

55th District Court Annual Report

2016



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

Honorable Donald L. Allen, Jr.

Chief Judge



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 and re-elected in 2016. His current term will expire on December 31, 2022. Judge Allen was appointed chief judge of the court by the Michigan Supreme Court on January 1, 2016.

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. In September 2005, he was appointed deputy legal counsel to Governor Granholm. On June 5, 2006, Judge Allen was appointed by Governor Granholm to serve as director of the Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP). Judge Allen served in that position until his appointment to the 55th District Court Bench.

Judge Allen is the presiding judge of Sobriety Court. Sobriety Court focuses on the rehabilitation of repeat offense substance abusers. Sobriety Court has changed hundreds of lives, saved tax dollars, and has been recognized for excellence.

Professional/Community Service:

- Okemos-Ingham Families Against Narcotics, President and Co-Founder
- Mason Prescription Drug Task Force, Co-Founder
- American Bar Association Commission on Lawyers Assistance Programs, Diversity Committee, Past Chair
- Michigan Bar Association, Fellow
- Ingham County Bar Association
- Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program, Special Advisor
- Mason Promise Scholarship, Board Member
- Ingham Opioid Work Group
- Communities for School, Board Member
- Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity
- Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity

Awards/Recognitions:

- Lansing Black Lawyer's Association, Outstanding Barrister Award (2009)
- Central Michigan Heritage Enterprise, Citizen of the Year Award (2011)
- Turning Point, Kevin D. Bibbs Citizenship Award (2013)
- Community Mental Health Authority, Distinguished Service Award (2015)
- Michigan Public Health, Jean Chabut Health Policy Champion (2016)

55th District Court Judges

Honorable Thomas P. Boyd



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.

Judge Thomas P. Boyd was appointed to the bench 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 and 2014 for six-year terms. His current term expires December 31, 2020.

Judge Boyd leads the 55th District Court Mental Health Court (MHC) team. MHC is an incentive-based motivational program founded on Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) principles designed to engage participants in treatment with the goals of improving their lives and reducing recidivism. The MHC team includes representatives of the following: 55th District Court, Community Mental Health – Clinton, Eaton and Ingham Counties, Ingham County Sheriff Scott Wriggelsworth, Ingham County Health Department, criminal defense, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness – Lansing. MHC is very much a team endeavor. Each team member contributes to the benefit of every participant.

Judge Boyd established and presides over our Domestic Violence (DV) Court. A local administrative order requires all DV cases be assigned to Judge Boyd. The DV Court provides the extra attention that each of these important cases require. 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 2014, Judge Boyd was appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC). As an appointee, Judge Boyd represents the Michigan District Judges Association (MDJA). His term on the MIDC expires in 2018. Judge Boyd is active in the MDJA where he currently serves as President.

55th District Court Judges

Mark E. Blumer
Magistrate



Magistrate Mark Blumer was born and raised in southeastern Michigan. He graduated from Michigan State University with a degree from the first residential college at MSU—Justin Morrill College—in 1971. He then graduated from the University of Detroit College of Law in 1974. Mr. Blumer worked as the chairman of the Oakland County branch of the Secretary of State License Appeal Board for most of 1975 and then transferred to the Michigan Attorney General’s staff in January, 1976. For most of the next 30 years Mr. Blumer was assigned to the Criminal Prosecution Division where he was the First Assistant and principal trial attorney. He handled cases in about half of Michigan’s 83 counties including several that attracted national attention.

Mr. Blumer retired from his state position in 2005 and was hired as the chief assistant prosecutor in Jackson County in 2005. He remained at that position for the next eight and one-half years where he was the chief of legal affairs for that office. During that time he continued to try numerous felony cases. Mr. Blumer retired from Jackson in 2013 and was hired on 10/14/13 to serve as the magistrate for the 55th District Court.

During his career, Mr. Blumer has taught numerous times for the National Association of District Attorneys and for the Prosecuting Attorneys’ Association of Michigan. He has also lectured at the FBI National Academy, the Rocky Mountain Homicide Investigators Association and the Ohio District Attorneys’ Association. In addition, he has been a visiting professor of criminal law at the Thomas M. Cooley School of Law.

55th District Court Magistrate

COURT ADMINISTRATION



*Seated left to right - Kathy Fajardo & Pam Pfeifer
Standing - Michael J. Dillon*

Michael J. Dillon, Court Administrator
Kathy Fajardo, Administrative Services Coordinator
Pam Pfeifer, Court Services Supervisor

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



Left to right - Donovan Motley, Marty Waugh, Elaine Stocking, Dave Biergans, Jared Knudsen

Donovan Motley - Court Officer (Judge Allen)
Marty Waugh - Judicial Assistant (Judge Allen)
Elaine Stocking - Judicial Assistant (Judge Boyd)
Dave Biergans (*Ingham County Sheriff Deputy*) - P/T Court Officer (Judge Boyd)
Jared Knudsen - P/T Court Officer

Not pictured
Tom Beeson - (*Ingham County Sheriff Deputy*) - P/T Court Officer (Judge Boyd)

Judicial support personnel serve as personal staff of the judge. The Judicial Assistant 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 court-room.

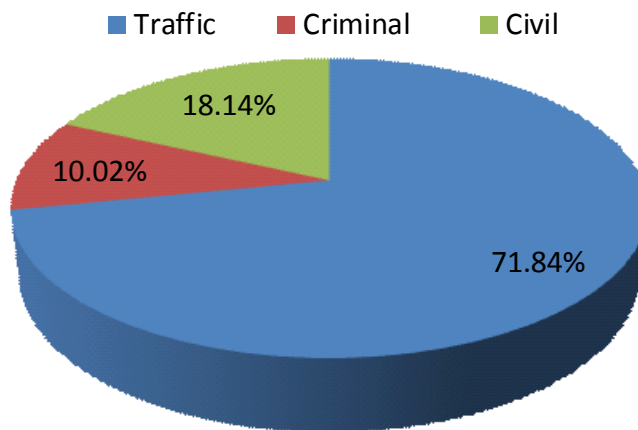
Judicial Support Services

NEW CASE FILINGS

<u>CATEGORY</u>	2015 <u>Filings</u>	2016 <u>Filings</u>	16-15 <u>Diff</u>	% <u>Diff</u>
Felony	515	578	63	12.2%
Misdemeanor	1,289	1,300	11	0.9%
Drunk Driving	352	349	-3	-0.9%
Traffic **	17,689	15,445	-2,244	-12.7%
Civil Infraction - Non Traffic	386	398	12	3.1%
General Civil	2,051	1,926	-125	-6.1%
Small Claims	587	596	9	1.5%
Summary Proceedings	1,621	1,507	-114	-7.0%
Parking	<u>221</u>	<u>116</u>	-105	-47.5%
Totals	24,711	22,215	-2,496	-10.1%

** includes traffic misdemeanors and civil infractions

Percentage of New Filings -2016



Caseload - New Filings

NEW CASE FILINGS—REGION II

TOTAL NEW FILINGS - REGION II COMPARISONS

Court	2015 Filings	2016 Filings	Judges	Cases Per Judge	% Change 16-15
65A Clinton Co.	21379	19879	1	19,879	-7.02%
14-B Washtenaw Co. (Ypsilanti Twp)	13,604	16,770	1	16,770	23.27%
67-1 Genesee Co. (Flushing)	12,209	11,848	1	11,848	-2.96%
1st Monroe Co.	31,240	33,530	3	11,177	7.33%
55th Ingham Co.	24,711	22,215	2	11,108	-10.10%
2A Lenawee Co.	21,371	21,034	2	10,517	-1.58%
67-3 Genesee Co. (Mt. Morris)	9,626	9,620	1	9,620	-0.06%
14-A Washtenaw Co.	35,159	27,656	3	9,219	-21.34%
56A Eaton Co.	21391	17565	2	8,783	-17.89%
12th Jackson Co.	35,387	34,172	4	8,543	-3.43%
53rd Livingston Co.	26,198	24,913	3	8,304	-4.90%
66th Shiawassee Co.	8,585	8,132	1	8,132	-5.28%
65B Gratiot Co.	9578	7828	1	7,828	-18.27%
67-4 Genesee Co. (Fenton & Grand Blanc)	15,851	15,327	2	7,664	-3.31%
54B Ingham Co (East Lansing) **	15,956	14,929	2	7,465	-6.44%
54A Ingham Co. (Lansing) ***	31,730	26,434	4	6,609	-16.69%
67-2 Genesee Co. (Davison & Burton)	17,550	12,984	2	6,492	-26.02%
2B Hillsdale Co.	7,573	6,471	1	6,471	-14.55%
15th Washtenaw Co. (City of Ann Arbor)	19,230	17,504	3	5,835	-8.98%
67-5 Genesee Co. (City of Flint)	22,180	21,729	4	5,432	-2.03%

