

House Judiciary Presentation 2020

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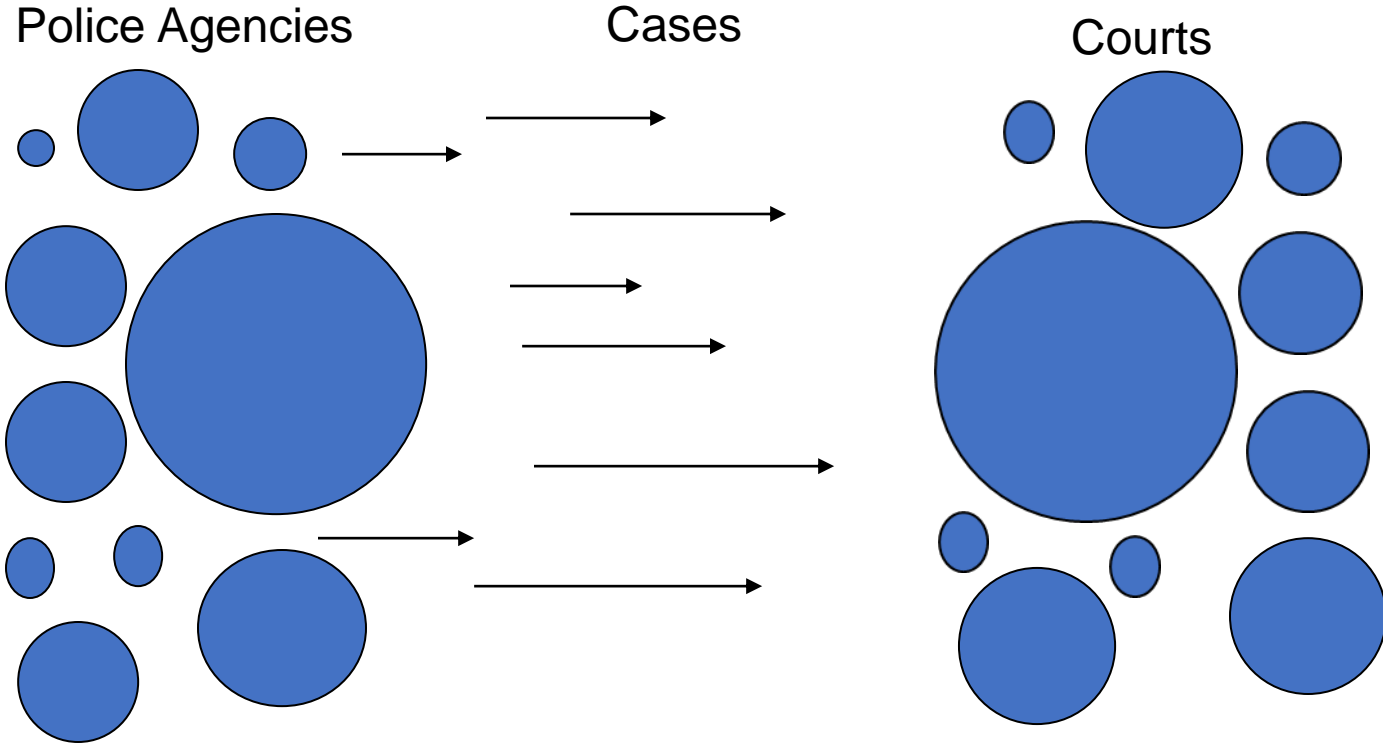
The Prosecuting Attorney is an Independent Constitutional Officer.

