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## Media Advisory

### Michigan Supreme Court to Release Solving Problems, Saving Lives Report

- WHO:** Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr.  
Justice Mary Beth Kelly  
Judge Susan Dobrich, Cass County Probate-Family Court  
(President of MI Assoc. of Treatment Court Professionals)  
Judge Karen Khalil, 17<sup>th</sup> District Court, Redford - Veterans Courts  
Judge Harvey Hoffman, 56A District Court, Eaton County - DWI Courts  
Judge Laura Mack, 29<sup>th</sup> District Court, Wayne - Mental Health Courts  
Judge Geno Salomone, 23<sup>rd</sup> District Court, Taylor - Regional Drug Courts  
Judge Phyllis McMillen, 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court, Oakland County
- WHAT:** The Michigan Supreme Court will release the report, Solving Problems, Saving Lives, highlighting the achievements of Michigan's drug, sobriety, and mental health treatment courts in improving outcomes for graduates. In particular, problem-solving courts are reducing crime, saving money, and strengthening communities.
- WHEN:** Thursday, April 16, 2015, 2:15-3:00 PM
- WHERE:** Michigan Court of Appeals  
Courtroom B, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Cadillac Place  
3020 West Grand Boulevard Suite 14-300  
Detroit, MI 48202-6020
- WHY:** The Michigan Supreme Court is committed to measuring court performance in order to improve outcomes and service to the public. These "problem-solving" courts divert offenders into special programs that provide the treatment and supervision offenders need to stay out of trouble. Avoiding incarceration also generates substantial savings for taxpayers and participants improve their employment status.