** 2016 filings does not include 43,555 parking violations

*** 2016 filings do not include 4,083 parking violations

Courts **highlighted in blue** represent 2nd class district courts

Courts **highlighted in green** represent 3rd class district courts

All other courts are first class district courts



Region 2 - New Case Filings

CLEARANCE RATES

2016 CLEARANCE RATES

	New	Reopened	Total Filings	Dispositions	Clearance Rate
CRIMINAL					
Felony	578	329	907	905	99.78%
Misdemeanor	1,300	1,002	2,302	2,312	100.43%
Drunk Driving	<u>349</u>	<u>149</u>	498	<u>487</u>	<u>97.79%</u>
TOTALS	2,227	1,480	3,707	3,704	99.92%
TRAFFIC					
Traffic Misdemeanor	1,826	809	2,635	2,680	101.71%
Traffic Civil Infraction	13,619	183	13,802	14,298	103.59%
Nontraffic Civil Infraction	398	16	414	432	104.35%
Parking	116	2	118	120	101.69%
TOTALS	15,959	1,010	16,969	17,530	103.31%
CIVIL					
General Civil	1,926	56	1,982	1,971	99.45%
Landlord Tenant/Summ Pro	1,507	9	1,516	1,502	99.08%
Small Claims	<u>596</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>601</u>	<u>551</u>	<u>91.68%</u>
TOTALS	4,029	70	4,099	4,024	98.17%
TOTALS	22,215	2,560	24,775	25,258	101.95%

Clearance Rate: Dispositions/Total New and Reopened Cases

Clearance Rates



BEGINNING/ENDING PENDING

2016 BEGINNING & ENDING PENDING

	Total Filings	Dispositions	Begin Pending	Ending Pending	Overall Change
<u>CRIMINAL</u>					
Felony	907	905	32	34	6.25%
Misdemeanor	2,302	2,312	151	141	-6.62%
Drunk Driving	498	487	<u>41</u>	52	26.83%
TOTALS	3,707	3,704	224	227	1.34%
<u>TRAFFIC</u>					
Traffic Misdemeanor	2,635	2,680	379	334	-11.87%
Traffic Civil Infraction	13,802	14,298	978	482	-50.72%
Nontraffic Civil Infraction	414	432	36	18	-50.00%
Parking	118	120	6	4	-33.33%
TOTALS	16,969	17,530	1,399	838	-40.10%
<u>CIVIL</u>					
General Civil	1,982	1,971	541	552	2.03%
Landlord Ten/Summ Pro	1,516	1,502	192	206	7.29%
Small Claims	601	551	<u>104</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>48.08%</u>
TOTALS	4,099	4,024	837	912	8.96%
TOTALS	24,775	25,258	2,460	1,977	-19.63%

Total Filings: New Filings + Reopened Files

Change: (Ending Pending - Beginning Pending)/Beginning Pending

Beginning/Ending Pending



CIVIL DEPARTMENT



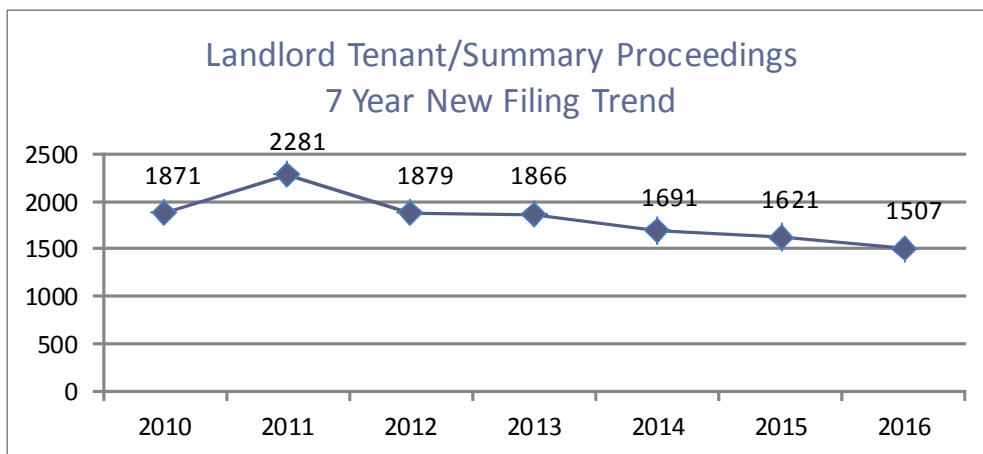
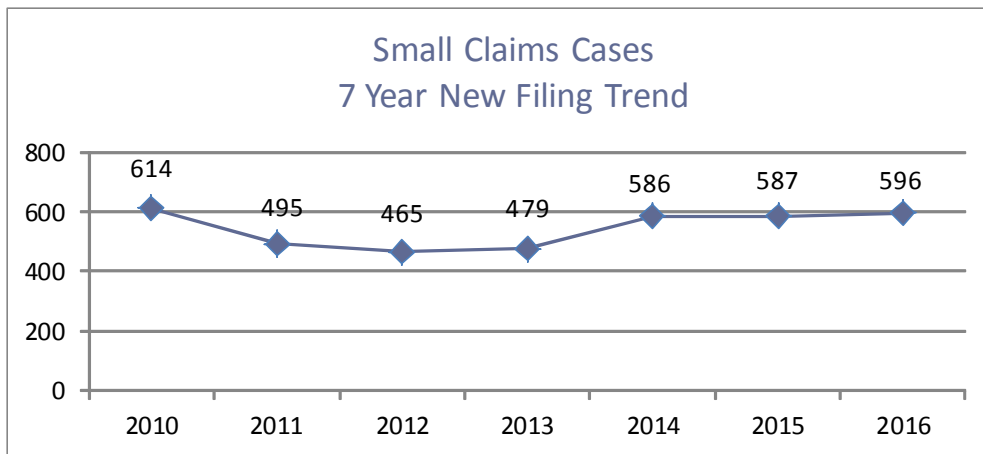
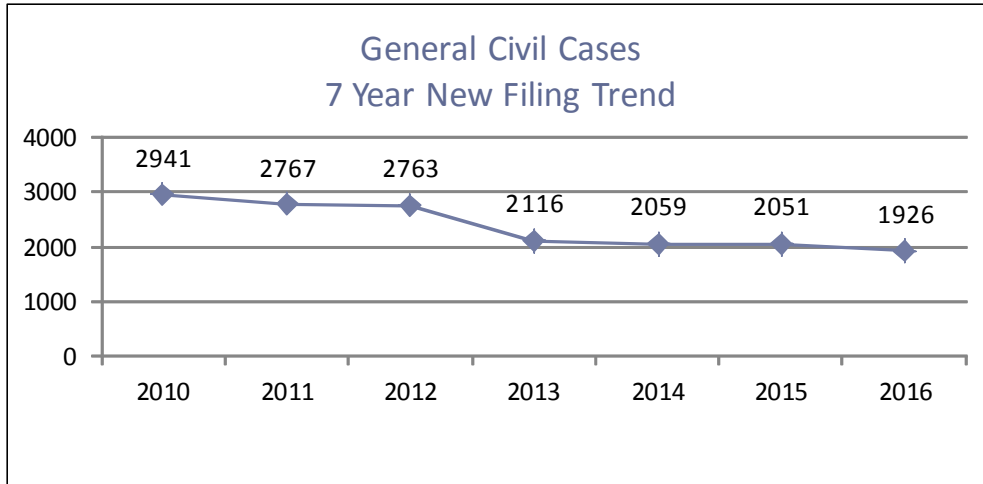
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In 2016 the civil department processed 4,029 new civil cases (5.4% decrease from 2015). These filings include general civil, landlord-tenant and small claims cases. Many of these filings consist of foreclosed properties and credit card debt. The civil department processed 4,985 garnishment requests (13.4% decrease from 2015). In addition the department processed 495 writs for evictions/seizures (21.9% decrease from 2015) and 910 marriages (3.4 % increase from 2015).

The court is proud of its Eviction Diversion Program, which began in 2013. This program provides low-and moderate- income families and individuals with eviction prevention assistance. There are many community partners involved in this program such as Volunteers of America and the Michigan Department of Human Services. Tenants have the opportunity to speak with eviction diversion specialists before their hearing. Lawyers and law students from the MSU Law Clinic and Legal Services of South Central Michigan are also on the site to provide tenants advice and guide them through what, to many, can be viewed a complicated process. The goal of the program is to reach settlement agreements which prevent entries of judgments and allow time to resolve issues in an effort to avoid evictions.

Civil Department

CIVIL DEPARTMENT



Civil Cases - New Filing Trends

CIVIL DEPARTMENT

DISPOSITIONAL INFORMATION

DISPOSITION	General Civil	Small Claims	Landlord/Tenant
Jury Verdict	0	0	0
Bench Verdict	8	38	4
Uncontested/Default/Settled	1,136	236	684
Transferred	6	26	1
Dismissed by Party	328	117	684
Dismissed by Court	465	131	280
Inactive	18	2	4
Other Disposition	10	1	2
Case Type Changed	0	0	0
TOTALS	1,971	551	1,502
New Filings	1926	596	1,507
Reopened	56	5	9
Total Cases	1,982	601	1,516
Less Dispositions	1,971	551	1,502
Clearance Rate	99.45%	91.68%	99.08%

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

CIVIL DEPARTMENT

TIME GUIDELINES

General Civil (GC)	Disposed	Rate	Time Guidelines
Disposed within 273 days	1,901	97.3%	90%
Disposed within 455 days	1,934	99.1%	98%

Landlord/Tenant Summary Proceedings (LT)	Disposed	Rate	Time Guidelines
Disposed within 126 days	1,423	96.5%	95%
Disposed after 126 days	47		

Land Contract Summary Proceedings (SP)	Disposed	Rate	Time Guidelines
Disposed within 126 days	21	87.5%	95%
Disposed after 126 days	3		

Small Claims (SC)	Disposed	Rate	Time Guidelines
Disposed within 126 days	415	71.9%	95%
Disposed after 126 days	134		

