

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN
18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

AND

18TH DISTRICT COURT WORKERS ASSOCIATION

JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027

18TH DISTRICT COURT WORKERS ASSOCIATION

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AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into this 2nd day of June, 2023, between the State of Michigan 18th Judicial District Court (hereinafter referred to as the "Employer"), and the 18th District Court Workers Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Union") to be effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027.

PURPOSE AND INTENT

The Employer is a Michigan state court created under the authority of the Constitution of the State of Michigan and the City of Westland is the Funding Unit for the Employer. The Employer provides certain compensation and benefits to its employees pursuant to this Agreement which are funded by and/or administered through the Funding Unit.

The Union is a local subchapter of the Police Officers Association of Michigan ("POAM").

The general purpose of this Agreement is to set forth terms and conditions of employment, and to promote orderly and peaceful labor relations for the mutual interest of the Employer, employee and Union.

The parties recognize that the interest of the community and the job security of the employees depend upon the Employer's success in establishing a proper service to the community; and

To these ends, the Employer and the Union encourage, to the fullest degree, friendly and cooperative relations between the respective representatives at all levels and among all employees.

Therefore, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I
RECOGNITION

1.1: Non-Union Supervisory Employees. The following non-union employees shall be defined and classified as Supervisory Employees: Court Administrator, Deputy Court Administrator, Chief Probation Officer, Chief Security Officer, Collection

Investigator, Executive Secretary, Work Program Supervisor and Probation Officers. The Judges' Secretaries, Court Officers, and the Court Recorder will be classified as Confidential Employees.

ARTICLE II
UNION SECURITY

2.1: Each employee, who is, or becomes, a member of the Union, or a service fee payer, may sign an authorization for dues or service fee deduction, and shall do so with the understanding and declaration upon such form that the deductions shall continue for the length of the contract, or until written notice of revocation of the authorization is transmitted to the Employer and Union, whichever is later.

2.2: Upon written notice to the Employer and Union an employee shall have the right to opt out of union membership, as allowed by law, however, shall action shall not eliminate the requirement that deduction of dues or service fees be continued pursuant to a previously executed authorization form.

2.3: The Union will protect, save harmless and indemnify the Employer from any and all claims, demands, suits and other forms of liability by reason of action taken by the Employer for the purpose of complying with this article of the agreement.

2.4: Deductions shall be remitted to the Police Officers Association of Michigan and sent to 27056 Joy Road, Redford, MI 48239-1949. In the event that a refund is due to any employee for any sums deducted from wages and paid to the Union, it shall be the responsibility of such employee to obtain the appropriate refund from the Union.

2.5: The Employer shall not be liable for the remittance or payment of any sums other than those constituting actual deductions made. If the Employer fails to make a deduction for any employee as provided, it shall make the deduction from the employee's next pay in which such deduction is normally deducted after the error has been called to its attention by the employee or Union.

2.6: If there is an increase or decrease in union payroll deductions, such charges shall become effective upon presentation of a signed deduction statement by the Union.

2.7: The Employer agrees to deduct the Union membership dues or service fees once each month from the pay of the employees who have requested that such deductions be made.

2.8: An employee that seeks to establish or reestablish either membership in the Union or service fee payer status shall comply with the internal conditions mandated by the Union pursuant to its authority under section 10(2) of the Public Employment Relations Act.

ARTICLE III
CHECK-OFF OF UNION DUES-EMPLOYEE'S
AUTHORIZATION/REVOCATION

3.1: Payroll Deduction of Dues. The Employer will deduct from the pay of each member the monthly Union dues after receiving signed authorization to do so. The amount to be deducted shall be certified to the Employer by the Union.

3.2: Remittance to Union Office. All sums deducted shall be remitted to the Union office no later than the last day of the calendar month in which they are paid.

3.3: Indemnity. The Union agrees to indemnify, save harmless the Employer against any litigation, claim, or demand which is based upon action by the Employer, its agents, or employees in compliance with this Article.

ARTICLE IV
REPRESENTATION

4.1: Bargaining Committee. Employees shall be represented by a bargaining committee of not less than two members. This committee shall be elected in any manner determined by the Union, however, those selected must be on the seniority list.

4.2: Officers; Steward. In addition to the bargaining committee, the Union shall have a president, vice president and secretary/treasurer. The officers shall designate the person(s) who shall serve as the steward. Where it is necessary for them to perform their duties as Union representatives, they will be permitted to leave their assigned work and will be compensated at

their regular level of pay. This privilege is extended with the understanding that it will not be abused.

4.3: Notice to Employer. The Union will notify the Employer of the names and titles of their representatives within one week after their appointments. No representative will be permitted to act as such until the Employer has been advised of their appointment as representative.

4.4: Non-Discrimination of Members, Officers. There shall be no discrimination against any employee because of their membership in the Union, or because of his acting as an officer or on behalf of the Union.

4.5: Agency. The Union recognizes its responsibility as bargaining agent for its members and shall represent all members in the bargaining unit without discrimination.

4.6: Visits by Union Representatives. The Employer agrees that visits by accredited representatives of the Union shall have access to the premises of the Employer during working hours to conduct Union business pertinent to local members.