- Elected to 4 year terms (Presidential)
- Over 400 statutory duties
- Enforce state law, funded by counties
- Juvenile and family proceedings

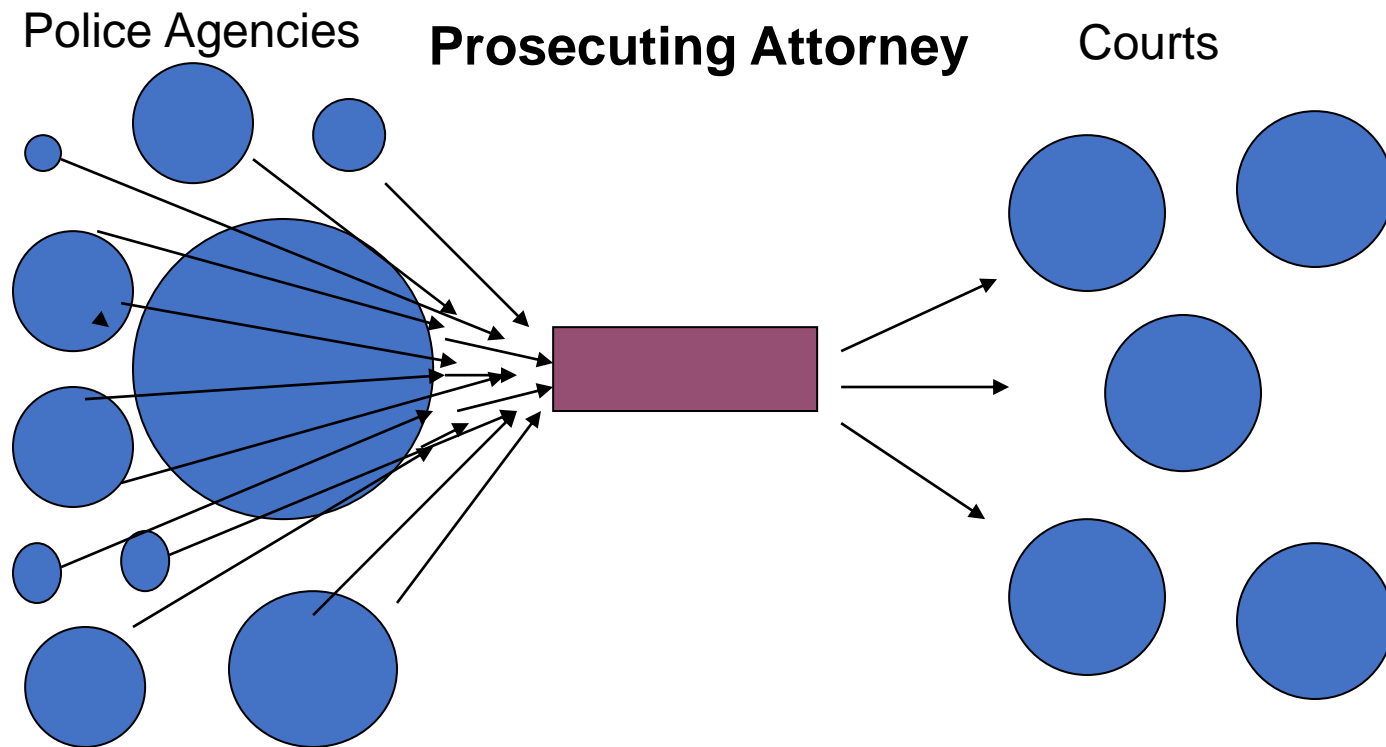
“The duty of the prosecutor is to seek justice, not merely to convict.” (ABA Standards)



Public Perception of Criminal Justice System



Prosecutor Charging Decisions



Michigan's Prosecutors are Partners in Reform

- Repeal unnecessary statutes
- Eliminate drug mandatory minimums
- Expansion of expunctions
- Expansion of HYTA
- Right-sizing of crimes
- Objective parole
- Jail and Pre-trial Task Force



PAAM Priorities for 2021-22

- **Protecting victims:** providing sentencing certainty, updating crime victims rights act, and revising restitution.
- **Review the penal code:** repealing unnecessary crimes and revising appropriate penalties.
- **Advocate for prosecutor resources:** due to need for increasing requests for data, increasing role with treatment courts and Covid-19 trial delays.
- **Repeal** the .08 sunset.

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