General Civil Miscellaneous (GZ)	Disposed	Rate	Time Guidelines
Disposed within 273 days	5	100%	90%
Disposed after 455 days	5	100%	98%

Time Guidelines



CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT



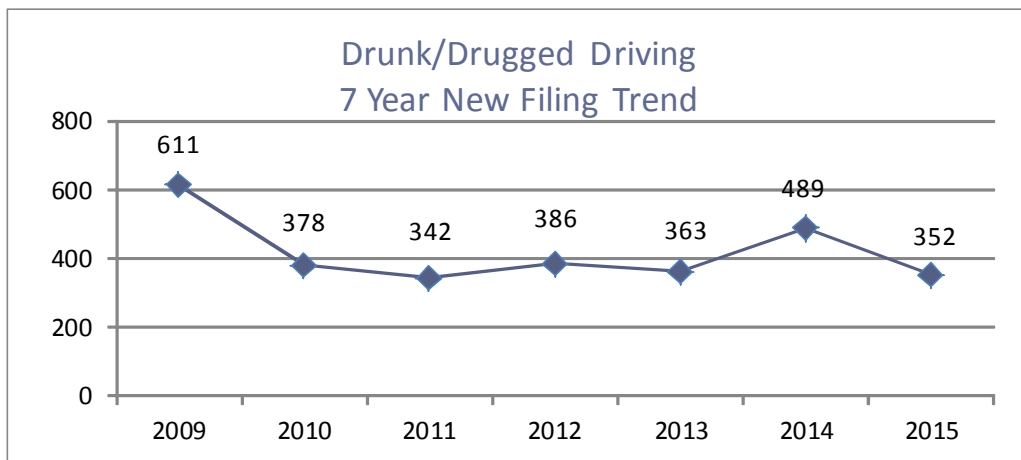
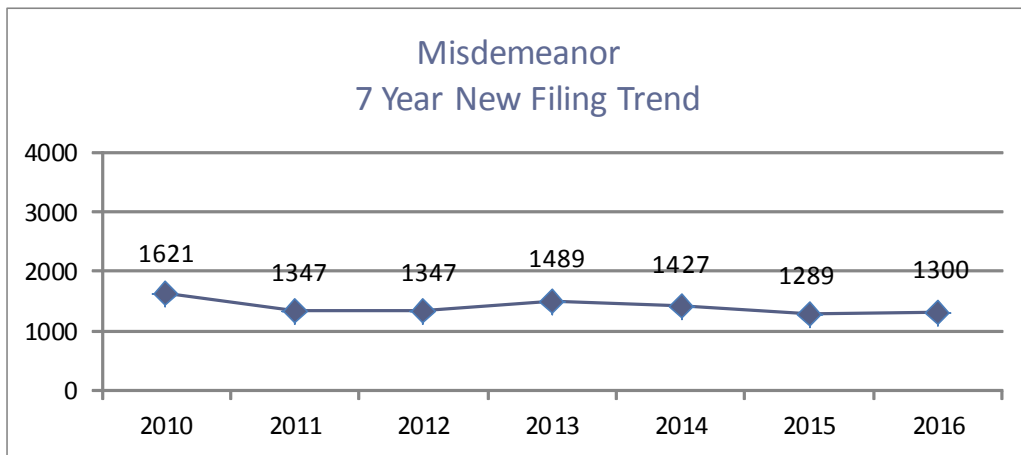
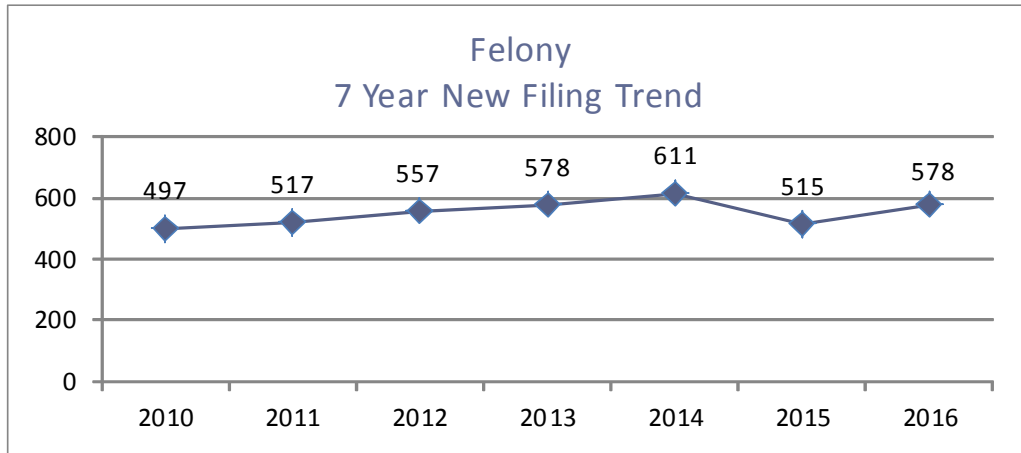
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Back row left to right - Sandra Christoson, Tammy Sjolund, Barb Pasch, Emily Doerr, Michelle Montemayor*

The Criminal Division processes all criminal misdemeanors, including drug and drunk driving cases. In addition, the division processes felony cases up through the preliminary examination stage. In 2016 the criminal division processed 2,227 new criminal cases (3.2% increase from 2015). The following new cases were filed: 578 felonies, 1,300 misdemeanors and 349 drunk/drugged driving cases.

The Traffic division is responsible for processing traffic misdemeanors and all civil infractions, traffic and non traffic. In addition, the division processes parking violations, conservation violations, motor carrier violations and animal control violations. In 2016 the Traffic Division processed 15,959 new cases (12.7% decrease from 2015). The following new case were filed: 1,826 traffic misdemeanors, 13,619 traffic civil infractions, 398 nontraffic misdemeanors, and 116 parking violations.

Criminal/Traffic Department

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT



Criminal Cases - New Filing Trends

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

CRIMINAL DISPOSITIONAL INFORMATION

DISPOSITION	Felony/Ext	Misdemeanor	Drunk Driving
Jury Verdict	0	1	1
Bench Verdict	33	1	1
Guilty Plea/Admission/Waive	191	591	276
Bindover/Transferred	246	0	29
Dismissed by Party	85	707	42
Dismissed by Court	6	16	7
Inactive/Bench Warrant	339	993	127
Other Disposition	0	0	0
Case Type Changed	5	3	4
TOTALS	905	2,312	487
New Filings	578	1,300	349
Reopened	329	1,002	149
Total Cases	907	2,302	498
Less Dispositions	905	2,312	487
Clearance Rate	99.78%	100.43%	97.79%

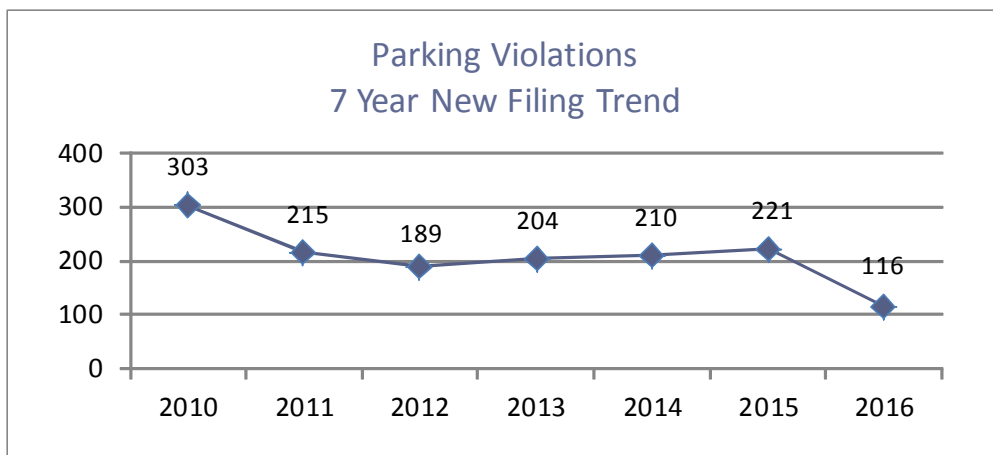
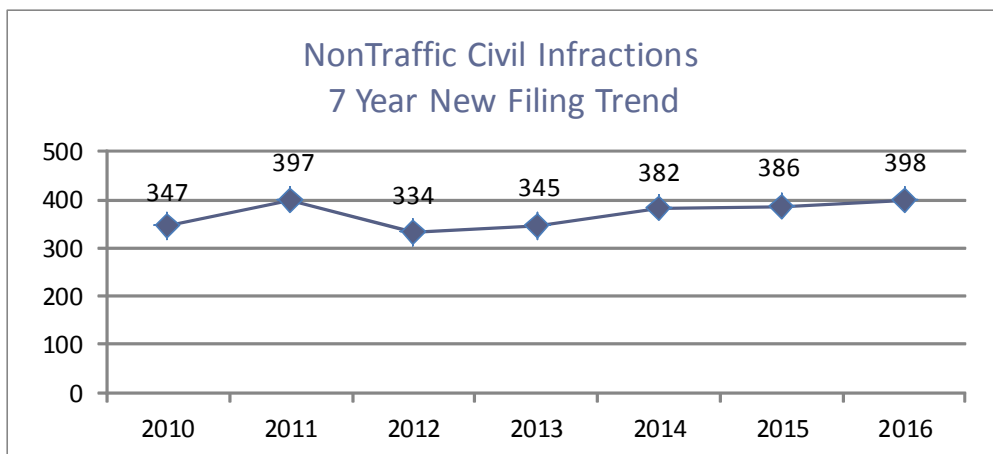
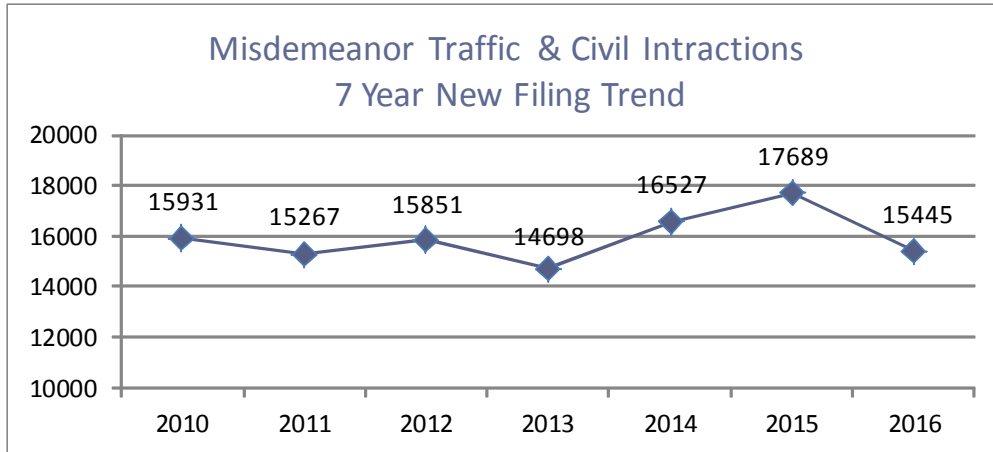
Criminal Case Dispositions

