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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 10, 2016
TO: Trial Court Judges, Court Administrators, Referees, and Magistrates
FROM: Milton L. Mack, Jr.
RE: Judicial Resources Advisory Committee (JRAC) Formation

In preparation for next year's judicial resources recommendations, SCAO has re-formed the Judicial Resources Advisory Committee (JRAC) with representatives from the judicial and administrative associations. The following representatives have been nominated by their associations and will serve on this committee.

Chief Judge Robert J. Colombo, 3rd Circuit Court, MJA
Judge Joseph J. Farah, 7th Circuit Court, MJA
Chief Judge Susan L. Dobrich, Cass County Probate Court, MPJA
Judge Kenneth L. Tacoma, Wexford County Probate Court, MPJA
Judge Timothy J. Kelly, 74th District Court, MDJA
Judge Thomas J. Phillips, 86th District Court, MDJA
Mr. J. Kevin McKay, Court Administrator, 63rd District Court, MADCM
Ms. Beryl Frenger, Court Administrator, 56A District Court, MCAA
Mr. David L. Walsh, Court Administrator, 47th District Court, SEMCAA
Mr. Kathryn Sue Griffin, Court Administrator, 45th Circuit Court, MACCA
Mr. Arthur R. Spears, Referee, 6th Circuit Court, RAM

This committee, with support from SCAO staff, is tasked with reviewing the weighted caseload formula, the secondary analysis methodology, and recent changes in policy or practice that would affect these methods. The committee will explore the following issues and how they might affect estimates of judicial need:

In Re Sanders and Due Process
Felony Pleas in District Court
Problem-Solving Courts
No-Fault Auto Insurance Cases
Business Court Cases

If you would like SCAO to explore any other areas, please contact one of the committee members or Laura Hutzell, Statistical Research Director, at hutzell@courts.mi.gov or 517-373-5569.