4.7: Special Conferences. Special conferences for matters other than grievances will be arranged between the steward and the Employer at the request of either party. Such meetings will be between the representatives of the Employer and at least two representatives of the Union. Arrangements for special meetings shall be made in advance of the meeting and an agenda of the matters to be discussed will be prepared. Only agenda items shall be discussed.

Conferences shall be held at a time and place agreeable to both parties. The members of the Union attending the special conference shall not lose time or pay for time spent while in special conferences. These conferences may be attended by accredited representatives of the Union.

4.8: No Overtime for Union Business. Overtime pay shall not be paid to Union members who are attending regular scheduled Union meetings called by their steward or representatives of the Union.

4.9: Electronic Communication. Emailed communications from the Court to the Union, and/or from the Union to the Court, may serve as written communications where referenced in the contract.

ARTICLE V
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

5.1: Grievance Procedure Defined. The following procedure will be used to adjust, settle, and dispose of employee complaints:

- Step 1. An employee who feels aggrieved shall contact the steward to discuss the grievance prior to presenting it to the Court Administrator. If the employee and steward find it necessary, the grievance is presented to the Administrator for discussion. If discussion between the parties fails to settle the issue, the Union shall reduce it to writing and present it to the Administrator for his written, dated, signed response. The response must be returned to the Union within five (5) business days of the receipt of the initial written complaint. If the response is not received, then the grievance automatically goes to the next step.
- Step 2. If the Administrator's answer is unsatisfactory, the grievance may be presented by the Union to the Chief Judge, or the Chief Judge Pro-Tem in the absence of the Chief Judge, within five (5) business days after the Administrator's response is due/received. That Judge shall answer the grievance in writing to the steward and POAM within ten (10) business days; if they fail to do so the grievance automatically proceeds to Step 3.
- Step 3. If the answer of the Chief Judge is not satisfactory, the grievance may be referred by the steward to the POAM representative for further study. The POAM will confer with the local Union and jointly review the grievance.
- Step 4. If, after reviewing the grievance, POAM and the local Union feel that the grievance is still unsettled, they may, within ten (10) business days after receipt of the committee's answer and by written notice to the other party, request arbitration.

Within ten (10) working days after such notice for arbitration, a request for a list of arbitrators may be made to the American Arbitration Association (the "AAA") by the party seeking arbitration. The parties will be bound by the rules and procedures of the AAA in the selection of an arbitrator.

The arbitrator selected will hear the matter promptly and will issue his decision not later than thirty (30) days from the date of the close of the hearing. The arbitrator's decision will be in writing and will set forth his findings of facts, reasoning, and conclusions on the issue(s) submitted.

The power of the arbitrator steps from this Agreement and his function to interpret and apply this Agreement and to pass upon alleged violations thereof. They shall have no power to add to, subtract from, or modify any terms of this agreement. Their decision shall be final and binding upon all parties involved.

The costs for the arbitrator's services, including his expenses, if any, shall be borne equally by the parties. Each party shall pay for its own expenses.

5.2: Grievance Time Limitation. No grievance shall be processed unless it is presented within ten (10) working days of the occurrence of the alleged violation or knowledge of said occurrence.

5.3: Back Wages. No claim for back wages shall exceed the amount of wages the employee would have otherwise earned at their regular rate of pay.

5.4: Time Limit Waiver. Time limits between the various steps may be waived and/or extended by mutual written agreement of the parties.

ARTICLE VI
STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

6.1: Agreement to Refrain. The parties of this Agreement recognize the service performed by governmental agencies and the duty of the Employer to render continuous service to the public it serves. Therefore, the Union agrees that it will not call, engage, or participate in, or sanction any strike, work stoppage or slowdown, sit-down, "blue flu," or any other action that would interfere with the conduct of the business of the Employer. The Employer agrees that it shall not lockout its employees or any part of its employees.

ARTICLE VII
DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE

7.1: Discipline Procedures. It is agreed that the maintenance of discipline is essential to the efficient operation of the court. The Employer agrees that in carrying out this disciplinary function they will:

- A. Provide Written Notice. In the event the Employer decides to discipline/discharge an employee, the employer shall give a dated written notice to the Employee and steward of the reasons for the disciplinary action.
- B. Request Meeting. At the request of the Union, a meeting to discuss the disciplinary action taken by the Employer may be held within two (2) business days of the request. If the meeting is denied by the Employer, the Union may proceed to item C, section 7.1.
- C. Written Grievance. If the Union is dissatisfied with the Employer's decision regarding a disciplinary action, they shall present a written grievance at Step 2 within ten (10) business days of the Employer's actions. Failure to provide a written grievance within the appropriate time frame shall mean the Employer's action was just and the Union waives the employee's/Union's right to appeal the discipline/discharge.

