

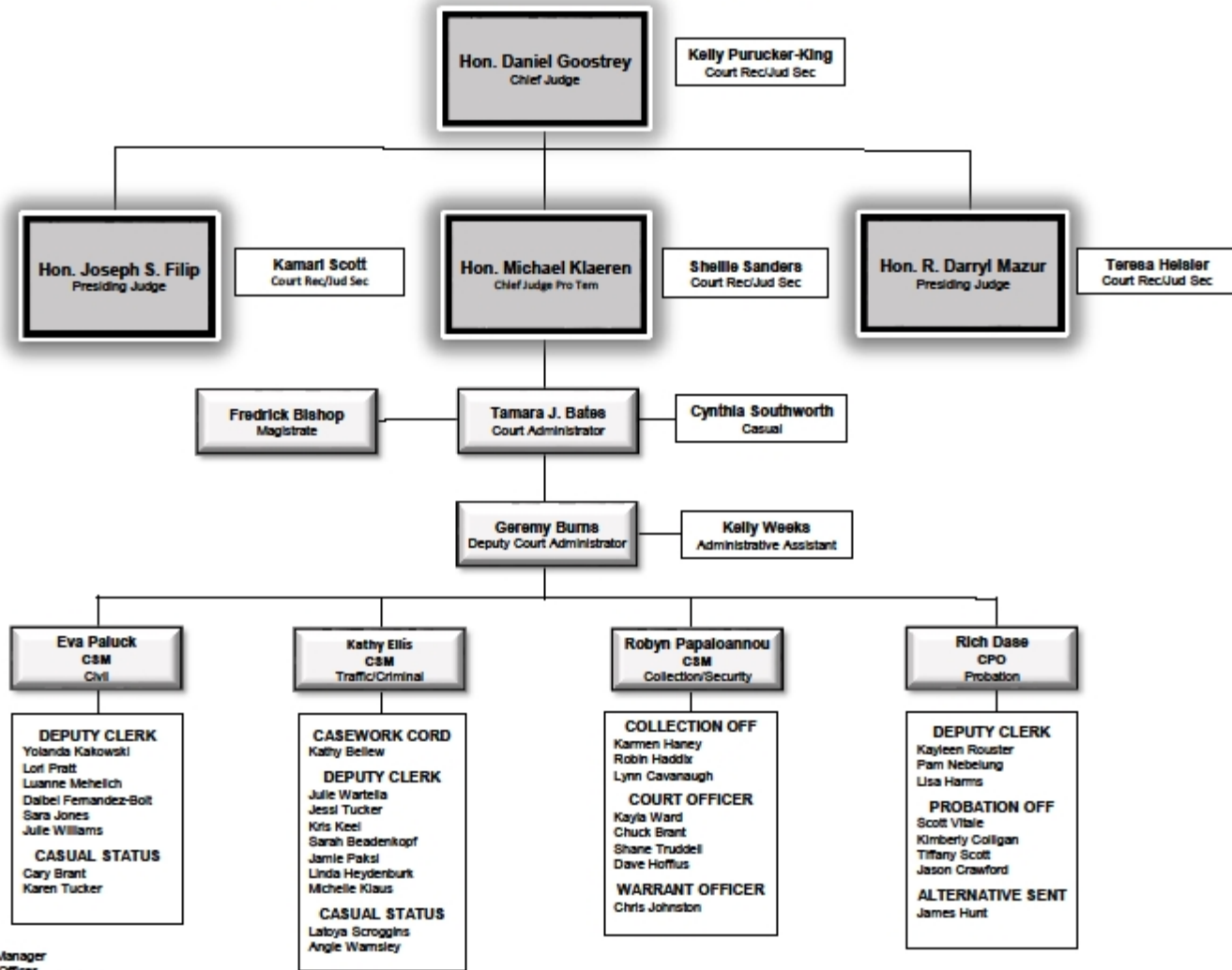


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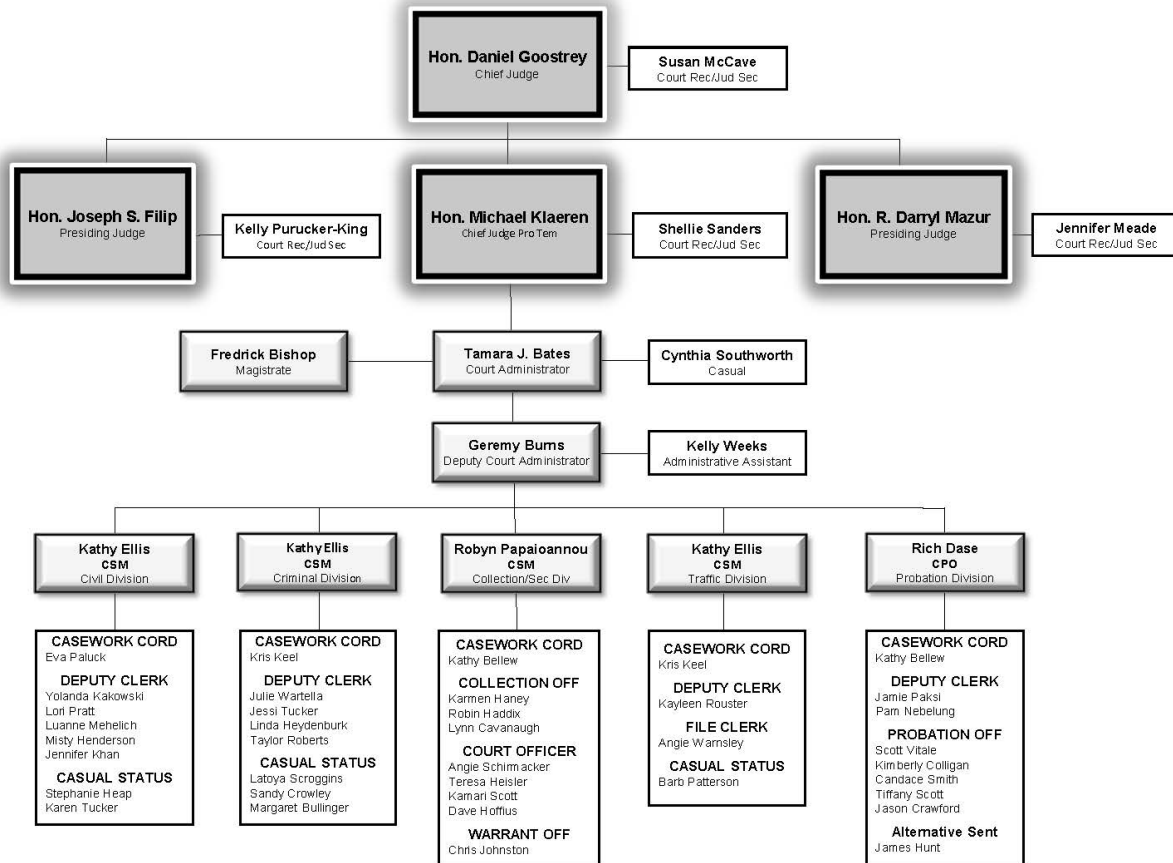
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## Mission Statement

The 12th Judicial District Court is dedicated to dispensing equal justice in all matters under the court's jurisdiction, providing the highest quality of professional services in a prompt and efficient manner, and recognizing and respecting the individual dignity of all people served by the court.



# Programs

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Specialty Court Programs

Mental Health Court

Aggression/Domestic Violence Court



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## Activities

There are five divisions of 12<sup>th</sup> District Court: Civil, Criminal, Collections, Probation, and Traffic. The District Court processes civil lawsuits, performs weddings, and processes all statute and ordinance misdemeanors. The District Court is also responsible for processing felony matters up to the preliminary examination stage, collecting current and delinquent fines and costs owed to the court, and executing criminal bench warrants. Additionally, we conduct presentence investigations, supervise individuals on probation, process traffic, marine, snow-mobile, conservation, animal control, and some parking violations. Lastly, we operate two specialty courts – Mental Health and Domestic Violence/Aggression.

## Strategic Plan Impact

### ✓ Safe Community

The 12th District Court plays an important role in providing Jackson County residents with a safe community. Through the adjudication process, we hope to create an environment where residents peacefully coexist and participate in all aspects of life. The District Court has two specialized courts for increased focus and attention on areas of concern, which are Domestic Violence/ Aggression Court and Mental Health Court. Both courts are fully functional and are proving beneficial for community safety. Our probation department has an Alternative Sentencing Division created in October of 2017 to provide alternatives to incarceration and to provide a practical alternative to resolving fine and cost issues; this is achieved through the use of court authorized monitoring programs and assignments to community based improvement initiatives. Video arraignment technology provides added security benefits when arraigning individuals currently housed at the County Jail and /or Department of Corrections, eliminating the need to remove the offender from the secured location.

## Accomplishments

- ✓ 2019 brought a change in District Court for how we processed credit card payments. D12 was first in the county to bring G2G Credit Card processing, which includes over the counter, phone or online payments. G2G is a service provided by Oakland County and shares in the revenue for the enhanced fee that is assessed to the user who pays using their credit card. For 2019, D12 saw a revenue enhancement of \$13,982 and cost avoidance to the county of approximately \$27,164, equaling a total positive budget impact of \$41,146.



