

House Appropriations Judiciary Subcommittee



Michigan's Judiciary Accomplishments and FY 2025 Budget Proposals

***GOAL: “An Innovative,
Transparent, and Efficient Justice
System that Works for Everyone”***



Today's Agenda



- Focus on Fiscal Responsibility
- Court Technology
 - **Statewide Case Management System**
 - E-filing and Electronic Document Management
 - Clean Slate Implementation
 - Next-Generation Data Analytics
 - Juvenile Data Management System
 - Virtual Courtroom/Remote Hearings
- **Judicial Security**
 - **Protecting Judges Statewide**
- **New Judges & SOCC Recommendations**
- **Staff Capacity Needed to Support Critical Functions**
- Problem-Solving Courts Save Lives
- Outreach Projects Build Trust in Judiciary
 - Adoption Day
 - Reunification Day
 - Court Community Connections
 - Public Listening Tour



Michigan Judiciary: Fiscally Responsible



Increase Requested

\$21.5M

\$6.28M

FY 24

FY 25

71%
less



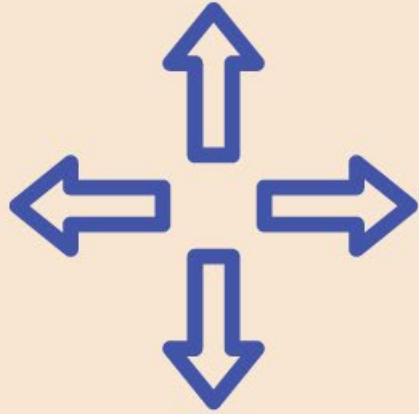
Purposes of Enhanced Court Technology



- To improve service to the public.
- To increase public access to our judicial system.
- To improve court efficiency and stewardship of public resources.
- To support better decision-making throughout government.
- To engage and inform the public.
- To implement policy decisions from other branches of government (i.e. Clean Slate).



Technology: Case Management System



Expanding to remaining 20% of trial courts



Entirely web-based experience for trial courts

No cost to trial courts, no user fees



Statewide Case Management System



National Center for State Courts:

Building up Michigan's case management system -- under the State Court Administrative Office, Judicial Information Services -- is a "viable and appropriate" and "more cost-effective solution."



Technology: Statewide Case Management System



- In FY 2023, the legislature and the Governor provided \$150 million in work-project funding to expand SCAO's existing case management system and create a statewide universal case management system.
- Alongside the one-time funding request, SCAO also requested, but did not receive \$38 million ongoing funds to maintain and support the system.
- In FY 2024, SCAO requested the first batch of ongoing funding needed.
- SCAO anticipates these ongoing requests to continue annually, including this year, until we've reached the full amount of needed ongoing funding - \$38 million in 2022 dollars.



Statewide Case Management System: FY2025 Request



**\$4.6M in
ongoing funding**

**19 additional
FTEs to support
maintenance**



Technology: e-Filing and Electronic Document Management

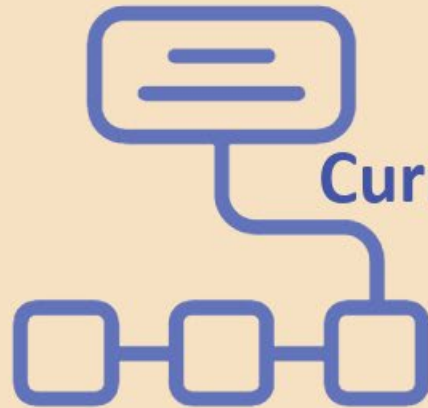


Nearly
2.2M
e-filings in 2023



56

new MiFILE courts
+ 5 pilots, 3 models in 2023



Currently onboarding:
12 District courts
3 Probate courts



Technology: Clean Slate

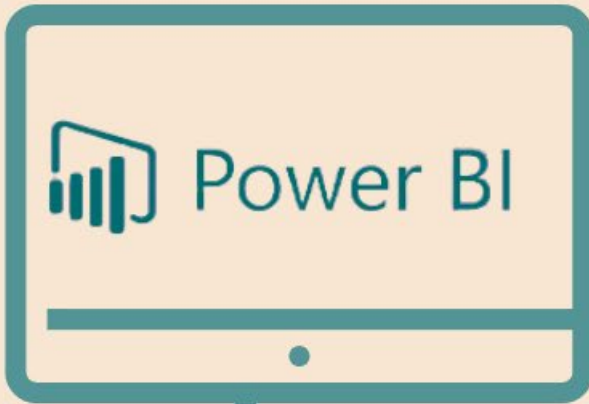
Clean Slate = criminal record expungements (a.k.a., set asides)



Provided new
functionality,
reporting, and
training at over

180
courts

3.6+
million convictions
set aside (adult
and juvenile)



