

## **Collections Advisory Committee Statewide Strategy Information**

On May 27, 2004, then Chief Justice Corrigan formed a Collections Advisory Committee to develop a statewide strategy for improving the collection of court-ordered financial sanctions. The strategy was to include methods to promote cultural change, data collection, the training needs of judges and court staff, and identification and implementation of cost-effective collections practices.

After six meetings, which included gathering information regarding enforcement and collection procedures currently utilized by Michigan's trial courts and a presentation by representatives from the Arizona judiciary, the committee developed a statewide strategy for improving the collection of court-ordered financial sanctions. This strategy was approved by the Michigan Supreme Court June 2, 2005, and was unveiled at the Annual Judicial Conference June 16, 2005.

The approved strategy included reconstituting the committee to include more trial court administrative staff and a broader statewide representation. As a result, four regional subcommittees were convened and charged with implementing the approved statewide collections strategy. In addition, a new set of goals and timeline were established.

Communication and education are crucial to successful implementation of the statewide strategy. Members of the Collections Advisory Committee and the State Court Administrative Office will be presenting strategy implementation updates at judges' meetings, court administrator meetings, and to other judicial and governmental groups relevant to implementation.

## **Collections Advisory Committee**

1. The Honorable Philip D. Schaefer, C9 Kalamazoo County – Chair
2. The Honorable Craig D. Alston, Chief Judge, D74 Bay County
3. The Honorable Paul H. Chamberlain, Chief Judge, Isabella County Trial Court
4. The Honorable Alton T. Davis, Court of Appeals  
(Formerly Chief Judge, C46 Trial Court, Crawford, Kalkaska, and Otsego Counties)
5. Mr. Michael J. Dillon, Court Administrator, D12 Jackson County
6. The Honorable Julie A. Nicholson, D52-3 Rochester Hills, Oakland County
7. The Honorable Donald A. Johnston III, C17 Kent County
8. The Honorable David L. Stowe, Chief Judge, Grand Traverse County Probate Court



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**COLLECTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S  
STATEWIDE COLLECTIONS STRATEGY  
TENTATIVE IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE**

**PHASE 1 – COMPLETE BY JUNE 30, 2006**

- Update policy.
- Refine standard report.
- Set system capability requirements.
- Define and implement communication strategy.
- Develop and implement technical support and training.

