

FRIEND OF THE COURT CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

OVERSEEING COMMITTEE: Courts & Legal Affairs

DEPARTMENT: Prosecutor's Office

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APPOINTMENTS MADE BY: Vote of Board of Commissioners

ORIGIN: Friend of the Court Act – Act 294 (1982)

LOGISTICS: Applicants should submit Application for Appointment and Criminal History Form to:
Macomb County Board of Commissioners
Attention: Director of Board Services
1 S. Main St., 9th Floor
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

COMPOSITION:

Members: 9 members.

Tenure: 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 1 advocate for children

Designation: 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.

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.

No payments are being made to members at this time.