Leveraged cutting-edge
technology, such as business
intelligence tools



Focus on Juvenile Clean Slate



341K

Sum of Total Charges and Tickets Set Aside

CIRCUIT COURT - JUVENILE CHARGES & TICKET VIOLATIONS AUTOMATICALLY SET ASIDE - JIS COURTS

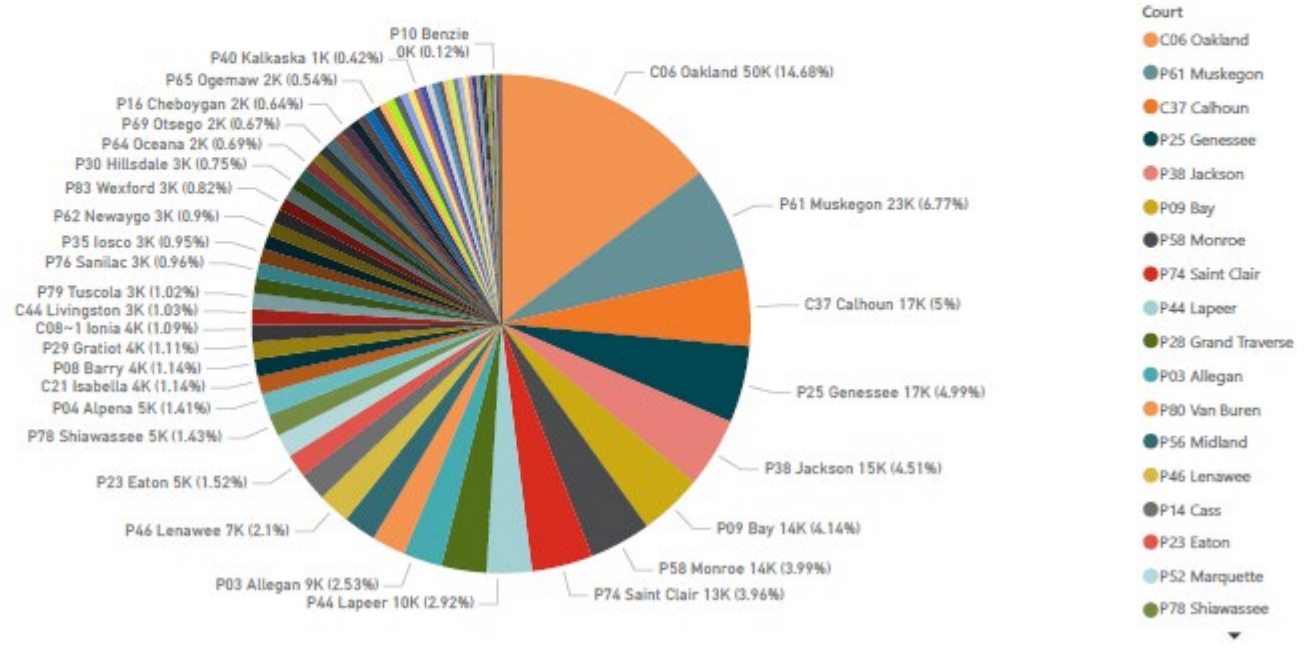


Since January 1, 2024, more than 120,000 juveniles have had ALL of their charges/ tickets set aside.

CIRCUIT COURT - JUVENILE CHARGES & TICKET VIOLATIONS AUTOMATICALLY SET ASIDE - JIS COURTS

Dropdown menu 1

Dropdown menu 2



Clean Slate for Kids Legislation (Public Act 361 of 2020); MCL 712A.18t



Technology: Juvenile Data Management System



Implementing
\$10M grant
from Bureau of
Justice Statistics
(of \$80M
nationwide)



Support and assess
juvenile justice
efforts statewide

Collection of juvenile probation
data, including:

