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SUCCESS STORIES: How Court Administrators Are Opening the Doors of Engagement to Michigan's Courts

LANSING, MI, May 16, 2019 – The Michigan Supreme Court today released a report highlighting the efforts of Michigan court administrators, who work with judges and staff to manage the daily operations of trial courts to ensure accessibility, efficiency, and engagement. The report, “How Court Administrators Are Opening the Doors of Engagement to Michigan’s Courts,” features 13 court administrators from around the state who ensure that their court staff are prepared to provide the best possible service to the public.

“Working behind the scenes, court administrators work hard to ensure that courthouse doors are open to all and our customers are treated with dignity and respect,” said Chief Justice Bridget M. McCormack, who announced the report during the 2019 Court Managers Conference. “Efficient courts that are engaged with their local communities always have a common denominator – a dedicated and passionate court administrator. And my colleagues and I are especially grateful to court administrators who step up and try new technology to improve service to the public.”

Featured court administrators:

- Alexandra Black, 52-1 District Court, Novi
- Todd Borders, Saginaw County Circuit Court, Family Division
- Kevin Bowling, Ottawa County Circuit and Probate Courts
- Zenell Brown, Wayne County Circuit Court
- Emily DeSalvo, 94th District Court, Escanaba
- Kelly Dostal, 84th District Court, Cadillac
- Daniel Dwyer, Washtenaw County Trial Court
- Linda Lenahan, 57th District Court, Allegan
- Paula McGlown, Saginaw County Circuit Court
- Barbara Menear, Genesee County Circuit Court
- Sandra Vanderhyde, Muskegon County Circuit Court
- David Walsh, 47th District Court, Farmington Hills
- Lynette Ward, 50th District Court, Pontiac

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The Court Managers Conference is a joint project of the Michigan Court Administrators Association and the Michigan Association of the Circuit Court Administrators, in conjunction with the Supreme Court’s Michigan Judicial Institute.