- D. Time Limitations-Prior Infractions. In imposing disciplinary action on a current charge, the Employer will not take into account any prior infractions which occurred more than two (2) years previously. However, all disciplinary actions may be kept in an employee's personnel file for a two (2) year period of time. If the employee wishes a disciplinary action to be removed from their file, they must notify the Employer who shall remove said action.
- E. Time Limitations-Action Taken. The Employer shall take any disciplinary action against an employee within fifteen (15) business days of its alleged occurrence and/or the Employer's discovery of the alleged violation. If criminal charges are brought against an employee, the Employer shall take disciplinary/discharge action within fifteen (15) business days of any conviction/acquittal. Time limits shall not apply if the alleged violation is a violation of federal, state, or local law.
- F. Levels of Disciplinary Action. The court agrees to practice corrective discipline and recognizes four levels of action, which range from least to most severe, depending on the frequency and severity of the alleged violation. The levels are:
1. oral warning
 2. written reprimand
 3. suspensions with/without pay
 4. discharge
- G. Suspension. The Employer reserves the right to suspend with pay without written notification of the reasons for discipline/discharge (section 7.1A) for a period no greater than five (5) business days.

ARTICLE VIII
PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEES AND SENIORITY

8.1: Probationary Employees.

- A. Probationary Period. A new employee shall be a probationary employee without seniority until they have completed ninety (90) calendar days of service. At the end of this ninety (90) day period they shall be terminated or have their probationary period extended or be entered into the seniority list of the employer using the first day of their probationary period as the date of seniority. A probationary employee may be laid off or terminated at the discretion of the Employer without recourse to the grievance procedure.
- B. Completion/Renewal of Period. Probationary employees who were terminated during their initial probationary period but who have been rehired within ninety (90) days of the last day they worked, will be considered to have completed their probationary period which they had previously started. A probationary employee who completes their period in this manner will be credited with ninety (90) days of service retroactive from the date he completes his period for the purpose of determining their date of seniority for the unit-wide seniority list. Any laid off/terminated probationary employee hired after ninety (90) calendar days from the last day they were employed by the court will be considered a new employee and shall begin a new ninety (90) day period.
- C. Probationary Period Limit. Probationary periods shall be limited to two (2) ninety (90) day calendar periods.
- D. Employee Obligations During Probationary Period. Probationary employees must punch in/out at all times when leaving the building including their lunch period. They will be paid on an hourly basis for time worked until their probationary period is completed. A probationary employee shall receive pay and credit towards their probationary time when

the court is closed for a holiday or other reasons beyond the control of the employee. Probationary employees shall be eligible for funeral leave and jury duty.

- E. Accumulation of Vacation/Sick Leave During Probation. Probationary employees accumulate vacation days (as described in Article XII, section 12.9) during their probationary period but cannot use same until such period has been completed. Effective January 1, 1993, probationary employees entered into the bargaining unit shall receive vacation days retroactive to the start of their probationary period, prorated at the rate of 1.25 days/month (using the 15/16 rule). Employees covered by this section shall receive one hundred percent (100%) payoff for unused days the second pay in January to a maximum of ten (10) days. Probationary employees may accumulate sick leave during the probationary period but shall not be paid for sick leave taken during the probationary period. Sick leave accumulations are $\frac{3}{4}$ day per month based on the 15/16 rule.
- F. Insurance Benefits. Probationary employees are entitled to all non-reimbursable insurance benefits as soon as the carrier allows.
- G. Fringe Benefits. Probationary employees are not eligible to receive but will accrue the following fringe benefits during their period of probation: personal time, time for unpaid leave of absence, and any other reimbursable benefit provided by the Employer and/or the Funding Unit. Benefits become available upon successful completion of their probationary period and are effective the date their probation period is completed. In emergency situations this restriction may be waived by mutual consent.
- H. Salary Increases. Probationary employees are not eligible for any scheduled salary increases until they have successfully completed their probationary period. A scheduled increase takes effect the date the employee completes their probationary period.

Increases are not retroactive back to the scheduled effective date for other employees, i.e., July 1.

8.2: Seniority. Seniority is defined as the employee's length of employment since his last date of hire with the employer as defined in section 8.1(A) and (B) of this Article. For new employees and employees hired after this Agreement becomes effective, the following shall prevail:

- A. Seniority List. After completion of their probationary period, each employee shall be placed on the seniority list. Each employee shall be placed in the promotion schedule found in Article IX of this contract. In the event seniority dates are the same the employees shall be listed alphabetically. The Employer shall supply a seniority list of all bargaining unit members upon written request.
- B. Employees Not Eligible for Seniority. Temporary, part-time clerical, or provisional employees shall not acquire seniority on either list. Temporary, part-time employees are employees who work irregularly; is hired for a period of thirty (30) working days; or who work not more than twenty (20) hours a week. Provisional employees are hired to replace a Union employee who may be off for an extended period of time (i.e., leave of absence, long-term disability, etc.). Temporary employees will not be used to replace regular employees nor work overtime unless all Union members have turned down said overtime offer. No more than four (4) temporary/part-time clerical employees may be deployed at any given time. All provisions regarding temporary employees may be waived by mutual consent.

8.3: Layoff Procedure for Union Personnel. When there is an indefinite reduction in the work force, the following procedure shall govern layoffs:

- A. Layoff Notice. The Employer will provide employee(s) with a fourteen (14) calendar day advance notice of layoff in writing.

- B. Layoff-Temporary/Part-time/Provisional Employees. Temporary, part-time or provisional employees will be laid off first in any order management chooses.
- C. Layoff-Probationary Employees. Next to be laid off are probationary employees. They shall be laid off by hire date.
- D. Layoff by Seniority. If additional layoffs are necessary, Union employees shall be laid off in Union seniority order, lowest seniority employees being laid off first. Regardless of seniority, the File Clerk(s) will be the first union personnel subject to layoff.

