

# MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT



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### CANDIDATES SOUGHT FOR FRIEND OF THE COURT BUREAU ADVISORY COMMITTEE

LANSING, MI, August 1, 2002 – The State Court Administrative Office (SCAO), which aids the Michigan Supreme Court in administering Michigan’s trial courts, is seeking candidates for Michigan’s Friend of the Court Bureau (FOCB) Advisory Committee. Committee members advise the FOCB, which is charged with developing standards, policy, and guidelines for Friend of the Court office operations. The FOCB also creates informational materials and standardized forms for use in domestic relations cases. Openings are available on the Advisory Committee for a human service professional and an attorney.

In addition to other activities, the Advisory Committee has provided significant input and insights on custody and parenting time investigation models. The committee was also instrumental in developing the Michigan Parenting Time Guidelines. The committee is currently reviewing the state’s child support guideline and is expected to release its recommendations later this year.

Committee members are appointed to a three-year term by the State Court Administrator. To qualify as a human services professional member, a candidate must be a family counseling provider and a member of a local Friend of the Court citizen advisory committee. An attorney candidate must practice primarily domestic relations law and be a member of a local Friend of the Court citizen advisory committee.

To apply, candidates should send a cover letter and resume to Advisory Committee Vacancy, SCAO Friend of the Court Bureau, P.O. Box 30048, Lansing, MI 48909. The cover letter should include information about the applicant’s local citizen advisory committee membership and outline other relevant experience. Written personal recommendations may be sent with the letter and resume. Applications and recommendations must be received by August 31, 2002.

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**“The judicial power of the state is vested exclusively in one court of justice . . .”**  
— *Michigan Constitution, Article VI, Section I*