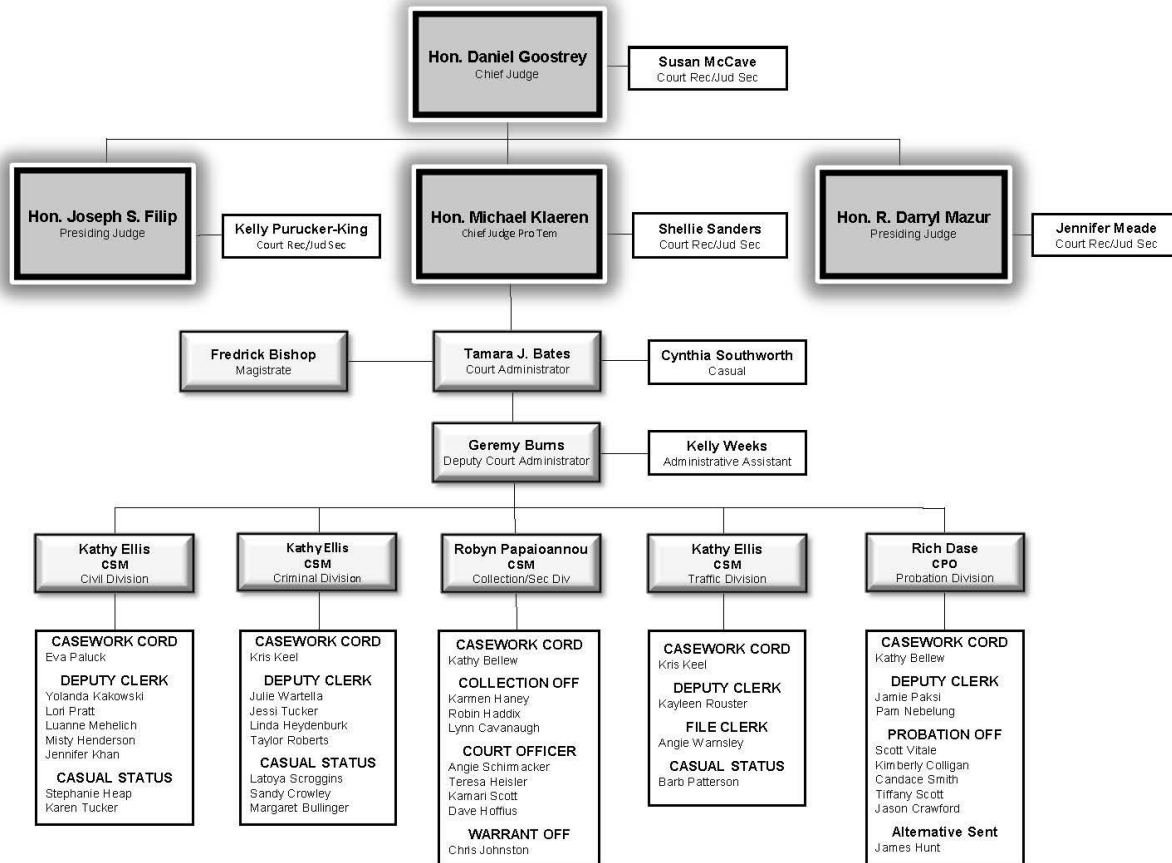




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CSM – Court Services Manager
 CPO – Chief Probation Officer
 CASEWORK CORD – Casework Coordinator



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

Specialty Court Programs

Mental Health Court

Aggression/Domestic Violence Court



12th District Court Program

Activities

There are five divisions of 12th 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

- ✓ Specialty Courts are still a high priority for District Court. The Aggression Court (Domestic Violence) completed its fourteenth 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 82 defendants, making 1,147 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.