Clearance rate above 100% indicates a reduction in backlog

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Clearance rate below 100% indicates an increase in backlog

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT



Traffic Cases - New Filing Trends

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

TRAFFIC DISPOSITIONAL INFORMATION

DISPOSITION	Civ Infraction/ Misdemeanor	Nontraffic Civ Infraction	Parking
Jury Verdict	1	0	0
Bench Verdict	714	34	7
Guilty Plea/Admission/Waive	11,025	206	47
Bindover/Transferred	0	0	0
Dismissed by Party	1,517	62	5
Dismissed by Court	246	21	2
Default	2,614	109	59
Inactive/Bench Warrant	855	0	0
Case Type Changed	4	0	0
TOTALS	16,978	432	120
New Filings	15,447	398	116
Reopened	992	16	2
Total Cases	16,439	414	118
Less Dispositions	16,978	432	120
Clearance Rate	103.28	104.35%	101.69%

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

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

FELONY CASES

Extradition/Detainer (EX)	Disposed	Rate	Time Guidelines
Disposed within 14 days of arraignment	33	97.5%	60%
Disposed within 28 days of arraignment	34	98.9%	75%
Felony Criminal (FY)	Disposed	Rate	Time Guidelines
Disposed within 14 days of arraignment	144	41.9%	60%
Disposed within 28 days of arraignment	258	77%	
Felony Drunk Driving (FD)	Disposed	Rate	Time Guidelines
Disposed within 14 days of arraignment	16	53.3%	60%
Disposed within 28 days of arraignment	23	76.7%	
Felony Traffic (FT)	Disposed	Rate	Time Guidelines
Disposed within 14 days of arraignment	5	41.7%	60%
Disposed within 28 days of arraignment	8	66.7%	75%



Time Guidelines

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

MISDEMEANOR CASES

Ordinance Misdemeanor Drunk Driving (OD)	Disposed	Rate	Time Guidelines
Disposed within 63 days	88	81.5%	85%
Disposed within 126 days	107	100%	95%

Ordinance Misdemeanor Criminal (OM)	Disposed	Rate	Time Guidelines
Disposed within 63 days	396	85.7%	85%
Disposed within 126 days	439	96.3%	95%

Ordinance Misdemeanor Traffic (OT)	Disposed	Rate	Time Guidelines
Disposed within 63 days	529	96%	85%
Disposed within 126 days	545	99.5%	95%

Statute Misdemeanor Drunk Driving (SD)	Disposed	Rate	Time Guidelines
Disposed within 63 days	159	70.4%	85%
Disposed within 126 days	202	91.4%	95%

Statute Misdemeanor Criminal (SM)	Disposed	Rate	Time Guidelines
Disposed within 63 days	718	82.1%	85%
Disposed within 126 days	826	95.5%	95%

Statute Misdemeanor Traffic (ST)	Disposed	Rate	Time Guidelines
Disposed within 63 days	1,247	97.5%	85%
Disposed within 126 days	1,264	98.9%	95%

Time Guidelines



CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT

CIVIL INFRACTIONS

Ordinance Civil Infraction Traffic (OI)	Disposed	Rate	Time Guidelines
Disposed within 35 days	4,793	91.7%	90%
Disposed within 84 days	5,126	98.3%	98%

Ordinance Parking (OK)	Disposed	Rate	Time Guidelines
Disposed within 35 days	77	97.5%	90%
Disposed within 84 days	79	100%	98%

Ordinance Civil Infraction Non-Traffic (ON)	Disposed	Rate	Time Guidelines
Disposed within 35 days	150	63.3%	90%
Disposed within 84 days	190	81.2%	98%

Statute Civil Infraction Traffic (SI)	Disposed	Rate	Time Guidelines
Disposed within 35 days	8,059	87.7%	90%
Disposed within 84 days	8,675	94.7%	98%

Statute Parking (SK)	Disposed	Rate	Time Guidelines
Disposed within 35 days	36	87.8%	90%
Disposed within 84 days	41	100.0%	98%

Statute Civil Infraction Non-Traffic (SN)	Disposed	Rate	Time Guidelines
Disposed within 35 days	184	91.5%	90%
Disposed within 84 days	193	96.5%	98%

Time Guidelines

PROBATION DEPARTMENT



*Left to right - Emily Fabry, Matthew Weiland, Da'Neese Wells, Lindsay Lopez
Jesse Besonen, Linda Burkholder, Rikki Anger, Alan Spencer*

Rikki Anger, Probation Clerk
Jesse Besonen, Probation Officer - Sobriety Court
Linda Burkholder, Probation Officer
Emily Fabry, Probation Officer
Lindsay Kruger, Probation Officer
Alan Spencer, Probation Officer - Mental Health Court
Matthew Weiland, Assessment Specialist/Probation Officer - Sobriety Court
Da'Neese Wells, Chief Probation Officer



Probation Department

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Sobriety Court

The 55th District Court Sobriety Court targets repeat drunk/drugged driving offenders. On occasion, the program will accept non-target population offenders if they are dependent on alcohol and/or other drugs, traditional approaches to rehabilitation have failed, and it appears they will benefit from the program. Throughout the program participants receive incentives and sanctions relative to their behaviors. The Honorable Donald Allen, Jr. presides over Sobriety Court. Da'Neese Wells, Chief Probation Officer, serves as Sobriety Court Coordinator and Probation Officers Jesse Besonen and Mathew Weiland are assigned to Sobriety Court. Besides court personnel, a team of professionals with diverse backgrounds make up the Sobriety Court team. The team meets weekly to discuss each case.

The court intervenes in these cases as early as possible. In fact, initial eligibility screening typically occurs at arraignment. All potential Sobriety Court participants complete a full biopsychosocial substance abuse assessment prior to sentencing and are referred to appropriate substance abuse treatment as soon as possible. Potential participants are assigned to a pretrial supervision officer. The pretrial supervision officer monitors the defendant's compliance with bond conditions and makes a recommendation to the court regarding the defendant's eligibility for the program.

FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2016 - Program Highlights

- Supervision of 170 Participants in FY 2016
- 69 participants successfully completed the program and graduated in FY 2016
- Decreased jail utilization - 1,460 jail bed days saved in FY 2016 (*estimated*)

RECIDIVISM RATES

81% of 55th District Court Sobriety Court graduates had not been re-arrested, compared to a national average of 75%
(*source: National Drug Court Institute, 2010*)

93% of 55th District Court Sobriety Court graduates had not been convicted of new alcohol or drug related offenses
(*source: 55th District Court Recidivism Study, 2011*)

Specialty Courts

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Mental Health Court

The 55th District Court Mental Health Court targets individuals charged with a criminal offense who are seriously mentally ill but are not violent offenders (as defined by 2013 PA 274). The court will also accept participants who do not meet the target population but demonstrate a need for the program, if participation in the program is found to be in the interest of justice. The court strives to reach as many individuals in need as possible. Hence, the court does not restrict the identification process to specific mechanisms and will accept any referral for screening. The Honorable Thomas P. Boyd presides over Mental Health Court. Da'Neese Wells, Chief Probation Officer, serves as the Mental Health Court Coordinator and Probation Officer Alan Spencer is assigned to Mental Health Court. Besides court personnel, a team of professionals with diverse backgrounds make up the Mental Health Court team. The team meets weekly to discuss each case.

The Court attempts to identify potential participants as soon as possible. Pre-screening for legal criteria is conducted by the arraignment official. If deemed legally eligible to a participate in the program, the defendant is referred to the Mental Health Court probation officer to continue the screening process. The probation officer will also make referrals to supportive services, if deemed necessary. The case is then forwarded to CMHA-CEI for clinical eligibility determination and a full bio-psycho-social assessment is provided to the court within ten days.