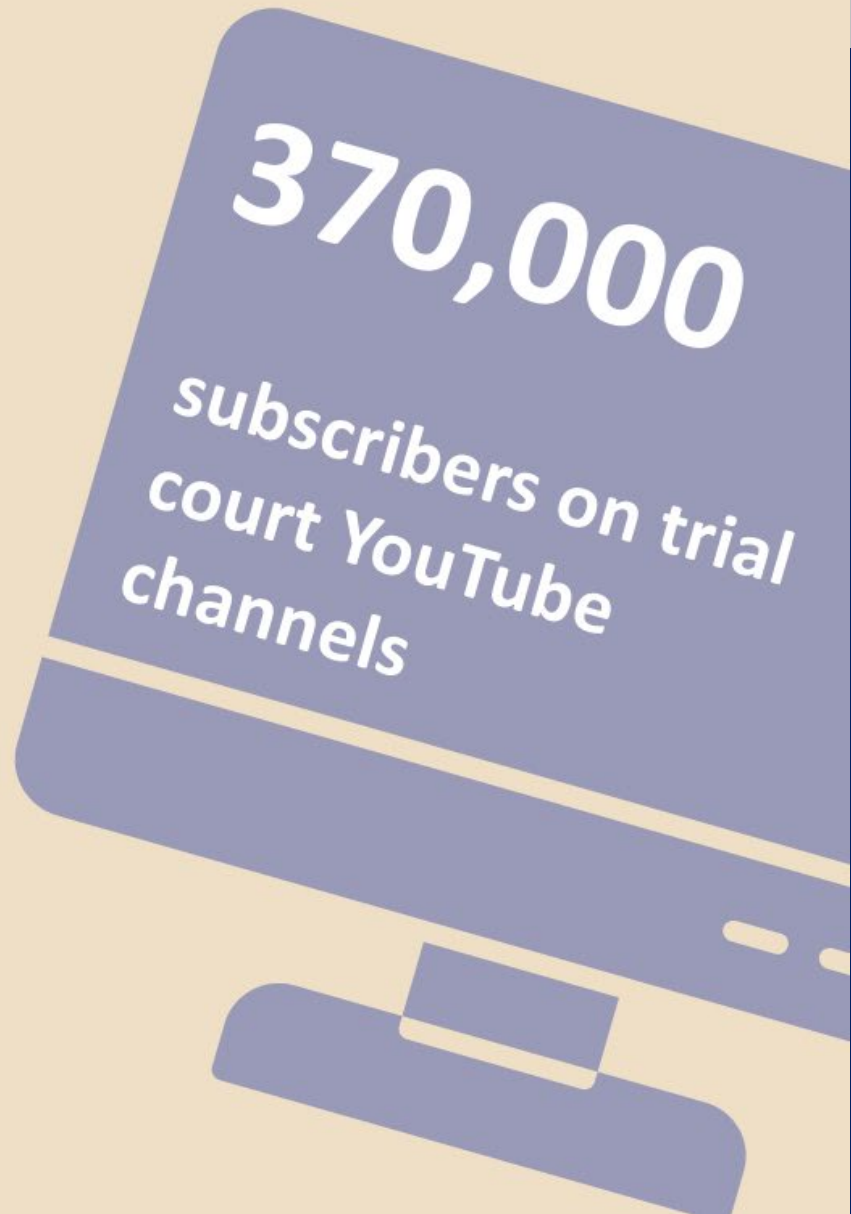
- court case information
- risks/needs assessment
- services ordered
- probation case-level information



Technology: Effectiveness of Virtual Courtrooms



Virtual Courtroom
Directory used
830,000
times



370,000
subscribers on trial
court YouTube
channels

11.4 million hours
of remote
proceedings



Supporting Judges: Protecting Judicial Security Statewide FY2025 Request



In 2015, the U.S. Marshals Service reported 926 threats and inappropriate communications against federal judges, prosecutors, and court officials. In 2021, that figure rose to 4,511, an increase of almost 490%.

\$475,000

to protect judges' personal information, increasing their physical safety



Judicial Salary Adjustments: FY2025 Request



\$166,600

to implement State
Officers Compensation
Commission (SOCC)
Recommendations



\$305,500

to fund partial-year
costs for Kent
(district) and Macomb
(probate) judgeships



Michigan ranks 40th in
Supreme Court salaries. (Source:
National Center for State Courts)



Staffing for Critical Priorities: FY2025 Request

\$450,000

3 FTEs to help SCAO support courts in addressing behavioral health issues and other key initiatives, including implementing recommendations of the Justice for All Commission to expand access to the civil legal system.



Behavioral Health Administrator Needed



- An estimated 70 percent of individuals in the criminal justice system have a behavioral health disorder.
- Michigan Judicial Council has identified behavioral health improvements as a key strategic initiative.
- Improved criminal and civil justice response to individuals with behavioral health issues is a top priority for the Governor's Mental Health Diversion Council.
- National task force recommends courts appoint a behavioral health administrator to improve and develop court responses.



Problem-Solving Courts: Saving Lives



Drug Court Graduates = 4X LESS LIKELY to be convicted of a new offense within 3 years (in FY 2023)

“The love the judge and his team showed had a huge impact on my life. They really wanted people to succeed.”
-Past MHC Graduate



Mental Health
Court Graduates =

99%
improvement
in mental health
(in FY 2023)

82%
drop in
unemployment
among Veterans
Court Graduates
(in FY 2023)



Outreach Initiatives Build Trust



Outreach Initiatives – Michigan Adoption Day



Outreach Initiatives – Reunification Day



Outreach Initiatives Court Community Connections



Outreach Initiatives

Child Protective Legal Representation Listening Tour





Questions?



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