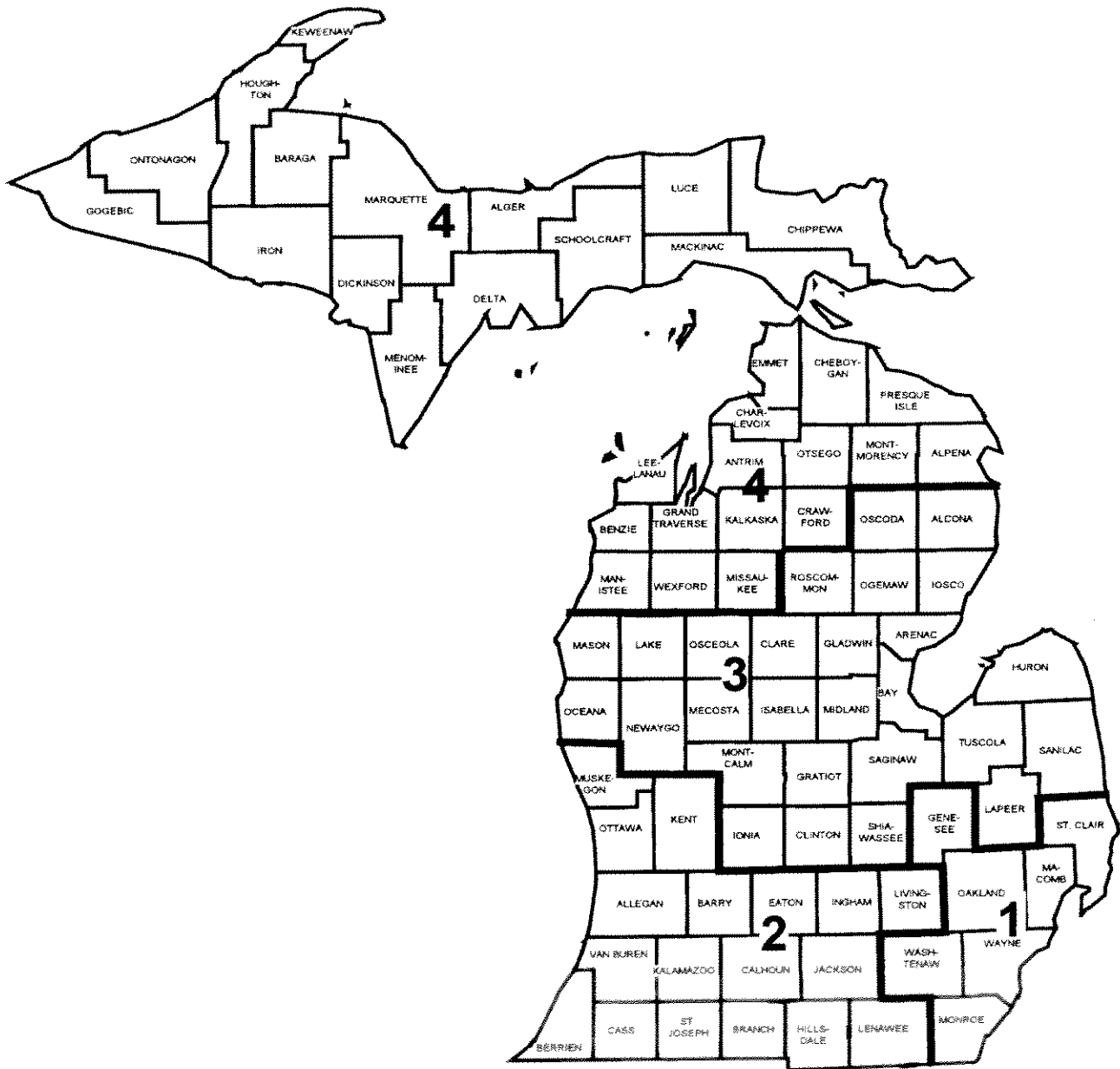
**PHASE 2 – COMPLETE BY JUNE 30, 2007**

- Voluntary participation.
- Refine policy and systems; identify best practices throughout the State.
- Communication and education for jurisdictions not in the initial (voluntary) implementation.
- Develop plan for statewide implementation.

**PHASE 3 – COMPLETE BY JUNE 30, 2009**

- Mandatory statewide implementation.
- Advisory Committee to continue to guide/review pilot and implementation.

# Court Administrative Regions



## **Region I Collections Advisory Subcommittee**

1. The Honorable Julie A. Nicholson, D52-3 Rochester Hills, Oakland County - Chair  
Collections Advisory Committee Member
2. The Honorable James M. Alexander, Presiding Family Division Judge, C6 Oakland County
3. The Honorable Marylin E. Atkins, Chief Judge, D36 Detroit, Wayne County
4. Mr. Keith Beasley, Court Administrator, C16 Macomb County
5. Ms. Renee Boggemes, Court Administrator, D45B Oak Park, Oakland County
6. Mr. Dan Dwyer, Court Administrator, C22 Washtenaw County
7. The Honorable Edward Ewell, Jr., Presiding Criminal Division Judge, C3 Wayne County
8. Ms. Lynda A. Hammerstein, Court Administrator, D52-3 Rochester Hills, Oakland County
9. Ms. Elena Kerasiotis, Collections Coordinator, C3 Wayne County
10. The Honorable Joseph Longo, D43 Ferndale, Oakland County
11. The Honorable Kathleen J. McCann, Chief Judge, D16 Livonia, Wayne County
12. Ms. Barbara A. Menear, Circuit and Family Division Administrator, C7 Genesee County
13. Mr. Kevin Oeffner, Court Administrator, C6 Oakland County
14. Ms. Stacy Parke, Deputy Court Administrator, D47 Farmington Hills, Oakland County
15. Ms. Lori K. Shemka, Court Administrator, D38 Eastpointe, Macomb County

