

Macomb County Board/Commission: Friend of Court Advisory Committee

Appointing Authority: County Executive w/ Board concur

Origin: PA 294 (1982)

Function: The Advisory Committee reviews and investigates grievances concerning the Friend of the Court as provided by statute and advises the Court and the County Board of Commissioners on the Friend of the Court's duties and performance and the community's needs relating to the office's services. This committee is mandated by statute and compensation is not mandated by statute. MCL §552.504.

Meeting Schedule: Announced

Term: 3 yrs

Membership/Composition: Except for the initial appointees, members may serve one renewable term of 3 years. After having served 2 terms, a committee member cannot serve for 1 term (3 years) but may again serve following the one term hiatus.

Membership designation: 1 advocate for children; 1 non-custodial parent representative; 1 custodial parent representative; An attorney who engages primarily in family law practice; The county sheriff or the sheriff's designee; The prosecuting attorney or the prosecuting attorney's designee; the director of the family independence agency (or director's designee); A mental health professional who provides family counseling; A member of the general public who is not an individual who could serve on the committee in a category listed in subdivisions 1 – 8.

Current Members:

Designation	Name	Term exp.
Family law attorney	Dolora Paull	indefinite
Child advocate	Denise Greiner	indefinite
Non-custodial parent rep.	Marc DeRush	indefinite
Custodial parent rep.	Michael Sylvester	indefinite
County Sheriff or designee	Mark Hackel	ex-officio
Prosecutor or designee	Eric Smith	ex-officio
FIA Director or designee	Gino Gonzales	ex-officio
Family Counseling Prof.	Carmine Palmieri	indefinite
Gen. Public not 1-8 desig.	Karen Russel	indefinite