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MEDIA ADVISORY

Chief Justice McCormack, Justice Zahra to Release Plan to Help More Michiganians Resolve Civil Legal Problems

- Who:** Chief Justice Bridget M. McCormack, Michigan Supreme Court
Justice Brian K. Zahra, Michigan Supreme Court
[Justice for All Task Force Members](#)
- What:** Release of the Justice for All Task Force Report, a detailed plan to get Michigan on a path to 100 percent access to the civil justice system. The goal is to help more families get the legal assistance they need on wide range of issues, including eviction, access to public benefits, barriers to employment, family law disputes like parenting time or custody, and elder abuse, among others.
- When:** Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 3:00 p.m. (Bill of Rights Day)
- Where** MSC YouTube Page - www.youtube.com/michigancourts
Media should contact John Nevin at nevinj@courts.mi.gov for Zoom coordinates.
- Why:** On December 15, America celebrates [Bill of Rights Day](#), highlighting the importance of the basic rights enshrined in the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Among those rights is the Sixth Amendment right to a lawyer in criminal cases. That right does not extend to civil cases, though in many instances, civil proceedings can have very serious consequences for parties, and everyone must have access to our justice system, regardless of circumstances.

With input from stakeholders across Michigan, the Justice for All Task Force has worked to inventory available resources, identify gaps, and develop a comprehensive strategic plan to fill those gaps. Focus groups, stakeholder summits, and town hall meetings gave the public an opportunity to provide input and shape the plan. For more information, visit www.courts.mi.gov/justiceforall.

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