8.4: Recall. Recall of seniority employees shall be in reverse order of layoff. Employees who are being recalled have seven (7) workdays from date of notification by certified/registered mail to return to employment at the court. During this time a provisional employee may be hired under the Union employee returns. If the seniority employee fails to return during the seven (7) day period, they shall forfeit their seniority and right to recall. A laid off employee will be notified at his/her last known address.

8.5: Forfeiture of Seniority. Seniority shall be lost/forfeited if any employee:

- A. Voluntary Separation. Voluntarily quits or retires.
- B. Discharge. Is discharged and the discharge is not reversed through the grievance procedure.
- C. Absence Without Discharge. If the employee is absent for five (5) consecutive working days without notifying the Employer, unless it is physically impossible for them to do so.
- D. Failure to Return on Recall. Fails to return on recall as described above.
- E. Length of Layoff Period. If the employee is laid off for a period of one year, unless they have five

(5) or more years' seniority in which the layoff period shall be two years.

F. Disability. Separation upon settlement covering total disability.

G. Failure to Return from Leave. Failure to return from an unpaid leave of absence after leave period has expired.

ARTICLE IX
PROMOTION SCHEDULE

9.1: Classifications. For promotional purposes only, employees covered by this contract shall be classified into three categories based on their seniority. Employees shall automatically be promoted upon meeting the provisions of this Article. The classifications are based on seniority as follows:

- A. Court Services Specialist - up to 5 years' seniority.
- B. Court Services Specialist II - 5 to 10 years' seniority-promotion effective the employee's 5th anniversary date.
- C. Senior Court Services Specialist - over 10 years' seniority-promotion effective the employee's 10th anniversary date.

9.2: Additional Classification. Effective July 1, 1996, the 18th District Court created a new union classification of File Clerk. This position is not subject to the provisions of the promotion schedule found in this Article.

The File Clerk will be responsible for maintaining/locating/filing the case files of the district court as well as any other responsibilities assigned by management.

File Clerk(s) may apply for a Court Services Specialist I position should one become available but do not have an automatic right to that position.

ARTICLE X
MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

10.1: Rights of Employer. The Employer retains the sole right and shall have the authority to manage and operate the district court including, but not limited to, the sole and exclusive right to decide the number and assignment of employees; to maintain order and efficiency; to make rules of conduct for employees; to hire, layoff, discipline, discharge, assign, transfer, promote employees; to determine the starting and quitting time of the employees; which days will be worked; subject only to the expressed regulations and/or restrictions governing the exercise of these rights which may be provided in this Agreement. The Employer shall have the sole and exclusive right to administer all matters not specifically covered by this Agreement without limitations implied or otherwise.

ARTICLE XI
UNPAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE

11.1: Period of Unpaid Leave. The Chief Judge/Court Administrator may grant leaves of absence without pay to employees for a period of up to thirty (30) working days. Requests for more than thirty (30) days may be recommended by the Administrator but must be approved by the Chief Judge.

11.2: Authorized Leaves. Unpaid leaves of absence may be granted for the following reasons:

- A. FMLA. Employees may be eligible for unpaid leave per the Family and Medical Leave Act "FMLA."
- B. Military. For National Guard Duty or its equivalent per USSERA Act guidelines.
- C. Union. For service with the Union.
- D. Run for Office. Upon the announced intent to run for public office, other than precinct delegate, an employee may be granted leave to campaign.

11.3: Notice of Intent to Return from Leave. When returning from unpaid leave, the employee must notify, in writing, the Court Administrator fifteen (15) days in advance of the expiration of

the leave, that they are ready, willing, and able to return to work. Extension of leave requests must be made in in writing to the Court Administrator fifteen (15) days prior to the expiration of said leave. The Employer agrees to give a written answer, denying or approving an extension five (5) days before the leave expires.

11.4: Medical Insurance Premiums. Employees off on unpaid leaves may pay to the Employer's Funding Unit the amount of the medical premium per the regulations of the insurance carrier.

11.5: No Loss of Seniority. Employees on leave shall not lose seniority and will accumulate up to one (1) year seniority providing they have more than three (3) years seniority with the Employer. Unpaid leave time does not count towards the employee's pension time.

ARTICLE XII
HOURS, WAGES, ECONOMIC BENEFITS.

12.1: Hours of Operation. The Chief Judge shall establish regular starting and quitting times which may be amended with ten (10) business days' written notice to the employees.

12.2: Work Week. The work week shall be Monday through Friday. The regular work week for the salaried clerical employees shall be set at thirty-five (35) hours per week. There may be a Letter of Understanding outlining a four (4) day work week for a five (5) day operation.

12.3: Premium Pay. With the prior approval from the Employer, the employees are entitled to:

- A. Work in Excess of 7 Hours. Time and one-half will be paid for time worked in excess of the regular seven (7) hour workday.
- B. Work in Excess of 35 Hours. Time and one-half shall be paid for time worked in excess of the regular thirty-five (35) hour work week.
- C. Saturdays. Time and one-half shall be paid for all work on Saturdays.

