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Success Stories - Judges in the Community: Giving Back & Making a Difference

LANSING, MI, January 7, 2019 – The Michigan Supreme Court released a report highlighting the efforts of Michigan trial court judges who are finding ways to make a difference outside the courtroom. The report, “[Success Stories – Judges in the Community: Giving Back & Making a Difference](#),” features 20 trial court judges from around the state who have given their time to a variety of local causes and initiatives.

“We recognize and applaud the dedication and conscientious work that judges across Michigan voluntarily take on to benefit local families and individuals,” said Chief Justice Stephen J. Markman. “By spotlighting their outreach, we hope that others, on and off the bench, will be inspired to find ways to give back in their own communities.”

Featured judges:

- Judge Duncan Beagle, Genesee County Circuit Court
- Judge Annette Berry, Wayne County Circuit Court
- Chief Judge Nancy Blount, 36th District Court, Detroit
- Chief Judge Kathleen Brickley, Van Buren County Circuit Court
- Judge Stacia Buchanan, 54A District Court, Lansing
- Judge Frank DeLuca, 54A District Court, Lansing
- Judge Joyce Draganchuk, Ingham County Circuit Court
- Judge Hala Jarbou, Oakland County Circuit Court
- Judge Karen McDonald, Oakland County Circuit Court
- Chief Judge Patrick McGraw, Saginaw County Circuit Court
- Judge Michael McKay, 7th District Court, Paw
- Chief Judge George Mertz, 46th Circuit Court (Crawford, Kalkaska, Otsego Counties)
- Judge Julie Reincke, 56A District Court, Eaton Rapids
- Judge Michelle Rick, 29th Circuit Court (Clinton and Gratiot Counties)
- Chief Judge Sara Smolenski, 63rd District Court, Grand Rapids
- Judge Susan Sniegowski, 51st Circuit Court (Mason and Lake Counties)
- Judge Matthew Switalski, Macomb County Circuit Court
- Judge Joseph Toia, Macomb County Circuit Court
- Judge Michael Warren, Oakland County Circuit Court
- Judge Tracey Yokich, Macomb County Circuit Court

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