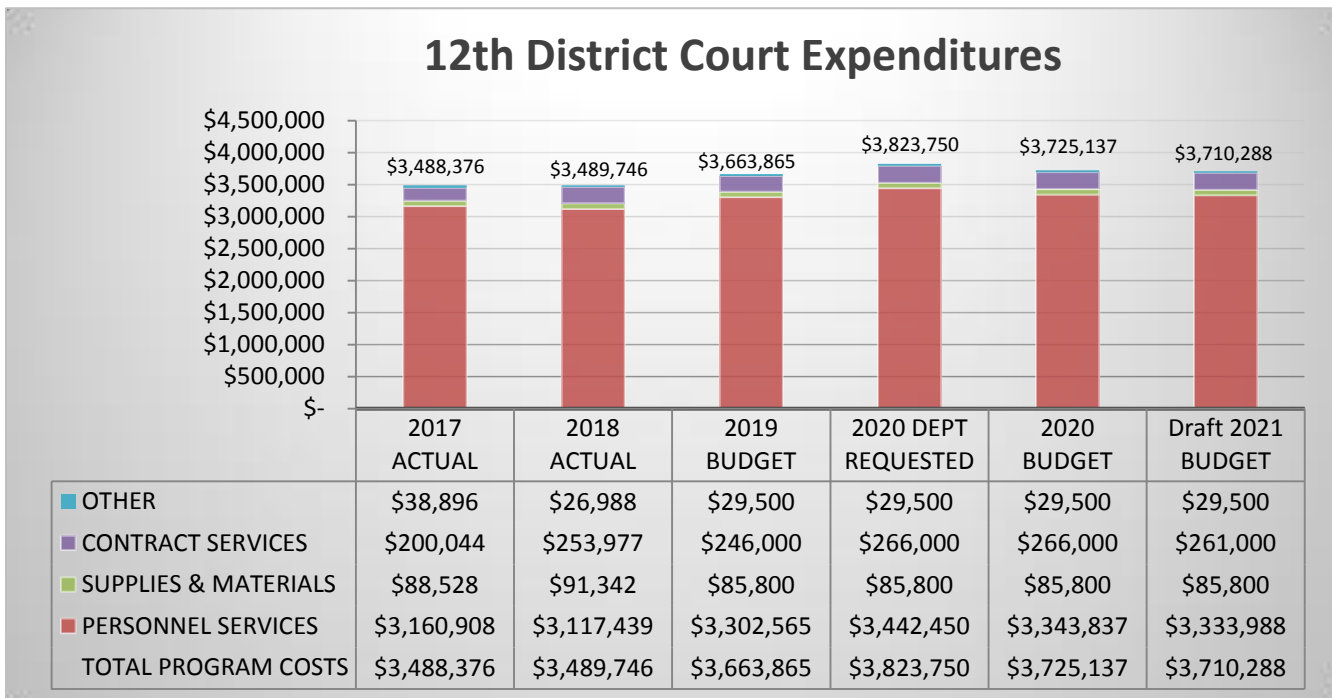
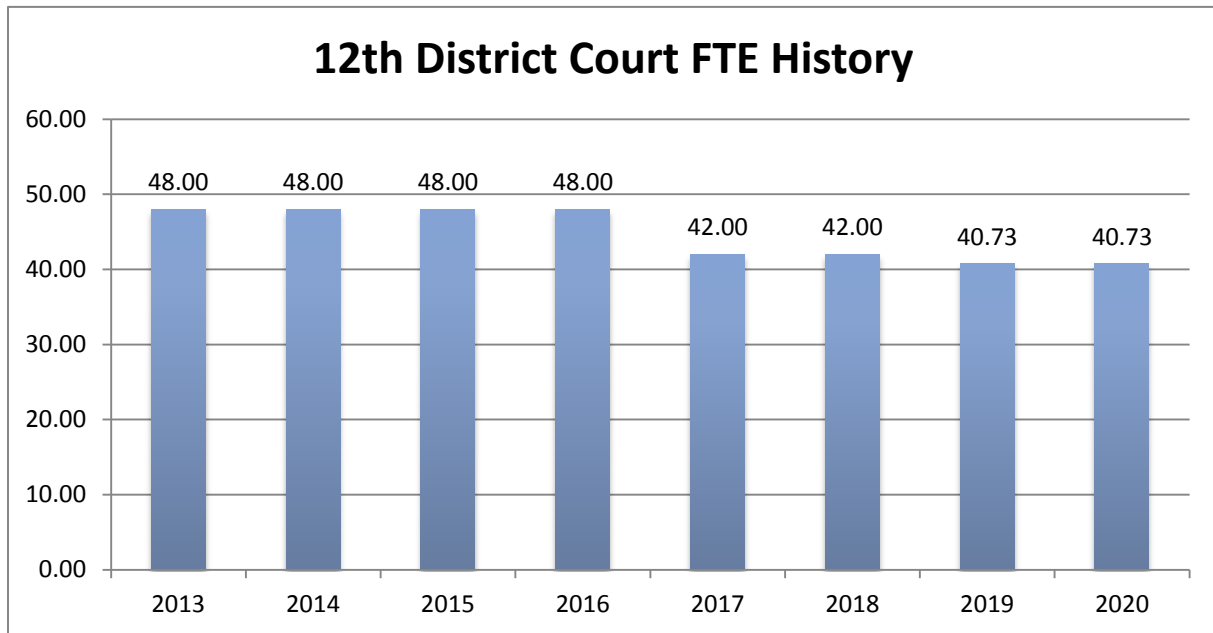
- ✓ The Jackson County Mental Health Court (MHC) held its first court session in July 2008. This specialty court is devoted to improving public safety, reducing recidivism, and enhancing the quality of life among mentally ill defendants. This is a grant funded program is administered by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO), to provide courts and community mental health service programs funding to plan and implement this specialty court. During 2018 the MHC discharged 18 participants. Of those discharged, 44% were successful, 33% non-compliant, 6% absconded, 6% voluntarily withdrew, 6% had new offenses, and one death (5%). The average participant age was 32 and males represented 65% of the participants. In 2018, forty-nine cases were referred to MHC and the D12 probation department referred 23% 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.