D. Sundays. Double time will be paid for all work performed on Sundays.

E. Holidays. The holiday pay plus double time will be paid for all work performed on holidays.

12.4: Call Time. Any employee called in to work at the Employer's direction outside of their regularly scheduled shift shall be paid for the minimum of four (4) hours at the rate of time and one-half, or other appropriate overtime rate. If the call time assignment and the regular shift overlap, the employee shall be paid at the call time rate until they complete two (2) hours of work. The employee then shall be paid for his regular shift at the appropriate rate.

12.5: Relief Periods. There will be two (2) fifteen (15) minute relief periods granted to each employee, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Additional relief periods shall be granted for any four (4) hour overtime increments. The Employer shall provide a place within the facility for these relief periods. Employees are not allowed to leave the premises/grounds without permission while on a relief break. The Employer reserves the right to schedule employees' breaks.

12.6: Equalization of Overtime. Overtime, at the direction of the Employer, will be rotated and equalized for those employees who request to be placed on the rotating overtime list and the employee must be qualified as determined by management to perform the work.

12.7: New Classifications. The steward shall be notified of new positions created within the court, the classification of the position and its pay rate. These positions shall be considered temporary for a ninety (90) day period. Thereafter, negotiations shall commence and continue for a thirty (30) day period of time. If Union status is unresolved it may proceed to the grievance process at the step prior to mediation.

12.8: Holiday Pay. The following shall be considered paid holidays:

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday (3rd Monday in January)
President's Day (3rd Monday in February)
Good Friday
Memorial Day

Juneteenth
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving
Primary/General Election Days (All bargaining unit employees shall be excused with pay when the court is closed for all primary and general election days throughout the year)
State/National General Election Days
Christmas Eve
Christmas Day
New Year's Eve
Employee's Birthday (with 72-hour approval by Administrator/Chief Judge, employee may take any day within thirty (30) day period of their birth date)

- A. Weekend Holidays. If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the holiday schedule will be the same as the funding unit holiday schedule.
- B. Absence When Scheduled for Holiday. If an employee is scheduled to work on a holiday and fails to show for reasons other than paid sick leave or paid vacation, they shall receive no holiday pay.
- C. Before/After Holiday. An employee must work the day before and the day after a holiday unless excused by supervision or has a written, valid doctor's excuse, or they forfeit the holiday pay.

12.9: Vacation. The following vacation schedule, which went into effect January 1, 1993, applies to all union employees:

<u>Years of Seniority</u>	<u>Days of Vacation</u>
0-3	15
3-7	20
7-10	25
10-20	27
Over 20	30

Vacation days are credited to the employee's bank every January 1st. In addition, on the employee's actual seniority date the employee shall be credited with any additional days which may

be due in accordance with the above schedule. [Example: On January 1, Employee has almost 7 years of service and is entitled to 20 days of vacation. On Employee's seniority date of August 1, he/she is immediately entitled to the additional 5 days of vacation due employees with 7-10 years of service.]

- A. Payment for Unused Vacation. Beginning January 1, 1999, employees must use at least ten (10) vacation days annually. Any unused vacation days over ten (10), but not to exceed twenty (20), will be paid to the employee on the second pay in January of each year.
- B. Vacation Pay After Retirement, Death, Voluntary Separation. Upon a MERS retirement, death of the employee, or voluntary separation, a maximum of ten (10) days of unused vacation shall be paid at the full rate at the time of separation to the employee or beneficiary. For employees hired on or after July 1, 2023, upon retirement or termination, the employee shall receive 50% payment of unused vacation time if employed with the 18th District Court for eight (8) years or less, to a maximum of ten (10) days. Those with greater than eight (8) years will receive 100% payment of unused vacation time up to a maximum of ten (10) days as described above.
- C. Illness During Vacation. When sickness occurs while on annual leave, the time may be charged to sick time. Application for making this change must be made upon the employee's return to work and must be supported by a doctor's signed, written statement.
- D. Vacation Requests on March 1. Vacations will be granted at such times during the year as suitable, providing that the Employer is notified of the employee's desire on March 1st of each year. Vacations will be granted providing they do not provide a hardship on the court. In the event two or more employees desire the same time seniority shall prevail. After March 1st, the earliest request shall be considered for approval. The Employer will allow six (6) union employees, two

employees from the civil division, and two (2) from the probation department, to be off on annual leave at the same time, unless otherwise approved by the Employer.

- E. Holiday Falls During Vacation. When a holiday is observed during a scheduled vacation, the vacation shall be extended one day continuous with the vacation.
- F. December Vacation Rotation. Effective January 1, 2020, vacations during the latter part of December each year shall be rotated in accordance with the seniority list. If for any reason an employee chooses to pass on vacation during this time, she/he will not be able to trade-off said time and will be placed back into the rotation accordingly. In addition, the time shall be offered to the next eligible employee thereby continuing the rotation. The employee shall have completed three (3) years of service before she/he will be eligible for rotation. The Union steward shall be responsible for maintaining the rotation schedule.

The time period for the above-described vacation shall be defined as:

- the week in which Christmas Day falls and
- the week in which New Year's Day falls.

