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Justice Markman Helps Honor New Certified Court Managers Statewide

LANSING, MI, October, 30, 2019 – Michigan Supreme Court Justice Stephen J. Markman presided recently over a ceremony at the Michigan Hall of Justice for 50 graduates of the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) Institute of Court Management. The graduates—mostly court administrators and five employees of the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO)—have been officially awarded the status of Certified Court Manager (CCM).

“When Michigan citizens interact with the court system, they rightfully expect that not only the judge or justice will handle their case courteously, responsibly, and in accordance with the law, but that the administration of the process will operate efficiently as well,” said Justice Markman. “I’d like to extend my gratitude to the graduates on the work ethic they’ve shown and the sense of professionalism and dedication to carrying out their responsibilities to the people of Michigan to the highest degree possible.”

He took note of the five SCAO employees, all of whom are management analysts in the Trial Court Services division, who graduated from the program: J. Kevin McKay; Bobbi Morrow; Michele Muscat; Sarah Santini; and Stacy Westra.

Two past presidents of the Michigan Court Administration Association were acknowledged with letters of recognition from Chief Justice Bridget McCormack for being instrumental in obtaining funding for this program: Gary Dodge, court administrator at 44th District Court in Royal Oak; and SCAO’s Kevin McKay, who previously served as court administrator at 63rd District Court in Grand Rapids. In their respective letters, Chief Justice McCormack noted, “Thank you for your vision and dedicated service to a fair and efficient justice system that treats all people with dignity and respect....and thanks to you, the doors are open, the staff is properly trained, and the public is able to get their business done in a reasonable amount of time.”

In order to be certified as a CCM, applicants were required to complete six courses, each lasting two-and-a-half days in Williamsburg, Virginia, where NCSC is based. The six courses focused on accountability and court performance, caseload and workflow management, budget and fiscal management, project management, purposes and responsibilities of the courts, and workforce management.

The NCSC is a non-profit organization founded in 1971 at the urging of United States Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren E. Burger to act as a hub of information and resources available to court systems across the country. In keeping with this purpose, the NCSC offers training courses for court employees in order to keep the operations of state courts consistent across the nation.

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Scroll down for the list of new Certified Court Managers, arranged by SCAO geographic region.

New CCM Graduates:

Region 1 – Wayne County

LaWanda Crosby - 36th District Court (Detroit)
James Gibbs - 18th District Court (Westland)
Kelli Moore Owen - 36th District Court (Detroit)
Matthew Sawicki - 17th District Court (Redford)
Nadeza Stojcevska - 16th District Court (Livonia)

Region 2 – Southern Michigan

Christal Dye - 67th District Court (Flint)
Amy Etzel - 56A District Court (Charlotte)
Nicole Evans - 54B District Court (East Lansing)
Lisa Fusik - 14A District Court (Ann Arbor)
Shryl Samborn - 15th District Court (Ann Arbor)
Dan Skorich - 65A District Court (St. Johns)

Region 3 – Central Michigan

Kerri Curtiss - Isabella Co. Trial Court (Mt. Pleasant)
Kristi Jeffrey - 8th Circuit Court Family/Juvenile
Division (Stanton)
Michael LaFave - Ogemaw County Probate Court
(West Branch)
Sheila Long – 54th Circuit Court (Caro)
Paula McGlown - 10th Circuit Court (Saginaw)
Cindy McKinney-Volz - 54th Circuit Court (Caro)
Caryn Michalak - 54th Circuit Court (Caro)
Karen Moore - 80th District Court (Gladwin)
Karen Rutkowski - Huron Co. Probate Court (Bad Axe)
Megan Shedd - 73B District Court (Bad Axe)

Region 4 – Northern Michigan and U.P.

Tracey Beauchamp - Houghton County Probate &
Family Court (Houghton)
Julie Miller - Crawford County Courts (Grayling)
Sherri Vezina - Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and
Chippewa Indians (Peshawbestown)
Dawn Wagoner - 86th District Court (Traverse City)

Region 5 – Western Michigan

Katherine Ambrose - 10th District Court (Battle Creek)
Jami Batdorff - 58th District Court (Grand Haven)
Lynn Bullard - 36th Circuit Court (Paw Paw)
Patrick Finnegan - 60th District Court (Muskegon)
Kristen Getting - 37th Circuit Court (Battle Creek)
Shannon Koepke - 10th District Court (Battle Creek)
Rachel Lindley - 36th Circuit Court (Paw Paw)
Nick Little - 17th Circuit Court (Grand Rapids)
Andrew Thalhammer - 17th Circuit Court (Gr. Rapids)
Tanya Todd - 61st District Court (Grand Rapids)
Sandra Vanderhyde - 14th Circuit Court (Muskegon)
Tabitha Wedge - 3B District Court (Centreville)

Region 6 – Lapeer, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair

Tamara Bone - 44th District Court (Royal Oak)
Julie Bovenschen - 16th Circuit Court (Pontiac)
Annette Gattari-Ross - 37th District Court (Warren)
Michael McMillan - 31st Circuit Court (Port Huron)
Dana O’Neal - 52-4 District Court (Troy)
Renee Shelide - 46th District Court (Southfield)
Diana Nimmoor - 43rd District Court (Hazel Park)
Jennifer Thom - 51st District Court (Waterford)