Generally, traditional probation programs focus on the utilization traditional sanctions such as additional fines, community service, or incarceration. The philosophy of Mental Health Court is different. The court's focus is on positive reinforcement. The court utilizes incentives in an attempt to avoid the negative reinforcement of traditional sanctions. Whenever possible, participants are recognized and rewarded for compliance and positive performance while on probation. The probation officer and client services specialist have the discretion throughout program participation to reward individually-defined signs of success including, but not limited to, documentation of sustained sobriety, positive life choices, or particularly significant journaling efforts. The court utilizes sanctions, particularly jail, only when necessary to maintain program integrity, or if a participant is a danger to self or others.

The Court supervised a total of 107 participants in FY 2015 and celebrated the graduation of 24 participants.

Specialty Courts

PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Caseload Snapshot

<u>CATEGORY OF OFFENSES</u>	<u>ACTIVE</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>%</u>
	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>CASELOAD</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>CASELOAD</u>
Drunk Driving	210	36.97%	100	26.39%
Theft	110	19.37%	97	25.59%
Controlled Substances	89	15.67%	78	20.58%
Assault/Stalking	65	11.44%	48	12.66%
Public Welfare & Safety	21	3.70%	19	5.01%
Obstructing Justice	17	2.99%	5	1.32%
Vehicle Offenses	12	2.11%	11	2.90%
Property Offenses	12	2.11%	5	1.32%
Weapons	10	1.76%	2	0.53%
Alcohol—MIP	8	1.41%	13	3.43%
Sexual Related Offenses	7	1.23%	0	
Telecommunications	3	0.53%	0	
Children Offenses	2	0.35%	0	
Animals	2	0.35%	1	0.26%
TOTAL	568	100.00%	379	100.00%

Probation Statistics

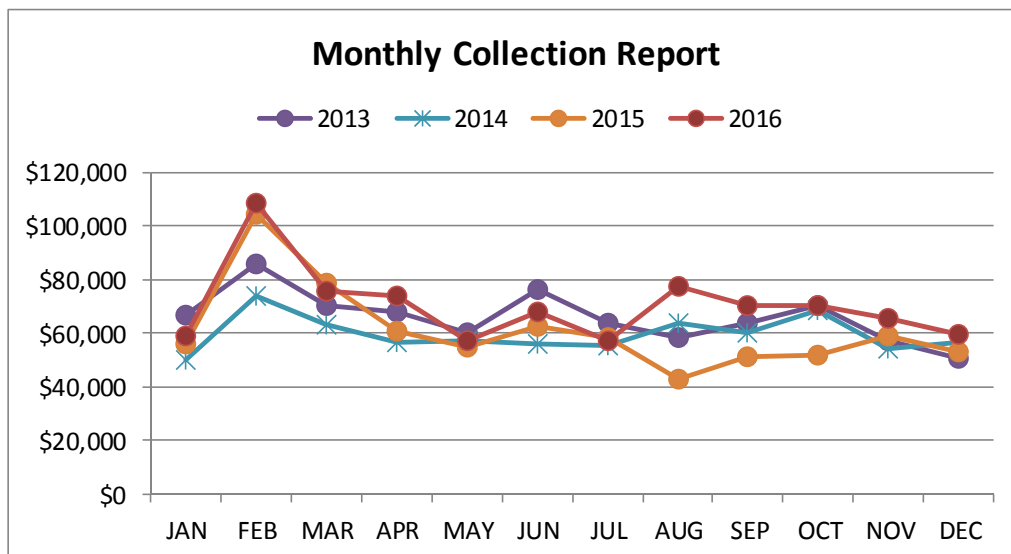
The figures above reflect the number of defendants being actively supervised by a probation officer on 12/31/2016. These figures do not include defendants who have absconded from probation and a warrant has been issued for their arrest.

COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Collection of Revenue as a Result of Collection Activity

MONTH	2013	2014	2015	2016
JAN	\$66,898	\$50,251	\$55,983	\$59,090
FEB	\$85,496	\$74,026	\$104,414	\$108,418
MAR	\$70,527	\$63,319	\$78,784	\$75,828
APR	\$67,971	\$56,245	\$60,856	\$73,961
MAY	\$59,862	\$56,978	\$54,512	\$57,353
JUN	\$76,380	\$56,168	\$62,562	\$67,739
JUL	\$63,921	\$55,295	\$58,258	\$57,327
AUG	\$58,172	\$63,686	\$42,825	\$77,462
SEP	\$63,434	\$60,125	\$50,985	\$70,172
OCT	\$70,533	\$68,174	\$51,959	\$70,524
NOV	\$56,890	\$54,160	\$59,166	\$65,353
DEC	<u>\$50,781</u>	<u>\$56,748</u>	<u>\$53,017</u>	<u>\$59,409</u>
TOTAL	\$790,866	\$715,174	\$735,336	\$842,638

Collections Report



OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2016 Financial Report General Fund Revenue - Budget

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>DIFF</u>	<u>% BUD</u>
STATE OF MICHIGAN				
State Judges Supplement	\$91,448	\$91,448	\$0	100.00%
Drunk/Drugged Driving Asst.	\$26,000	\$26,642	\$642	102.47%
Juror Reimbursement	<u>\$6,500</u>	<u>\$2,405</u>	<u>(\$4,095)</u>	<u>37.00%</u>
	\$123,948	\$120,495	(\$3,453)	97.21%
CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC				
Court Costs	\$1,125,000	\$965,345	(\$159,655)	85.81%
Ordinance Fines & Costs	\$305,000	\$309,904	\$4,904	101.61%
No Proof of Insurance Fee	\$30,000	\$20,741	(\$9,259)	69.14%
Bond Forfeitures	\$15,000	\$17,322	\$2,322	115.48%
Crime Victim Rights Fee	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$12,055</u>	<u>(\$2,945)</u>	<u>80.37%</u>
	\$1,490,000	\$1,325,368	(\$164,632)	88.95%
COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY				
Attorney Reimbursement	\$90,000	\$70,638	(\$19,362)	78.49%
PROBATION				
Probation Oversight	\$210,000	\$175,573	(\$34,427)	83.61%
Screening & Assessment Fee	\$30,000	\$12,509	(\$17,491)	41.70%
Presentence Fee	\$2,100	\$1,400	(\$700)	66.67%
	\$242,100	\$189,482	(\$52,618)	78.27%
CIVIL				
Civil Fees	\$185,500	\$177,688	(\$7,812)	95.79%
MISCELLANEOUS				
Miscellaneous Fees	\$3,250	\$3,199	(\$51)	98.42%
TOTALS	\$2,134,798	\$1,886,870	(\$247,928)	88.39%

Revenue - Budget

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2016 Financial Report General Fund Revenue - Comparison

REVENUE	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>DIFF</u>	<u>16-15</u> <u>% DIFF</u>
STATE OF MICHIGAN				
State Judges Supplement	\$91,448	\$91,448	\$0	0.00%
Drunk/Drugged Driving Asst.	\$35,184	\$26,642	(\$8,542)	-24.28%
Juror Reimbursement	<u>\$4,880</u>	<u>\$2,405</u>	<u>(\$2,475)</u>	<u>-50.72%</u>
	\$131,513	\$120,495	(\$11,018)	-8.38%
CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC				
Court Costs	\$1,031,059	\$965,345	(\$65,714)	-6.37%
Crime Victim Rights Fee	\$13,247	\$309,904	\$296,657	2239.43%
No Proof of Insurance Fee	\$33,924	\$20,741	(\$13,183)	-38.86%
Bond Forfeitures	\$22,300	\$17,322	(\$4,978)	-22.32%
Ordinance Fines and Costs	<u>\$301,288</u>	<u>\$12,055</u>	<u>(\$289,233)</u>	<u>-96.00%</u>
	\$1,401,817	\$1,325,368	(\$76,449)	-5.45%
COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY				
Attorney Reimbursement	\$68,845	\$70,638	\$1,793	2.60%
PROBATION				
Probation Oversight	\$180,376	\$175,573	(\$4,803)	-2.66%
Screening & Assessment Fee	\$13,311	\$12,509	(\$802)	-6.03%
Presentence Fee	<u>\$1,612</u>	\$1,400	(\$212)	-13.15%
	\$195,299	\$189,482	(\$5,817)	-2.98%
CIVIL				
Civil Fees	\$200,571	\$177,688	(\$22,883)	-11.41%
MISCELLANEOUS				
Miscellaneous Fees	\$3,312	\$3,199	(\$113)	-3.42%
TOTALS	\$2,002,404	\$1,886,870	(\$115,534)	-5.77%

Revenue - Comparison

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2016 Financial Report Expense - Budget

EXPENSES	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>DIFF</u>	<u>% EXP</u>
PERSONNEL COSTS				
	\$1,807,432	\$1,709,640	\$97,792	94.59%
OPERATING EXPENSES <i>(controlled by court)</i>				
	\$237,848	\$219,951	\$17,897	92.48%
OPERATING EXPENSES <i>(controlled by other departments)</i>				
	\$190,220	\$177,027	\$13,193	93.06%
TRANSFERS OUT/LIBRARY	\$5,236	\$2,372	\$2,864	45.30%
TRIAL EXPENSES <i>(constitutional expenses related to trial)</i>				
Ct Appointed Attorney Expense	\$241,000	\$246,830	(\$5,830)	102.42%
Jury Expense	\$15,000	\$6,387	\$8,613	42.58%
Interpreter Expense	<u>\$8,000</u>	<u>\$6,197</u>	<u>\$1,803</u>	<u>77.46%</u>
	\$264,000	\$259,414	\$4,586	98.26%
TOTAL DISTRICT COURT EXP	\$2,504,736	\$2,368,404	\$136,333	94.56%

