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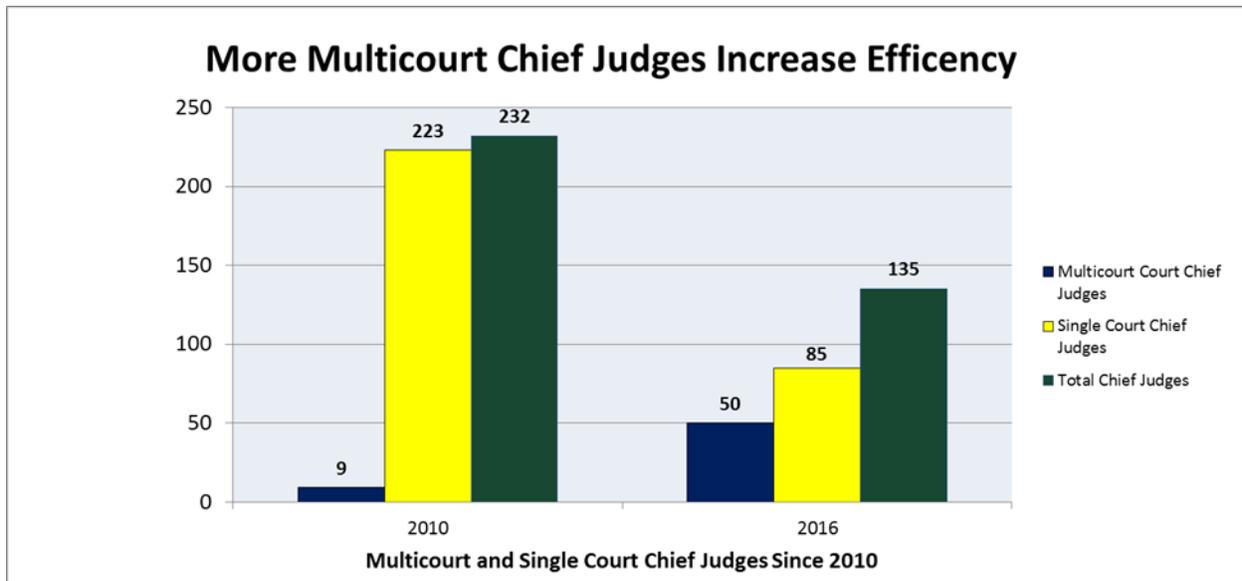
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Chief Judges Appointed to Michigan Circuit, Probate, District, and Municipal Courts Number of Single Court Chief Judges Statewide Cut by Two-Thirds since 2010

LANSING, MI, October 14, 2015 – The Michigan Supreme Court today announced the appointment of chief judges for circuit, probate, district, and municipal courts statewide. With the appointment of 50 multicourt chief judges, the number of single court chief judges appointed to lead trial courts has been cut by two-thirds since 2010 (see table below).

“Chief judges play a critical role in driving change to help courts become more efficient, save tax dollars, and improve service to the public,” said Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr. “In particular, multicourt chief judges are better positioned to make the difficult decisions needed to help streamline court processes, share workloads, and implement best practices that improve outcomes.”



In the past, each circuit, probate, and district court had its own chief judge and related bureaucracy. Through the appointment of multi-court chief judges, the total number of chief judges has been cut by more than 40 percent since 2010.

The appointment of multicourt chief judges is part of a comprehensive Supreme Court plan to reengineer the state’s trial courts to increase efficiency and improve service. For example, rightsizing of the Michigan judiciary is already on course to trim 40 judgeships statewide, saving taxpayers \$175 million.

The appointments are for a two-year term commencing on January 1, 2016. The administrative order with a complete list of appointments is available [here](#).