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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **Justice Clement Joined by Judges, Prosecutor & Community Partner to Share New Data, Success Stories from Michigan Problem-Solving Courts**

- Who:** Justice Elizabeth T. Clement, Michigan Supreme Court  
Judge Shannon A. Holmes, 36th District Court, Detroit  
Chief Judge Jocelyn K. Fabry, Tribal Court, Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Sault Ste. Marie  
David J. Wallace, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Huron County Prosecutor's Office, Bad Axe  
Mark A. Witte, Executive Director, Allegan County Community Mental Health, Allegan Problem-Solving Court graduate
- What:** Release of FY 2020 MSC Problem-Solving Courts (PSC) Annual Report.
- When:** Thursday, April 15, 2021, 9:30-10:00 a.m.
- Where:** Watch live on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/MichiganCourts](http://www.youtube.com/MichiganCourts)  
*Reporters who want to participate in the press conference should e-mail Stacy Sellek at [SellekS@courts.mi.gov](mailto:SellekS@courts.mi.gov) for coordinates to join the Zoom meeting.*
- Why:** To demonstrate the effectiveness of these rigorous programs in solving problems and saving lives across Michigan.

The FY 2020 PSC Annual Report found that graduates of adult drug court programs were nearly 2 times less likely to be convicted of a new offense within three years of admission to a program. Also, unemployment dropped dramatically among drug and sobriety court graduates, as well as veterans treatment court graduates.

Problem-solving courts focus on providing treatment and intense supervision to offenders as an alternative to incarceration. These include drug and sobriety, mental health, veterans, and other nontraditional courts. The Supreme Court, through its State Court Administrative Office, assists trial court judges in the management of these courts by providing training, education, operational standards, monitoring, certification requirements, and funding. Find out more [here](#).

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