- G. Vacation-Prohibited Practices. Annual leave hours shall not be allowed in advance of being earned. If an employee has insufficient time accumulated, a payroll deduction for the lost time shall be made. Donation of vacation from one employee to another is prohibited.
- H. Vacation Increments. Vacations shall be taken in increments of five (5) consecutive days. Vacations may be split into one or more weeks providing such scheduling does not interfere with court operation. The intent is to limit the taking of annual leave days to five (5) day blocks. Requests for annual leave days that are less than five (5) days will be considered by the Employer if said request does not

cause a hardship on the court operations and only after all five (5) day requests have been considered.

12.10: Personal Leave. Beginning January 1, 1995, five (5) personal leave days shall be granted each calendar year for employees who have completed their probationary periods. Said days cannot be accumulated and only one personal day shall be granted to each employee in the month of December. Said leave days are credited January 1st of each year.

12.11: Sick Leave, Short Term and Long-Term Disability. The following schedule becomes effective July 1, 2007:

- A. Calling in Sick. Employees who will be absent from work must notify court supervision within one-half (1/2) hour after their scheduled workday begins, unless they are physically unable to do so. Employees who have previously used three (3) sick days during a calendar year, when calling in a subsequent sick day (fourth and beyond) must personally speak to a member of the administrative staff (as defined by the Recognition section of this contract) within one-half (1/2) hour of their scheduled starting time unless physically unable to do so. Employees calling in sick must use sick time or personal time. With employer approval, vacation time may be used after all sick time and personal time is exhausted. Sick days may not be used to supplant or extend personal or vacation time. Failure to comply with this section shall result in the employee being considered absent without pay.
- B. General Sick Leave Provisions. Effective January 1, 2020, employees shall receive nine (9) sick leave days per year credited January 1st of each year. Sick leave bank accumulations shall not exceed forty-five (45) days. At the end of any calendar year, any time exceeding the maximum of forty-five (45) days shall be paid at 100% of the employee's prevailing rate of pay on the second pay in January of the following year. Upon retirement or termination, the employee shall receive 100% payment for sick leave days up to the maximum of

forty-five (45) days. Upon the death of an employee, 100% payment of unused sick leave to the maximum of forty-five (45) days shall be paid to the employee's beneficiary. Accumulation paid to the employee at termination or to the employee's beneficiary shall be at the employee's prevailing rate of pay. For payment of any sick leave, the employee must have completed their probationary period. There will be no donation of sick leave from one union employee to another (this provision may be waived at the request of an employee and with the consent of management and the union membership). Employees off sick for three (3) days or more are required to provide a written doctor's excuse verifying illness. The Employer reserves the right to obtain validation of injury/illness and/or verification to return to work from a doctor of its choosing. For employees hired on or after July 1, 2023, upon retirement or termination, the employee shall receive 50% payment of unused sick time if employed with the 18th District Court for eight (8) years or less, to a maximum of forty-five (45) days. Those with greater than eight (8) years will receive 100% payment of unused sick time up to the maximum of forty-five (45) days.

- C. Short-Term Disability Illness. Effective July 1, 2007, on the eighth (8th) calendar day after an illness or disability, the Employer shall pay seventy-five (75%) percent of the employee's base rate until the employee returns to work or until the illness extends to meet the criteria of a long-term disability. The following schedule applies to the remainder of the contract: Effective July 1, 2008, 75% of the base rate shall be paid on the fifteenth (15th) calendar day; effective July 1, 2009, 75% of the base rate shall be paid on the twenty-second (22nd) calendar day of an illness or injury; and effective July 1, 2010, 75% of the base rate shall be paid on the thirty-first (31st) calendar day of an illness or disability until the employee returns to work or becomes eligible for long-term disability under the contract. For purposes of eligibility for STD, any two periods of disability caused by the same or a related injury

or sickness will be considered a single period of disability if they are separated by fewer than six (6) months, and beyond, up to one (1) year at the Employer's discretion on a case-by-case basis.

If a holiday falls during the time the employee is on STD/LTD, the employee shall not be penalized for holiday time and shall be paid for the holiday at the applicable rate.

- D. Long-Term Disability/Illness. On the ninety-first (91st) calendar day of said illness or disability, the Employer's long-term disability ("LTD") carrier (through the Funding Unit) shall provide payment of sixty-six and two-thirds (66-2/3%) percent of the employee's base rate. The sixty-six and two-thirds (66-2/3%) percent benefit will continue to be paid by the insurance carrier with a limit of three (3) years.

If a holiday falls during the time the employee is on STD/LTD, the employee shall not be penalized for holiday time and shall be paid for the holiday at the applicable rate.

- E. Continued Fringe Benefits. All applicable fringe benefits (with the exception of vacation accumulations, personal leave days, physical exams and tuition reimbursement) remain in effect during extended illness for up to two (2) years while an employee is off on medical leave of absence.

- F. Sick Leave Defined. Sick leave is provided to permit an employee to remain in a pay status while absent from work because of an illness or injury to the employee or a member of their immediate family (as defined in the funeral leave section of this contract) that requires the employee's care and attention (proper documentation of the family member's illness may be required); pregnancy; or contagious disease (a contagious disease is considered a disease in which the inflicted person is subject to quarantine).

