 

UPDATE

**Michigan Judicial Institute**

Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates

Hotel Indigo

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**Activity 2016-2017**

 -18 New Magistrates participated in the certification process

 -Presently have 7 New Magistrates going through the process

Thank you to MADCM members who help plan and deliver the New Magistrate seminar:

Yvonna Abraham

Dena Altheide

Robert Clark

Dennis Hall (Ret.)

Ted Johnson

Krista Krause

Kevin McKay

Jim Pahl

Millicent Sherman

As well as the agency representatives:

Lee Ann Gaspar-SOS

Jason Haines-DNR

Lance Cook-MSP

Also, thank you to MADCM for continuing to sponsor the “New Magistrate Dinner” which provides a great opportunity for new magistrates to informally interact with each other and with members of the Association.

I also want to acknowledge those magistrate instructors who volunteer to have new magistrates visit with them for a day to sit in on informal hearings. The certification process would not be complete without the following individuals:

Ms. Jeanine Blakely

Mr. Steven Brunink

Mr. Don Chisholm

Mr. Robert J. Clark

Ms. Emily DeSalvo

Ms. Janice Doner

Ms. Andra (Dudley) Richardson

Ms. Corajean Gregory

Mr. Craig A. Hess

Mr. Vern Helder

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Mr. Ted Johnson

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Ms. Charity Mason

Mr. Michael Milroy

Mr. Mark W. Nelson

Ms. Tammi Rodgers

Mr. Don Rivard

Ms. Robin Dillard-Russaw

Ms. Liz Stankewitz

Ms. Sandra Strauss

Ms. Jessica Testolin

Mr. A. Thomas Truesdell

MJI is always in need of experienced magistrates to act as instructors for the one-day visitation. During this visitation, the experienced magistrate meets with the new magistrate to review the process for conducting civil infraction hearings in traffic matters and demonstrates conduct of hearings. It is a commitment of zero to several days per year. If you are an experienced magistrate interested in acting as a magistrate instructor, please let me know.

-Magistrate Specialty Seminar was held August 3. Topics consisted of presentations on

Statutory, Court Rule, and Caselaw Update

Medical Marihuana/DRE Update

Implicit Bias

CMV Drugged Driving Strategies

Roundabouts—An Education Campaign

The seminar was generally well-received, but attendance was down from previous years. I am not sure if it was the date (early August) or the topics, but I would like to receive your feedback.

**Other Activities**

**Website** <https://mjieducation.mi.gov/>

MJI launched a new website in March, 2016 and it is regularly updated with upcoming events, items of interest, videos and publications updates.

**Publications**

Benchbooks: All MJI publications were updated last week and are current through September 1. I encourage you to review any benchbooks of interest, as well as the Manual for District Court Magistrates. All publications are available in HTML or PDF formats



**Quick Reference Materials** Under the Publications tab as well, includes a section on traffic/recreational vehicles



**Finally**

I would like to join MADCM in thanking the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) for providing funding to help support this conference, as well as some partial scholarships. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with OHSP in the upcoming year.

**Upcoming MJI Magistrate-related activities for 2018**

-New Magistrate seminar-March 13-15

-Magistrate Specialty Seminar-Tentatively scheduled for July 26

-Manual for District Court Magistrates—will be updaed in the Spring, 2018

-Benchbooks updated 3 times per year

**Input**

I want to hear from you. If you are intersted in becoming a Magistrate Instructor or have ideas for MJI magistrate training, please contact me at stathakisp@courts.mi.gov or 517-373-7607