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National Center for State Courts Honors Michigan Supreme Court, Trial Court Judges for Jury Reforms

LANSING, MI, October 8, 2012 – Michigan’s comprehensive jury reforms, and the Michigan trial court judges who tested them, are being honored along with the Michigan Supreme Court by the National Center for State Courts. The Supreme Court and 12 trial judges are the recipients of the 2012 G. Thomas Munsterman Award for Jury Innovation, given annually by the NCSC to recognize significant improvements or innovations for juries.

- What:** Presentation of the 2012 G. Thomas Munsterman Award
- When:** Tuesday, October 9, 2012, 10:45 a.m. (preceded by oral argument in [Boertmann v Cincinnati Insurance Company](#) at 9:30 a.m.)
- Where:** Old Supreme Court Courtroom, 3rd floor, Capitol Building
- Who:** Speakers: Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr.
NCSC Vice President and General Counsel Robert Baldwin

Also attending: Justices of the Michigan Supreme Court
Judge Thomas P. Boyd, 55th District Court, Mason, Ingham County
Judge William J. Caprathe (retired), 18th Circuit Court, Bay County
Judge Beth A. Gibson, 92nd District Court, Newberry, Luce/Mackinac counties
Judge Peter J. Wadel, Lake County Trial Court/79th District Court, Ludington
Judge Paul E. Stutesman, 45th Circuit Court, St. Joseph County
Judge Wendy L. Potts, 6th Circuit Court, Oakland County
Judge David F. Viviano, 16th Circuit Court, Macomb County

The National Center for State Courts, headquartered in Williamsburg, Virginia, is a nonprofit court reform organization dedicated to improving the administration of justice. Founded in 1971 by the Conference of Chief Justices and U. S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, NCSC provides education, training, technology, management, and research services to the nation’s state courts.

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