Expense - Budget

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2016 Financial Report Expense - Comparison

EXPENSES	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>16-15</u> <u>DIFF</u>	<u>% DIFF</u>
PERSONNEL COSTS				
	\$1,742,084	\$1,709,640	(\$32,444)	-1.86%
OPERATING EXPENSES <i>(controlled by court)</i>				
	\$209,788	\$219,951	\$10,163	4.84%
OPERATING EXPENSES <i>(controlled by other departments)</i>				
	\$163,962	\$177,027	\$13,065	7.97%
TRANSFERS OUT/LIBRARY	\$2,238	\$2,372	\$134	5.99%
TRIAL EXPENSES <i>(constitutional expenses related to trial)</i>				
Ct Appointed Attorney Expense	\$158,313	\$246,830	\$88,517	55.91%
Jury Expense	\$9,359	\$6,387	(\$2,972)	-31.76%
Interpreter Expense	<u>\$5,331</u>	<u>\$6,197</u>	\$866	<u>16.24%</u>
	\$173,003	\$259,414	\$86,411	49.95%
TOTAL DISTRICT COURT EXP	\$2,291,075	\$2,368,404	\$77,329	3.38%

Expense - Comparison

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2016 Financial Report Sobriety Court

EXPENSES	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>DIFF</u>	<u>% EXP</u>
PERSONNEL COSTS				
	\$174,379	\$170,094	\$4,285	97.54%
OPERATING EXPENSES <i>(controlled by court)</i>				
	\$102,438	\$67,026	\$35,412	65.43%
TOTAL DISTRICT COURT EXP	\$276,817	\$237,120	\$39,697	85.66%

EXPENSES	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>15-14 DIFF</u>	<u>% DIFF</u>
PERSONNEL COSTS				
	\$167,104	\$170,094	\$2,990	1.79%
OPERATING EXPENSES <i>(controlled by court)</i>				
	\$78,942	\$67,026	(\$11,916)	-15.09%
OPERATING EXPENSES <i>(controlled by other departments)</i>				
	\$384	\$0	(\$384)	-100.00%
TOTAL DISTRICT COURT EXP	\$246,430	\$237,120	(\$9,310)	-3.78%

REVENUE	
SCAO Grant	\$140,156
Sobriety Court Fees	\$30,543
TOTAL REVENUE	\$170,699
EXPENSES	\$237,120
COST TO COUNTY	\$96,964

Expense - Budget Comparison

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2016 Financial Report Mental Health Court

EXPENSES	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>DIFF</u>	<u>% EXP</u>
PERSONNEL COSTS	\$123,998	\$120,185	\$3,813	96.93%
OPERATING EXPENSES <i>(controlled by court)</i>	\$269,760	\$258,331	\$11,429	95.76%
TOTAL DISTRICT COURT EXP	\$393,758	\$378,516	\$15,242	96.13%

EXPENSES	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>16-15 DIFF</u>	<u>% DIFF</u>
PERSONNEL COSTS	\$117,498	\$120,185	\$2,687	2.29%
OPERATING EXPENSES <i>(controlled by court)</i>	\$220,380	\$258,331	\$37,951	17.22%
OPERATING EXPENSES <i>(controlled by other departments)</i>	\$185	\$0	(\$185)	-100.00%
TOTAL DISTRICT COURT EXP	\$338,063	\$378,516	\$40,453	11.97%

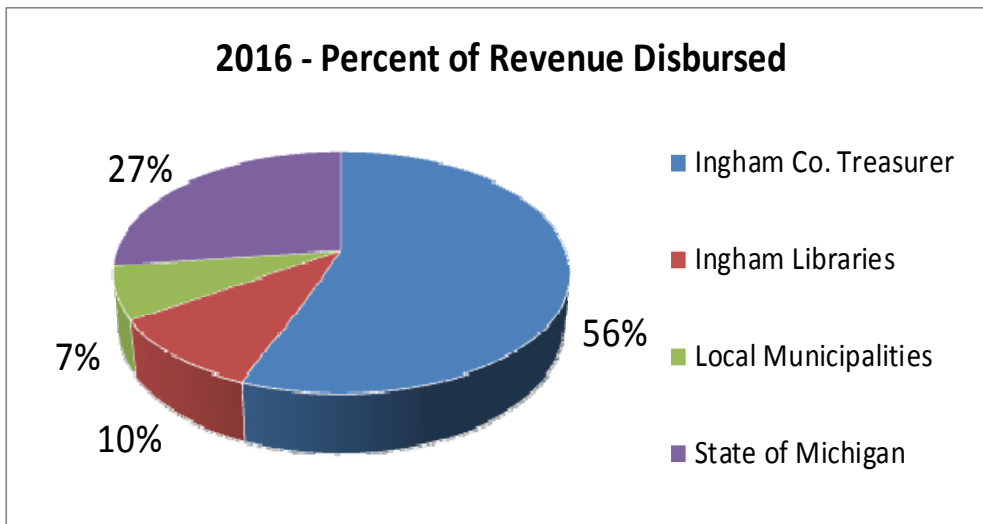
REVENUE - GRANT MONEY	\$339,700
EXPENSES	\$378,516
COST TO COUNTY	\$38,816

Expense - Budget Comparison

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2016 Financial Report Disbursement of Revenue Collected by the Court

AGENCY	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>16-15</u> <u>DIFF</u>
Ingham Co. Treasurer	\$2,045,195	\$1,894,082	(\$151,113)
Capital Area Library	\$336,233	\$344,716	\$8,483
Local Municipalities	\$178,533	\$233,608	\$55,075
State of Michigan	\$960,266	\$915,288	(\$40,274)
TOTAL	\$3,520,227	\$3,387,694	(\$132,534)



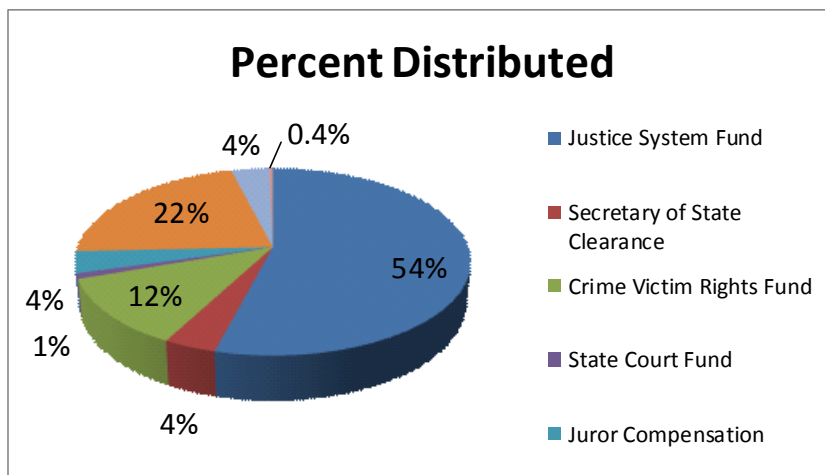
Disbursement of Revenue

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2016 Financial Report Disbursement of Revenue to the State of Michigan

REVENUE CATEGORY	16-15		
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>DIFF</u>
Justice System Fund	\$591,734	\$494,794	(\$96,941)
Secretary of State Clearance	\$31,798	\$34,101	\$2,303
Crime Victim Rights Fund	\$121,071	\$108,498	(\$12,573)
State Court Fund	\$8,730	\$8,390	(\$340)
Juror Compensation	\$32,065	\$34,430	\$2,365
Civil Filing Fund	\$169,479	\$198,987	\$29,508
State Electronic Fee	\$0	\$32,805	\$32,805
Other	\$5,388	\$3,283	(\$2,105)
TOTAL	\$960,266	\$915,288	(\$44,978)

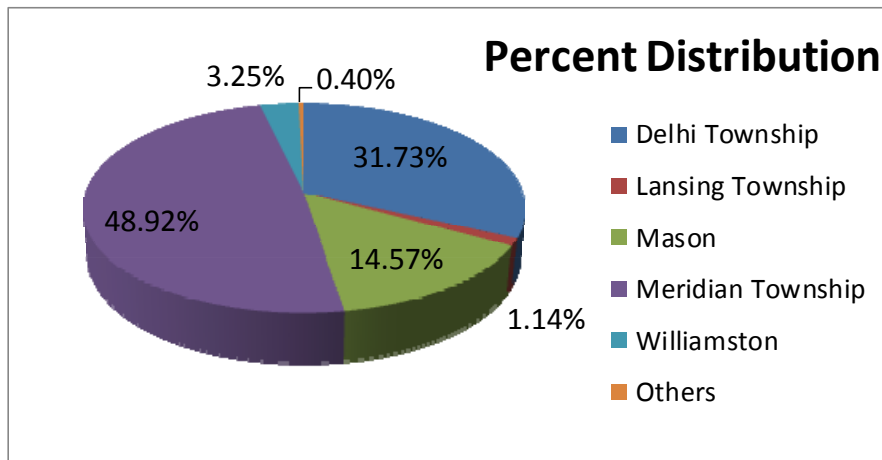
Disbursement To State



OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2016 Financial Report Disbursement of Revenue to Municipalities From Fines & Costs Assessed

