2012 Financial Report Disbursement of Revenue to Agencies From Cost Recovery Assessments

AGENCY	2012	2011	DIFF
Delhi Prosecuting Attorney	\$1,653	\$2,245	(\$592)
East Lansing Police Dept.	\$542	\$241	\$301
Ingham Co. Sheriff's Office	\$30,692	\$26,377	\$4,315
Ingham Co. Prosecutor's Office	\$18,167	\$12,984	\$5,183
Lansing TWP Police Dept.	\$3,944	\$4,703	(\$759)
Mason City Attorney's Office	\$990	\$1,202	(\$212)
Mason Police Dept.	\$2,737	\$2,733	\$4
Meridian TWP Prosecutor	\$1,213	\$1,831	(\$618)
Meridian TWP Police Dept.	\$13,851	\$9,682	\$4,169
Michigan State Police	\$800	\$1,800	(\$1000)
MSU Campus Police Dept.	\$1,163	\$1,072	\$91
Stockbridge Police Dept.	\$310	\$175	\$135
Williamston Police Dept.	\$700	\$400	\$300
TOTALS	\$76,763	\$67,456	\$9,307

Cost recovery is allowable by statute for specified offenses.

Disbursement To Municipalities

2012 Strategic Planning Goals

GOAL: Expand Role as an Integrated Member of the Ingham County Community

OBJECTIVES

- Expand volunteer/intern programs
 - Objective met
- Develop/Expand community outreach programs
 - Objective met
- Strengthen existing & establish new partnerships
 - Objective met

GOAL: Continue to Enhance Security Measures

OBJECTIVES

- Conduct court security meetings & develop emergency management plan
 - Objective not met
- Conduct/Review security audit
 - Objective met
- Educate/Train employees on court security & personal safety
 - Objective not met
- Explore alternative options for weapons screening/security
 - Objective met
- Explore implementation of video surveillance system
 - Objective met
- Hire court officers with law enforcement experience
 - Objective met

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2012 Strategic Planning Goals

GOAL: Expand the Use of Technology

OBJECTIVES

- Investigate electronic transfer of documents for weekend arraignments
 - Objective met
- Deploy laptops for probation department
 - Objective not met
- Educate/Train employees to better utilize software & hardware
 - Objective met
- Explore online service
 - Objective met
- Monitor JIS Next Generation Software
 - Objective met
- Eliminate DOC writs
 - Objective met

Goal: Study/Plan the Reorganization of Staff/Administration

This goal was placed on hold as the court conducted talks with 54A District Court and 54B District Court concerning the consolidation of the district courts in Ingham County.

Strategic Planning

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2012 Strategic Planning Goals

GOAL: Promote the Professional Development of Employees

OBJECTIVES

- Prioritize the professional development of employees in the budget
 - Objective met
- Plan/Conduct annual in-service program
 - Objective met
- Develop a plan to cross-train employees
 - Objective not met

GOAL: Assure the Continued Maximum Effectiveness of Probation Programs

OBJECTIVES

- Conduct bi-annual audit of probation caseload.
 - Objective met
- Review Sobriety Court program/procedure
 - Objective met
- Evaluate effectiveness of pretrial services
 - Objective met

Strategic Planning

COURT DIRECTORY

JUDGES

Honorable Thomas P. Boyd, Chief Judge - Term Expires 12/31/2014
Honorable Donald L. Allen, Jr. - Term Expires 12/21/2016

ADMINISTRATION

Michael J. Dillon, Court Administrator (5)
Dianna Emerson, Financial Coordinator (14)

JUDICIAL SUPPORT

James B. Pahl, Magistrate (21)
Elaine Stocking, Judicial Secretary/Court Recorder - Judge Boyd (12)
Robin Kelley, Judicial Secretary/Court Recorder - Judge Allen (34)
Robert Rutledge, Court Officer - Judge Boyd (37)
David Burt, Court Officer - Judge Allen (5)
Alan Spencer, Court/Collections Officer (3)

CIVIL DIVISION

Pamela Pfeifer, Chief Clerk (4)
Renee Smith, Court Clerk (18)
Teresa Ballance, Court Clerk (22)

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DIVISION

Kathy Fajardo, Chief Clerk (37)

Criminal Division

Barb Pasch, Court Clerk (8)
Alana Kelley, Court Clerk (6)
Irene Bost, Court Clerk (14)

Traffic Division

Joan Nelson, Court Clerk (15)
Cindy Smith, Court Clerk (13)
Erin Jackson, Court Clerk (2)

() denotes years of service with the court

Court Directory

COURT DIRECTORY

PROBATION DIVISION

Da'Neese Wells, Chief Probation Officer (10)
Linda Burkholder, Probation Officer (20)
Eva Higgins, Probation Officer (9)
Emily Fabry, Probation Officer (6)
Amy Iseler, Probation Officer/Assessment Specialist (5)
Jesse Besonen, Probation Officer (3)
Marty Waugh, Court Clerk (13)

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MICHAEL J. DILLON
COURT ADMINISTRATOR



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To all Interested Parties:

The 55th District Court plays an integral role in the administration of justice in Ingham County. We at the court promote equality and fairness. We acknowledge that public trust and confidence are important aspects in maintaining the integrity of the judicial system. Hence, we continue to focus on the delivery of professional services to all users of the court.

We recognize that an informed public helps to build public trust and confidence in a public entity. Consequently, this report is an attempt to provide our stakeholders with a summary of district court activity during the year of 2012.

The administration of the court recognizes the hard work exemplified by our employees. Their dedication and effort have contributed significantly to the efficient operation of the 55th District Court. The administration of the court would like to express our gratitude to the Ingham County Board of Commissioners, and Ms. Mary Lannoye, County Controller/Administrator, for their continued support of 55th District Court operations.

We will continue to strive to be a model district court in the State of Michigan and would like to thank all who have contributed to our success thus far.

Michael J. Dillon
Court Administrator