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## Media Advisory

### **54A District Court to Hold 16<sup>th</sup> Sobriety Treatment Program Graduation**

- WHO:** Hon. Louise Alderson, Presiding Judge, 54A District Court Sobriety Treatment Court, Lansing
- WHAT:** The 54A District Court will hold its 16<sup>th</sup> ceremony for five new Sobriety Treatment Court graduates. The participants will be recognized with a certificate and card.
- WHEN:** Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 4:30PM
- WHERE:** Lansing City Hall  
Courtroom #1, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
124 W. Michigan Avenue  
Lansing, MI 48933
- WHY:** To honor the latest graduates of this intensive two-year program that focuses on Lansing-area adults who have a felony charge of Operating While Intoxicated to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense. The program assists offenders with treatment, self-help meetings, probationary check-ups, judicial review, testing, and community service. Including these five, the 54A District Sobriety Treatment Court has graduated a total of 88 individuals since 2005. Problem-solving courts are non-traditional courts that focus on nonviolent offenders whose underlying medical and social problems have contributed to recurring contacts with the criminal justice system. According to the Michigan Supreme Court 2014 report, "[Solving Problems, Saving Lives](#)," participants in sobriety courts and adult district drug courts were 75 percent less likely to be convicted of any new offense after two years.

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