AGENCY	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>16-15</u> <u>DIFF</u>
Delhi Township	\$48,822	\$48,793	(\$29)
Lansing Township	\$561	\$1,757	\$1,196
Leslie	\$183	\$465	\$282
Mason	\$12,626	\$22,402	\$9,776
Meridian Township	\$51,655	\$75,232	\$23,577
Stockbridge Village	\$207	\$28	(\$179)
Webberville	\$9	\$116	\$107
Williamston	<u>\$4,586</u>	<u>\$4,995</u>	\$409
	\$118,649	\$153,788	\$35,139



Disbursement To Municipalities

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2016 Financial Report Disbursement of Revenue to Agencies From Cost Recovery Assessments

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>16-15</u> <u>DIFF</u>
Delhi Prosecuting Attorney	\$2,399	\$1,260	(\$1,139)
Ingham Co. Sheriff Office	\$26,354	\$33,730	\$7,376
Ingham Co. Prosecutor's Office	\$15,140	\$16,956	\$1,816
Lansing City Police Dept.	\$0	\$1,162	\$1,162
Lansing Township Police Dept.	\$4,944	\$5,629	\$685
Leslie Police Dept.	\$0	\$400	\$400
Mason City Attorney's Office	\$977	\$691	(\$286)
Mason City Police Dept.	\$2,575	\$4,019	\$1,444
Meridian Township PA	\$1,711	\$1,178	(\$533)
Meridian Township Police Dept.	\$9,509	\$13,621	\$4,112
MSU Police Dept.	\$811	\$912	\$101
Stockbridge Police Dept.	\$200	\$659	\$459
Williamston Police Dept.	<u>\$413</u>	<u>\$775</u>	\$362
	\$65,033	\$80,992	\$15,959

Disbursement To Municipalities

Cost recovery is allowable by statute for specified offenses.

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2016 Strategic Planning Goals

EXPAND ROLE AS AN INTEGRATED MEMBER OF THE INGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY

WAS THE GOAL MET? Yes No Outside of Control

OBJECTIVES:

- Utilize at least one probation intern during 2016.

WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? Yes No Outside of Control
Esbeydy Villegas (5/16); Taylor Totten (5/16).

- Utilize at least three law students as legal interns (preferably one per semester).

WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? Yes No Outside of Control
Katherine DeLong (1/16); Lori Montgomery (9/16).

- Hold four Court to Schools programs at high schools within the court's jurisdiction. WAS

THE OBJECTIVE MET? Yes No Outside of Control
Stockbridge H.S. (3/16); Okemos H.S. (3/16); Holt H.S. (11/16); Haslett H.S. (12/16).

- Promote community awareness of specialty courts.

WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? Yes No Outside of Control
Graduation ceremonies were publicized and invitations sent to county commissioners, law enforcement officials, and other interested parties; Judge Allen promoted sobriety court at Families Against Narcotics (FAN) meetings; Judge Allen received the Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan Health Association for his work with sobriety court. Judge Boyd gave a presentation at the 8th Annual Muslim Mental Health Conference (3/16); Mental Health Court received the Distinguish Service Award from Clinton-Eaton- Ingham Community Mental Health Authority (3/16); Judge Allen and Judge Boyd gave a presentation at the Lansing ACLU Mental Health Community Forum (5/16); Judge Boyd gave a mental health court presentation to the Mason Rotary Club Boyd (7/16); Chief Justice Robert Young accepted an invitation and attended a sobriety court session (6/16); Judge Allen, Judge Boyd, and Da'Neese Wells (Chief Probation Officer) gave a presentation at the National Alliance of Mental Illness meeting (12/16).

Strategic Planning

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2016 Strategic Planning Goals

EXPAND ROLE AS AN INTEGRATED MEMBER OF THE INGHAM COUNTY COMMUNITY (continued)

OBJECTIVES:

- Explore the restoration of remote court locations for traffic hearings.
WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? [] Yes [] No [] Outside of Control

The request to restore the funding for remote court locations was denied in the budget process.

- Add two community partners to existing programs.
WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? [] Yes [] No [] Outside of Control

A deputy from the Ingham County Sheriff's Office and personnel from Correctional Assessment Treatment Services (CATS) were added to the Sobriety Court team. Mental Health Court developed a partnership with the Ingham County Health Department to have a Health Navigator available at the court on Wednesdays.

Strategic Planning

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2016 Strategic Planning Goals

CONTINUE TO ENHANCE COURT SECURITY MEASURES

WAS THE GOAL MET? Yes No Outside of Control

OBJECTIVES

- Conduct court security meetings every other month or as needed.
WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? Yes No Outside of Control

Meetings were conducted more frequently than every other month to allow for discussion related to enhanced security after security incidents at the Berrien Co. Courthouse and Veterans Memorial Courthouse (Lansing).
- Continue to meet with Ingham County Sheriff Office to discuss an alternative weapons screening station/plan.
WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? Yes No Outside of Control

Issue was discussed at quarterly breakfast meeting with ICSO command staff.
- Provide voluntary court security training conducted by the Ingham County Sheriff's Office.
WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? Yes No Outside of Control

Employees attended active shooter training and court officers participated in firearms qualifications.
- Train specified personnel in the administration of Naloxone.
WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? Yes No Outside of Control

Employees attended Naloxone administration training conducted by the Ingham County Health Department (3/16).
- Secure Naloxone prescription for use when needed.
WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? Yes No Outside of Control

Court purchased four Naloxone kits (3/16).

Strategic Planning

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2016 Strategic Planning Goals

EXPAND THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY

WAS THE GOAL MET? [] Yes [] No [] Outside of Control

OBJECTIVES:

- Continue to explore other use of technology where applicable.
WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? [] Yes [] No [] Outside of Control

Search warrants signed and issued on i-Pads; Voice recognition software; Television monitors in lobby displaying court information.
- Monitor Project Service Agreement with JIS for MiCourt case management software and provide progress reports to the Administrative Team.
WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? [] Yes [] No [] Outside of Control

Michigan Supreme Court abandoned MiCourt plan.
- Implement a plan for the phasing out of faxed documents.
WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? [] Yes [] No [] Outside of Control

Court worked with the ICSSO on a plan to scan & email search warrants from the hospital to the on-call judge/magistrate. Plan has not been implemented.
- Hold semi-annual meetings with Department of Innovation/Technology to discuss current projects, technological trends and available resources.
WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? [] Yes [] No [] Outside of Control

IT director attended an administrative meeting in March. IT Director position became vacant in 2016. Court attempted to schedule a meeting with the new director in December. Meeting was not held until January 10, 2017.

Strategic Planning

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2016 Strategic Planning Goals

PROMOTE THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF EMPLOYEES

WAS THE GOAL MET? [XXX] Yes [] No [] Outside of Control

OBJECTIVES:

- Continue with cross-training plan for new employees and existing employees where applicable.

WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? [] Yes [] No [XX] Outside of Control

Court hired three new court clerks in 2016. New clerks have not been in their current positions long enough to begin cross training. Existing employees were cross-trained on task specific procedures when the need arose.

- 90% of employees to attend a minimum of 8 hours of training/personnel development.

WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? [XX] Yes [] No [] Outside of Control

See 55th District Court Administrative Training Report.

- Conduct annual in-service training program.

WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? [XX] Yes [] No [] Outside of Control

Customer Service training was conducted for all personnel (12/16).

Strategic Planning

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2016 Strategic Planning Goals

MAXIMIZE EFFECTIVE USE OF PROBATION PROGRAMS

WAS THE GOAL MET? Yes No Outside of Control

OBJECTIVES:

- Conduct and review semi-annual audit of probation caseload.
WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? Yes No Outside of Control

Review conducted.
- Monthly monitoring of probation caseload was conducted.
WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? Yes No Outside of Control

Caseloads are monitored monthly by probation officers to make sure caseloads are under the established cap.
- Secure funding for Sobriety Court and Mental Health Court in 2016/2017.
WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? Yes No Outside of Control

The court received \$380,000 from the Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program administered by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) for 2016/2017 grant year.

The court received \$135,000 from the Michigan Drug Court Grant Program administered by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) for the 2016/2017 grant year.

Strategic Planning

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2016 Strategic Planning Goals

IMPROVE INTERNAL/EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

WAS THE GOAL MET? Yes No Outside of Control

OBJECTIVES:

- Conduct voluntary staff meetings in January, March, May, July, September, & November.
WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? Yes No Outside of Control

Staff meetings were conducted January, March, June, August, September, & November.

- Provide a minimum of one presentation and/or update on court activity to the Law and Courts Committee.

WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? Yes No Outside of Control

Judges gave a presentation to commissioners concerning the possibility of court consolidation.

- Commission Focus Group to examine ways to improve internal communications/work culture.

WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? Yes No Outside of Control

The topic of improving communications is a central theme for discussion during focus group meetings.

Strategic Planning

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2016 Strategic Planning Goals

CONTINUE INDIGENT DEFENSE REFORM PROGRAM

WAS THE GOAL MET? Yes No Outside of Control

OBJECTIVES:.

- Secure funding to continue providing an attorney at an arraignment.

WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? Yes No Outside of Control

The Ingham County Board of Commissioners allocated \$65,000 to ensure that every defendant had the assistance of counsel at their arraignment.