- G. Increments of Sick Time. Sick time may be used in increments of days or hours as needed to cover the employee's scheduled doctor/dental appointments. It shall be the employee's obligation upon returning to work to provide the Employer with a dated and timed doctor/dental excuse.
- H. Effect of Sick Leave on Seniority. While on an extended illness seniority shall continue as far as the pension plan is concerned. For a layoff, longevity, and promotional (if level of performance requirement is met) purposes no more than two (2) years seniority from the ninety-first (91st) day shall accumulate.
- I. Well-Being Incentive. A bonus of seven hundred fifty (\$750.00) dollars will be paid to employees who use no more than three (3) sick days in a calendar year. The bonus will be paid on the first pay in February to eligible employees on the payroll as of January 1st. This well-being plan became effective January 1, 1999.
- J. Maternity Leave. Maternity leave shall be granted for an employee giving birth to a newborn. Maternity leave is defined as time off for birth and aftercare of newborn. Maternity leave shall commence one week before due date and shall end on the 90th day of commencement. Maternity leave shall be compensated at STD 75% of base pay. If an employee elects to take more time, then they shall utilize their sick bank, vacation time, and personal time for compensation at 100% of pay. If an employee elects to take unpaid time off, FMLA rules shall apply. Maternity leave for fathers shall be granted. Full pay for up to two weeks beginning with the birth of the child be granted without charge to vacation, sick or personal bank. If an employee elects to take unpaid time off, FMLA rules shall apply.

12.12: Workers' Compensation. For on-the-job injuries, each employee will be covered by the applicable Workers' Compensation laws and the Employer further agrees that for a period of one (1) year after the date of injury/illness, they shall pay the employee

an amount sufficient to make up the difference between the compensation payment and their regularly weekly income.

It is agreed that employees shall not receive duplicate compensation for time lost on the job (i.e., compensation through LTD policy and Workers' Compensation). If at a future date a Workers' Compensation claim is filed and awarded while an employee has been receiving LTD payments, then the employee shall reimburse the Employer and/or insurance carrier for duplicate benefits received.

12.13: Funeral Leave. In case of a death in the immediate family of an employee, the employee shall be granted a leave of absence with pay not to exceed five (5) working days, if the maximum time is needed. Immediate family shall include the employee's:

spouse, parents, children, brothers, sisters, parents-in-law, son/daughter-in-law, grandparents, grandchildren and corresponding relatives of the employee's spouse.

In the event of a death of other relatives (i.e., uncles, aunts, cousins), the employee shall receive one (1) day paid leave if the funeral is in the local area and three (3) days if out of the local area. This leave is not chargeable to vacation or sick leave banks.

12.14: Jury Duty. Employees with seniority called for jury duty will be granted a leave of absence with pay for as long as they are acting as jurors, providing they provide Employer with proof of jury duty. Any stipend received for jury duty may be kept by the employee.

12.15: Pension. The Employer, through the Funding Unit, shall provide employees with a pension under the Municipal Employees' Retirement System ("MERS"), pursuant to Public Act 135 and 314, amended Act 427 of the State of Michigan. The program shall consist of the B-2 pension plan (as defined in the MERS information pamphlet) with the E, E-1, E-2 riders, FAC-3, V-8 and the F-55 waiver. The Employer will contribute all costs to the plan.

Effective July 1, 1998, the pension plan was amended to include plan B-4 with age 50 and twenty-five (25) years of service or age 55 with fifteen (15) years of service, V-6, RS50, E, E-1 and E-2 riders, and FAC-3.

Effective October 1, 2003, the current pension plan shall be further amended to include a two and eight-tenths (2.8%) percent multiplier [up to twenty-five (25) years, with a one (1%) percent factor after twenty-five (25) years of service, with a maximum benefit of eighty (80) percent].

Any employee hired after October 1, 2003, will be placed in the MERS retirement system at a B-2 level [with a two (2) percent multiplier] with age 50 and twenty-five (25) years of service or age 55 with fifteen (15) years of service with a V-8, FAC-5, RS50, and E-2 rider. The Employer shall contribute all costs to the plan.

Any employee hired after July 1, 2010, will be placed in a MERS retirement system defined benefit program (Division 20) as follows: 1.5% multiplier (no max); normal retirement age 60; eight (8) year vesting (V-8); five (5) year final average compensation (FAC).

Effective July 1, 2016, all bargaining unit members shall contribute, on a pre-tax basis, five (5%) percent of their wages towards their respective defined benefit plan. The Employer/Funding Unit shall bear all remaining costs to all B/U members' MERS defined benefit plans.

Employees hired after ratification shall be provided with a MERS Defined Contribution Retirement Plan. The employee shall contribute five (5%) percent of their wages on a pre-tax basis to their Defined Contribution Plan. The Employer shall contribute ten (10%) percent of the employee's bi-weekly salary into the MERS Defined Contribution Retirement Plan each pay period (bi-weekly).

12.16: Insurance Programs. All active employees will be required to share in the costs of their healthcare through the Funding Unit in accordance with P.A. 152 as that Act is implemented by the Funding Unit. The Funding Unit commits to contributing the maximum contribution by law set by the State Treasury (Hard Cap) for the remainder of the CBA. In the event P.A. 152 is repealed, the parties agree to a reopener exclusive to the matter of health care contributions.

