



## MICHIGAN COURTS NEWS RELEASE

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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Adoptive Mom, Jenifer Pettibone, to Receive Maura D. Corrigan Foster Family Lifetime Achievement Award**

**Who:** Adoptive mom, Jenifer Pettibone, will be the recipient of the Maura D. Corrigan Foster Family Lifetime Achievement Award for Exemplary Service to Michigan's Children and Families, during Adoption Day festivities at the Hall of Justice. Pettibone, a former employee of both the Michigan Supreme Court and the Department of Health and Human Services, passed away in May from leukemia. Former Chief Justice Corrigan will present the award to Jenifer's parents, as well as to the guardian of Jenifer's three children.

**What:** The award, sponsored by the Michigan Supreme Court, was established in honor of Justice Corrigan, who as Chief Justice, focused on finding forever homes for children in foster care. Corrigan, who later served as the head of Michigan's Department of Health and Human Services, is responsible for serving some of Michigan's most vulnerable citizens and has been widely credited for improving the child welfare system.

**When:** Tuesday, November 26, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.  
Michigan Supreme Court, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Hall of Justice, 925 W. Ottawa Street, Lansing

**Why:** With the theme of "Giving Thanks for Families," more than 30 courts statewide will celebrate Adoption Month, 2019. Held on or near the Tuesday before Thanksgiving each year, Adoption Month has become a holiday tradition, highlighting the importance of adoption and the needs of children in foster care. Many courts will finalize adoptions, while others will hold informational events to reach potential adoptive parents.

*The Court broadcasts oral arguments and other hearings [live](#). Streaming will begin shortly before the ceremony begins.*

A list of statewide events is available [here](#). For information about the event, please contact Lynn Seaks, Court Relations Program Coordinator at 517-373-1067.

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