

New & Enthused: Jodi Latuszek Brings Creativity & Communications Savvy to New Role as Region II Administrator

Jodi Latuszek is a self-proclaimed “people person.” Communicating with people is a passion for her, and that is evident the minute you meet her.

So it makes sense that she was a Communication Arts and Public Relations major at Michigan State University.

Her charismatic way of creating an easy environment for cooperative communication is just one reason behind State Court Administrator Milt Mack’s recent appointment of Jodi as the new Region II Administrator, replacing the retiring Jim Hughes.



New SCAO Region II Administrator Jodi Latuszek

As a management analyst for the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) since 2011, Jodi holds an extensive background in law services that she accredits to her passion for two words: dynamic enthusiasm.

“I go to these courts with a positive focus and continue that thought process throughout whatever challenges are brought up,” she shared.

Jodi aims to bring a creative problem-solving approach to court concerns in her new position. She defines her work with courts as a partnership, especially when it comes down to listening to individual court needs.

“Really, what these courts need is help building capacity,” she explained. “The most important thing about that is that ‘high-performance’ means something different for each court.”

As a management analyst in SCAO Trial Court Services, Jodi collaborated with 56 different courts in solving legal issues and leading assistance projects while serving as a liaison for the courts and stakeholder groups.

Trial Court Services Director Jennifer Warner believes Jodi’s talent will be highly beneficial to those of Region II Courts and the SCAO.

“Jodi has excellent legal and analytical skills, high energy, and enthusiasm,” she remarked. “She approaches problems with the belief that we can work together to improve the situation.”

Jodi earned her law degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School, and previously worked as an appellate attorney at the Speaker Law Firm. Not one to rest on her laurels, the St. Johns resident is currently pursuing a certificate in judicial administration from MSU.

And her passion doesn't stop with the courts. In the last five years, Jodi has published eight works on juvenile, family, and appellate law while serving as chair of Children's Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan.

From her initial communications path, Jodi has used her creative skill set as an effective listener and communicator to give courts a partner, friend, and collaborator with the enthusiasm to drive change.