## **Region II Collections Advisory Subcommittee**

1. The Honorable Donald A. Johnston III, C17 Kent County – Co-Chair  
Collections Advisory Committee Member
2. Mr. Michael J. Dillon, Court Administrator, D12 Jackson County – Co-Chair  
Collections Advisory Committee Member
3. Ms. Pattie Bender, County Clerk, C45 St. Joseph County
4. Mr. Mark Fetzer, Court Administrator, D2A Lenawee County
5. Ms. Deborah B. Frederick, Traffic/Reimbursement Referee, C30 Ingham County
6. The Honorable John R. Holmes, Chief Judge, D10 Calhoun County
7. Mr. Jim Koetsier, Deputy Court Administrator, C17 Kent County
8. Ms. Tina Leary, County Clerk, C36 Van Buren County
9. Ms. Linda Lenahan, Court Administrator, D57 Allegan County
10. The Honorable Donald H. Passenger, D61 Grand Rapids, Kent County
11. Mr. Brian E. Ray, Trial Court Administrator, Berrien County
12. The Honorable Philip D. Schaefer, C9 Kalamazoo County  
Collections Advisory Committee Chair

### **Region III Collections Advisory Subcommittee**

1. The Honorable Paul H. Chamberlain, Chief Judge, Isabella County Trial Court – Chair  
Collections Advisory Committee Member
2. The Honorable Craig D. Alston, Chief Judge, D74 Bay County  
Collections Advisory Committee Member
3. Mr. David Cable, Court Administrator, C10 Saginaw County
4. The Honorable Kim David Glaspie, Chief Judge, D71B Tuscola County
5. The Honorable David A. Hoort, C8 Ionia and Montcalm Counties
6. Ms. Barbara C. Jennings, Office Manager, Isabella County Trial Court
7. Mr. Jerome Kole, Trial Court Administrator, Midland County
8. Ms. Marge Marchlewicz, Family Division Administrator, C18 Bay County
9. Ms. Carol A. Vernon, County Clerk, C29 Gratiot County

## **Region IV Collections Advisory Subcommittee**

1. The Honorable David L. Stowe, Chief Judge, Grand Traverse County Probate Court – Chair  
Collections Advisory Committee Member
2. Ms. Belinda A. Cole, Court Administrator, D93 Schoolcraft County
3. Ms. Diane S. Cork, County Clerk, C50 Chippewa County
4. The Honorable Alton T. Davis, Court of Appeals  
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Collections Advisory Committee Member
5. Mr. Rudi Edel, Trial Court Administrator, C46 Trial Court, Crawford, Kalkaska & Otsego Counties
6. Ms. Bonnie Friedrichs, County Clerk, C26 Alpena County
7. The Honorable Garfield W. Hood, Chief Judge, C12 Baraga, Houghton & Keweenaw Counties
8. Ms. Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk, C28 Wexford County
9. Ms. Carol Stocking, Court Administrator, D86 Antrim, Grand Traverse, and Leelanau Counties
10. Ms. Lori Ann Willman, Trial Court Administrator, Iron County Trial Court



## Primary Goals of Subcommittees Proposed Tasks and Timeline

GOAL	PROPOSED TASKS	DEADLINE
Heighten awareness and promote cultural change	Develop and refine communications strategy	Ongoing
	Presentations to all groups relevant to implementation	Ongoing
	Identify obstacles to overcome in order to achieve goal	06/30/06, then ongoing
Revise SCAO collections policy for mandated implementation	Update collections standards	06/30/06
	Address interdepartmental issues: 1) Department of Corrections 2) Local government associations (MAC, MML, MTA) 3) Law enforcement 4) Funding unit 5) Courts	06/30/06, then ongoing
	Recommend court rule and statute amendments and examine collections alternatives and roles of: 1) Courts 2) Local executive branch 3) Department of Treasury 4) Private collection agency	06/30/06, then ongoing
Promote training for judges and court staff	Assess education needs and make recommendations as to how to address those needs	12/31/06, then ongoing
Establish and guide pilot programs	Identify and implement best collections practices (pilots)	12/31/06
	Monitor progress of pilot programs	Ongoing after 12/31/06
	Refine policies and practices based on experiences of pilot programs	Ongoing after 12/31/06
Develop plan for statewide implementation of collections programs	Assess technical support needs and identify the following: 1) Support to be provided by SCAO 2) Support to be provided by mentor courts (pilots)	06/30/07, with full implementation by 06/30/09