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To All Trial Court Judges

Colleagues,

Michigan's Constitution says: "The supreme court shall appoint an administrator of the courts and other assistants of the supreme court as may be necessary to aid in the administration of the courts of this state." My goal as the new State Court Administrator is to engage with you, to listen to you, to respond to your input, and to deliver on that Constitutional promise.

Having served on the bench for the past 25 years, I have seen the State Court Administrative Office take different approaches in aiding trial courts as required by the Constitution. My view is that the focus in recent years on helping courts improve service to the public is a significant step in the right direction. Ongoing initiatives to measure performance, implement technology, and re-engineer court processes are all designed to provide trial courts with information and tools, not just to improve service, but also to increase efficiency and become better stewards of public resources.

In probate court, families came to us in times of crisis, and every case was an opportunity to serve people in need. Just the same, trial courts statewide provide services to residents at the most critical moments in their lives. I am excited to take on this challenge and to help Michigan's judiciary build on an already outstanding record of serving the public.

Sincerely,

Milt Mack