- ✓ 2018 marked the first full year of community service and SCRAM monitoring. For 2018, 223 defendants were sentenced to the community service program resulting in \$71,415 jail bed savings. A total of 116 referrals were made for SCRAM and 106 completed successfully, which led to a jail bed savings of \$501,390.
- ✓ 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 2018 we collected \$2,065,551, down \$98,875 from 2017.

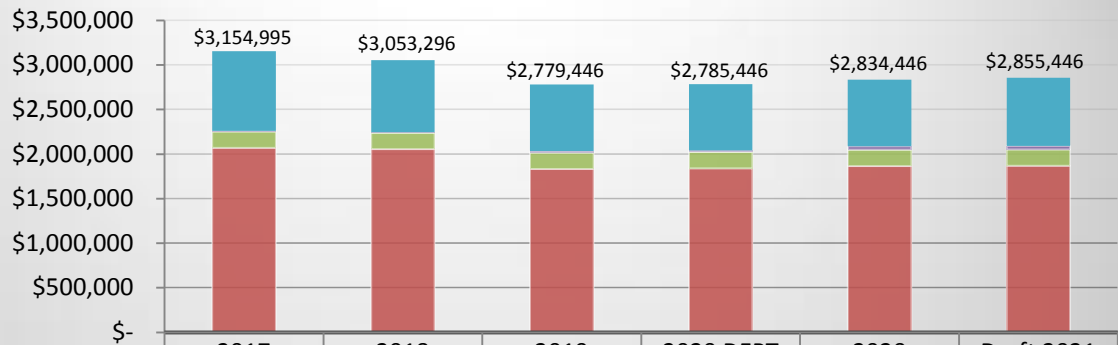


- ✓ The court launched an Income Tax Garnishment Program in 2017 in an attempt to capture income tax returns from those owing fees to the court. In November 2017 the court served 1,263 Income Tax Garnishments on the State of Michigan; the value of those garnishments totaled \$842,514. Actual garnishments received from the State of Michigan totaled \$109,471, up \$13,824 from 2016.
- ✓ 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 1051 pre-sentence investigations in 2018. As of 12/31/18, there were 852 individuals placed on probation; 41% of that population was offenses for Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol, 26% for Domestic Violence, 14% Property/Theft offenses, 9% for Controlled Substance, 5% Assault, and 5% Disorderly Conduct/Other.
- ✓ The Criminal team processed 4881 criminal cases in 2018; 512 drunk driving cases, 2721 misdemeanors, and 1648 felonies. Magistrate Bishop handled approximately 1,100 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 14,977 electronic traffic citations. Of those, 99% were submitted within the established timed guidelines. Magistrate Bishop also conducted 977 informal hearings.
- ✓ The Civil team processed 7,942 filings; 4,331 General Civil cases, 890 Small Claims, 2,654 Landlord Tennant, and 67 Summary Proceedings.





12th District Court Revenues



	2017 ACTUAL	2018 ACTUAL	2019 BUDGET	2020 DEPT REQUESTED	2020 BUDGET	Draft 2021 BUDGET
FINES & FORFEITURES	\$895,989	\$808,691	\$744,000	\$745,000	\$745,000	\$764,000
OTHER	\$4,607	\$4,397	\$20,000	\$17,000	\$41,000	\$41,000
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$182,896	\$182,896	\$182,446	\$182,446	\$182,446	\$182,446
CHARGES/FEES	\$2,071,503	\$2,057,312	\$1,833,000	\$1,841,000	\$1,866,000	\$1,868,000
TOTAL PROGRAM REVENUE	\$3,154,995	\$3,053,296	\$2,779,446	\$2,785,446	\$2,834,446	\$2,855,446

Strategic Outcomes

Indicator	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Actual
Presentence Investigations	1,492	1,416	1,192	1139	1293	1197	1051
Fees collected by Internal Collection Program	\$1,887,415	\$1,930,037	\$2,125,605	\$2,219,318	\$2,196,391	\$2,164,426	\$2,065,550
Total Number of Cases Processed	55,168	53,307	43,926	42,704	41,994	39,220	36,158

* Four judges are budgeted for the District Court.

Other Key Indicators

Indicator	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Actual
Number of Probation Agents processing PSI's	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
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	300	236	199	190	216	200	175
Amount collected per collection agent	629,135	643,346	708,535	739,773	732,130	721,475	688,517
Number of cases per Judge	13,792	13,327	10,981	10,676	10,499	9,805	9,040



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