Strategic Planning

OFFICE of ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

2016 Strategic Planning Goals

EXAMINE MEANS TO IMPROVE THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES

WAS THE GOAL MET? [XXX] Yes [] No [] Outside of Control

OBJECTIVES:

- Conduct a systematic review of the cycle of nonpayment of fines and cost and determine the costs to the criminal justice system.

WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? [] Yes [] No [XX] Outside of Control

The Court partnered with Michigan State University (MSU) Center for Legal Services innovation to conduct a study concerning the cycle of nonpayment of fines and costs. Students from MSU have completed a process map and are in the final phases of collecting data. The study is dependent upon the schedules of MSU students. The Review was delayed the four months of the year because of student scheduling issues.

- Determine the feasibility of a public address system to allow clerical staff to notify a litigant or a member of the public that the clerk needs to address the individual.

WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? [XX] Yes [] No [] Outside of Control

Request to purchase and install a public address system for the clerk/lobby area was denied in the budget process.

- Actively participate in meetings related to the feasibility of a new sheriff department/courthouse complex.

WAS THE OBJECTIVE MET? [XX] Yes [] No [] Outside of Control

Court Administrator attended and participated in all meetings related to the building of a new sheriff department/courthouse complex. Administrative staff had discussions with Redstone & Associates (architect) concerning the proposed design of a new courthouse.

Strategic Planning

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2016 PUBLIC SATISFACTION SURVEY

During the first week of August, the court conducted a weeklong public satisfaction survey. The surveys were sent to the State Court Administrative Office for compiling. The results of the survey are listed below:

1) I was able to get my court business done in a reasonable amount of time today.

	Court 2014		Court 2015		Court 2016	
5 Strongly Agree	87	52%	89	52%	62	41%
4 Agree	49	29%	42	24%	48	32%
3 Neutral	16	10%	24	14%	18	12%
2 Disagree	7	4%	8	5%	15	10%
1 Strongly Disagree	9	5%	9	5%	9	6%
Total Responses	168		172		152	
Score	4.2		4.1		3.9	
NA - Not Applicable	3		4		8	
No Response	1		1		4	

2) I was treated with courtesy and respect.

	Court 2014		Court 2015		Court 2016	
5 Strongly Agree	119	72%	107	63%	96	63%
4 Agree	33	20%	54	32%	55	32%
3 Neutral	9	5%	4	2%	8	2%
2 Disagree	1	1%	1	1%	0	1%
1 Strongly Disagree	3	2%	5	3%	1	3%
Total Responses	165		171		160	
Score	4.6		4.5		4.5	
NA - Not Applicable	2		2		2	
No Response	5		4		2	

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Questions 3 and 4 were directed to persons who attended a hearing or trial.

3) The way the case was handled was fair

	Court 2014		Court 2015		Court 2016	
5 Strongly Agree	53	52%	40	49%	29	37%
4 Agree	28	28%	21	26%	27	34%
3 Neutral	13	13%	17	21%	17	22%
2 Disagree	6	6%	1	1%	3	4%
1 Strongly Disagree	1	1%	3	4%	3	4%
Total Responses	101		82		79	
Score		4.2		4.1		4.0
NA - Not Applicable	27		42		37	
No Response	44		53		48	

4) The judge/magistrate/referee treated everyone with courtesy and respect.

	Court 2014		Court 2015		Court 2016	
5 Strongly Agree	55	58%	46	59%	43	55%
4 Agree	28	29%	19	24%	24	31%
3 Neutral	10	11%	9	12%	7	9%
2 Disagree	0	0%	2	3%	2	3%
1 Strongly Disagree	2	2%	2	3%	2	3%
Total Responses	95		78		78	
Score		4.4		4.3		4.3
NA - Not Applicable	30		42		40	
No Response	47		57		46	

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Questions 5 and 6 were directed to persons who were a party to the case.

5) The outcome in my case was favorable to me.

	Court 2014		Court 2015		Court 2016	
5 Strongly Agree	34	37%	29	37%	19	25%
4 Agree	24	26%	16	21%	23	30%
3 Neutral	22	24%	22	28%	26	34%
2 Disagree	7	8%	5	5%	3	4%
1 Strongly Disagree	4	4%	6	6%	6	8%
Total Responses	91		78		77	
Score		3.8		3.7		3.6
NA - Not Applicable	34		49		42	
No Response	47		50		45	

6) As I leave the court. I understand what happened in my case

	Court 2014		Court 2015		Court 2016	
5 Strongly Agree	55	58%	46	53%	40	49%
4 Agree	29	31%	26	30%	30	37%
3 Neutral	7	7%	8	9%	9	11%
2 Disagree	3	3%	2	2%	1	1%
1 Strongly Disagree	1	1%	4	5%	2	2%
Total Responses	95		86		82	
Score		4.4		4.3		4.3
NA - Not Applicable	29		41		37	
No Response	48		50		45	

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Questions 7 - 9 were directed to all respondents.

7) What type of case brought you to the courthouse today? (select all that apply)

	Court 2014		Court 2015		Court 2016	
Civil matter	38	22%	26	25%	19	12%
Criminal/probation	61	35%	64	37%	68	44%
Drug/sobriety court	19	11%	16	9%	14	9%
File papers	2	1%	2	1%	4	3%
Get information	3	2%	3	2%	9	6%
Landlord/Tenant	<i>DNA</i>	0%	11	6%	6	4%
Make a payment	9	5%	6	3%	2	1%
Small claims	4	2%	4	2%	1	1%
Traffic/Ticket	29	17%	43	25%	40	26%
Other	15	9%	16	9%	12	8%
Number of Respondents	172		175		156	
No Response	2		2		8	

DNA - The court did not include Landlord/Tenant as a category in 2014

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8) Who are you? (select all that apply)

	Court 2014		Court 2015		Court 2016	
Party (Plaintiff/Defendant)	106	62%	109	65%	99	64%
Agency Worker	3	2%	1	1%	2	1%
Attorney/prosecutor	24	14%	13	8%	13	8%
Family/friend of party to case	15	9%	17	10%	22	14%
Juror	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Witness	1	1%	2	1%	5	3%
Other	18	10%	27	16%	18	12%
Number of Respondents	172		168		156	
No Response	5		9		8	

9) What is your gender?

	Court 2014		Court 2015		Court 2016	
Male	108	64%	94	54%	104	64%
Female	60	36%	78	45%	59	36%
Other	0	0%	2	1%	2	1%
Number of Respondents	168		174		163	
No Response	2		3	0%	1	

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9) How do you identify yourself? (select all that apply)

	Court 2014		Court 2015		Court 2016	
American Indian / Alaska Nat.	1	1%	8	5%	9	6%
Asian	1	1%	4	2%	4	3%
Multiracial/biracial	2	2%	4	2%	6	4%
Black/African American	8	8%	29	17%	35	22%
Hispanic/Latino	7	7%	10	6%	13	8%
White/Caucasian	85	81%	129	74%	98	61%
Other	1	1%	6	2%	4	3%
Number of Respondents	105		175		160	
No Response	67		2		4	

COURT DIRECTORY

JUDGES

Honorable Thomas P. Boyd, Chief Judge - Term Expires 12/31/2020
Honorable Donald L. Allen, Jr. - Term Expires 12/21/2022

ADMINISTRATION

Michael J. Dillon, Court Administrator (8.5)
Kathy Fajardo, Administrative Services Coordinator (41)
Pamela Pfeifer, Court Services Supervisor (8)
Jacquelynn Derrig, Enforcement Officer (1.5) (*resigned 6/3/16*)
Michelle Montemayor, Enforcement/Collections Officer (.5)

JUDICIAL SUPPORT

Mark Blumer, Magistrate (3.5)
Elaine Stocking, Judicial Assistant - Judge Boyd (15.5)
Marty Waugh, Judicial Assistant - Judge Allen (16.5)
Donovan Motley, Court Officer - Judge Allen (2.5)
Jared Knudsen, P/T Court Officer (2.5)
Dep. Tom Beeson (contracted ICSO Court Officer—Judge Boyd)
Dep. Dave Biergans (contracted ICSO Court Officer—Judge Boyd)

CIVIL DIVISION

Renee Smith, Court Clerk (21.5) (*retired 1/13/17*)
Teresa Ballance, Court Clerk (25.5)

CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DIVISION

Criminal Division
Barb Pasch, Court Clerk (11)
Taylor Totten, Court Clerk (0.5)
Sandra Christoson, Court Clerk (0.5)

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() denotes years of service with the court

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CRIMINAL/TRAFFIC DIVISION

Traffic Division

Joan Nelson, Court Clerk (18) *(retired 8/15/2016)*

Cindy Smith, Court Clerk (15.5)

TaKisha Brown, Court Clerk (1)

Maya Hairston-Moore *(resigned 8/19/16)*

PROBATION DIVISION

Da'Neese Wells, Chief Probation Officer (13)

Linda Burkholder, Probation Officer (23.5)

Emily Fabry, Probation Officer (10)

Jesse Besonen, Probation Officer (7)

Alan Spencer, Probation Officer (7)

Lindsay Kruger, Probation Officer (1.5)

Matthew Weiland, Probation Officer (1.5)

Rikki Anger, Probation Clerk (1)

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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 and members of the community with a summary of district court activity during the year of 2016.

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 Mr. Timothy Dolehanty, 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