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- ✓ Specialty Courts are still a high priority for District Court. The Aggression Court (Domestic Violence) completed its fifteenth year. This specialty court is dedicated to reducing the number of domestic violence incidents in Jackson County through a coordinated effort, which focuses on safety and accountability. This year the court successfully graduated 88 defendants, making 1,233 successful graduates since inception. In addition to domestic violence offenses, the Aggression Court handles all other assault, stalking, child abuse, malicious destruction of property, and resisting and opposing cases. Aggression cases are referred to the probation department for a presentence investigation. Once these offenders are referred, the fast-track begins. The department has two dedicated officers to manage the caseload. Offenders sentenced to probation are typically sentenced to at least 15 months and are required to attend and successfully complete a batterer's intervention program. While success ultimately depends on the offender's willingness to change, these batterer intervention programs are the court's foundation. Program length ranges from 26 to 52 weeks, depending on offenders needs.
- ✓ The Jackson County Mental Health Court (MHC) held its first court session in July 2008. This specialty court is devoted to improving public safety, reducing recidivism, and enhancing the quality of life among mentally ill defendants. This is a grant funded program is administered by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO), to provide courts and community mental health service programs funding to plan and implement this specialty court. During 2019 the MHC discharged 29 participants. Of those discharged, 59% were successful, 41% non-compliant. The average participant age was 33 and males represented 71% of the participants. In 2019, eighty-two cases were referred to MHC and the D12 probation department referred 40% of those new cases.

The Michigan Mental Health Court Grant Program (MMHCGP) is administered by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) to provide courts and community mental health service programs funding to plan and implement these specialty courts. If an offender meets the program requirements and is willing to participate, a formal mental assessment is conducted. An assessment report is generated and reviewed by a "Treatment Team." The Treatment Team is comprised of the Judge, Prosecuting Attorney, Defense Attorney, Allegiance Hospital representative, two Lifeway's representatives, City Police representative, Social Worker, District and Circuit Court Probation Officers, and the Program Coordinator. The Treatment Team meets bi-weekly to discuss new applications and current participants.

- ✓ For 2019, 307 defendants were sentenced to the community service program resulting in \$81,990 jail bed savings. A total of 179 referrals were made for SCRAM and 168 completed successfully, which led to a jail bed savings of \$850,185.



- ✓ Our Collection team has been working diligently to collect outstanding receivables. The department currently has three full-time collection officers and one warrant officer. Internal collections include funds collected by the warrant officer and funds collected internally for fines and costs assessed by the District Court, Circuit Court attorney fees, and Juvenile Probation. In 2019 we collected \$2,229,606, up \$164,055 from 2018.
- ✓ The court launched an Income Tax Garnishment Program in 2017 in an attempt to capture income tax returns from those owing fees to the court. In November 2018 the court served 1504 Income Tax Garnishments on the State of Michigan; the value of those garnishments totaled \$1,034,623. Actual garnishments received from the State of Michigan totaled \$126,157, up \$16,686 from 2017.
- ✗ Our Probation team works very hard to assist offenders in trying to get their lives back on track after being charged with an offense. Probation is a sentence that allows offenders to live in the community under the supervision of a probation officer. The sentencing judge makes this decision after careful study of the defendant's background, behavior, and potential for success is evaluated. Our probation department conducted 940 pre-sentence investigations in 2019. As of 12/31/19, there were 870 individuals placed on probation; 42% of that population was offenses for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, 31% for Domestic Violence, 8% Property/Theft offenses, 6% for Controlled Substance, 8% Assault, and 5% Disorderly Conduct/Other.
- ✓ The Criminal team processed 4154 criminal cases in 2019; 559 drunk driving cases, 2176 misdemeanors, and 1419 felonies. Magistrate Bishop handled 1,063 Video Arraignments, which has significantly decreased the number of inmates requiring transportation to and from the courthouse by law enforcement, thereby increasing security at both the courthouse and the Jackson County Jail.
- ✓ The Traffic team experienced some staffing influx, however, never missed a beat. We processed approximately 16,786 electronic traffic citations. Of those, 99% were submitted within the established timed guidelines. Magistrate Bishop also conducted 1249 informal hearings.
- ✗ The Civil team processed 8047 filings; 4115 General Civil cases, 972 Small Claims, 2857 Landlord Tenant, and 70 Summary Proceedings.







### Strategic Outcomes

<u>Indicator</u>	2013		2015 <u>Actual</u>		2017 <u>Actual</u>	2018 <u>Actual</u>	2019 <u>Actual</u>
Presentence Investigations	1,416	1,192	1139	1293	1197	1051	940
Fees collected by Internal Collection Program	\$1,930,037	\$2,125,605	\$2,219,318	\$2,196,391	\$2,164,426	\$2,065,550	\$2,229,606
Total Number of Cases Processed	53,307	43,926	42,704	41,994	39,220	36,158	37,232

\* Four judges are budgeted for the District Court.

### Other Key Indicators

<u>Indicator</u>	2013		2015 <u>Actual</u>		2017 <u>Actual</u>	2018 <u>Actual</u>	2019 <u>Actual</u>
Number of Probation Agents processing PSI's	6	6	6	6	6	6	4
Number of Collection Officers	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Number of Judges Processing cases	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Number of PSI's per agent	236	199	190	216	200	175	234
Amount collected per collection agent	643,346	708,535	739,773	732,130	721,475	688,517	743,202
Number of cases per Judge	13,327	10,981	10,676	10,499	9,805	9,040	9,308



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