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MEDIA ADVISORY

Judge Khalil, Justice Viviano, & Judge Mack to Honor New Redford Township Veterans Treatment Court Graduates

Report: More Jobs, Fewer Offenses among Graduates of Michigan Problem-Solving Courts

- Who:** Justice David Viviano, Michigan Supreme Court
Judge Karen Khalil, 17th District Court Veterans Treatment Court, Redford Twp.
Judge Laura Redmond Mack, 29th District Court, City of Wayne, and Western Wayne County Behavioral Treatment Court
- What:** Ceremony to celebrate nine new graduates of the 17th District Court VTC and the release of the 2016 MSC Problem-Solving Courts Annual Report and PSC Success Stories.
- When:** Monday, May 8, 2017, 10:30AM
- Where:** 17th District Court
15111 Beech Daly Rd.
Redford Charter Twp., MI 48239
- Why:** To highlight the achievements of the VTC graduates, and to release the annual report that illustrates how Michigan's drug, sobriety, mental health, and veterans treatment courts improve outcomes for graduates and for Michigan communities. The 17th District Court VTC began in 2011 and has graduated 43 veterans, not including these nine.

The Michigan Supreme Court is committed to measuring court performance in order to improve outcomes and service to the public. These "problem-solving" courts improve outcomes for offenders by diverting them into special programs that provide the treatment and supervision offenders need to stay out of trouble and lead productive lives. Avoiding incarceration also generates substantial savings for taxpayers, and participants improve their employment status and overall quality of life.