A. Choice of Plans. The Funding Unit shall provide active employees with the ability to elect coverage under one of the following Blue Cross Blue Shield plans: PPO-1, PPO-2, Base Plan PPO, Value Plan PPO

and Qualified High Deductible Health Plan (QHDHP). Upon mutual agreement, the Funding Unit may change or substitute an insurance carrier with substantially similar medical coverage (as outlined in the Summary of Benefits and Coverages for the above plans) and premium range each medical benefit plan coverage year.

Employees hired before July 1, 2010, shall have the option to remain with the plan and health care provider the retiree had on his/her date of retirement.

This coverage shall be continued until the employee and/or his/her spouse reaches eligibility for Medicare.

The Funding Unit may add health plans if doing so provides substantially similar coverage and premium range from which the employee may select. The Funding Unit shall pay for the applicable retiree medical coverage at the rate of seven (7%) percent per complete year of service to the court for insurance coverage in effect for the particular employee. The retired employee or spouse must be drawing a MERS pension to receive medical coverage benefits. Upon eligibility for BC/BS supplemental coverage, as applicable, the Funding Unit will pay for said supplemental coverage for the retiree and/or spouse, provided the retiree pays for Medicare: A&B. Employees while on duty disability retirement shall receive 100% of the applicable medical insurance premium coverage. In the event an employee with a vested right in the MERS pension dies, his/her survivors may continue the applicable health insurance coverage as long as the spouse remains unmarried. The amount of the premium to be provided by the Funding Unit for survivor coverage shall be 7% of the costs of the applicable monthly premiums for each full year of service by the employee.

Employees still in the service of the Court at age sixty-five (65) shall be covered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield supplemental coverage. The Funding Unit

shall also reimburse the employee for his/her payments quarterly for Medicare A&B.

The Funding Unit shall not change or substitute equivalent retirement insurance plans and/or retirement insurance providers (including, without limitation, retiree medical insurance, etc.) for any retirement insurance plans or providers that a retiree was entitled to at the time of retirement, so long as the specified retiree insurance providers remain in existence, and they continue to offer the specified retiree insurance plans. If such plans are not available, the Funding Unit shall provide equivalent coverage from another provider.

- B. Mutual Gains. Employees who are able to obtain health insurance through a spouse or as a dependent of another may participate in the City's 2013 Mutual Gains Program as set by plan on file in the City's Personnel Office. The 2013 Mutual Gains Program establishes a stipend to those employees who have health insurance through another non-City provider of \$1,200 per year for single coverage, \$2,400 per year for 2-person coverage, and \$3,600 per year for family coverage.
- C. Vaccinations. Employees covered by this Agreement are eligible for a reimbursement of up to twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for an annual influenza vaccination and up to twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars for a pneumonia vaccination every five (5) years. Employer will reimburse employees upon proof of expenditure.
- D. Reimbursement for Physical Exams. The Employer agrees to reimburse employees one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for a physical examination every fiscal year (i.e., July 1 to June 30).
- E. Dependent Medical Coverage Upon Death of Employee. If the employee dies, the employee's dependents, as defined by the IRS criteria, shall receive continued medical and hospitalization coverage for

one (1) year, to be paid for by the Employer's Funding Unit.

- F. Medical Coverage to Retirees. The Employer's Funding Unit shall provide medical benefits to retirees on the same basis as active, current employees (M 65 program for those on Medicare). The percentage of monthly premium/coverage cost will be paid per year of pensioned service according to the following schedule:

Retirement after 7/1/95 - 7% per year of service.

The former employee or eligible spouse must be drawing MERS or state pension.

Employees hired after July 1, 2010, receive no retiree health care.

- G. Life Insurance. The Employer agrees to provide employees a \$100,000 group life insurance policy. The policy will be double indemnity in the event of an accidental death or dismemberment. Retirees drawing a MERS pension are eligible for a \$25,000 policy. For employees hired on or after July 1, 2023 the employee shall receive a \$50,000 group life insurance policy. The policy will be double indemnity in the event of an accidental death or dismemberment. Retirees who were hired on or after July 1, 2023, and drawing a MERS pension, are eligible for a \$12,000 policy.
- H. Optical Coverage - Current Employees. The Employer will pay for an annual eye exam for the employee, employee's spouse and dependent children (IRS eligible) and pay for family optical costs for glasses/contacts up to three hundred and fifty (\$350.00) dollars every fiscal year at the doctor of the employee's choosing. Payment shall be made only upon the presentment of proof of expenditures.
- I. Optical Coverage - Retirees. The Employer's Funding Unit will reimburse the retiree the costs of an eye exam for the retiree and his/her dependents every other fiscal year. In addition, the Funding Unit shall reimburse the retiree up to

one hundred (\$100.00) dollars of family optical costs (i.e., glasses or contact lenses) every other fiscal year. The optical services may be obtained from the doctor of the retiree's choosing. Payment shall be made only upon the presentment of proof of expenditure. The retiree must be drawing a MERS/state pension.

- J. Dental Coverage - Current Employees. Effective November 1, 1995, the dental plan was changed from a co-pay of 50/50 to 80/20 with a per-person maximum of fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars per contract year on Class I and II benefits (as described in the dental care provider's information pamphlet) with a per-person lifetime benefit cap of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars for orthodontics.
- K. Dental Coverage - Retirees. The Employer's Funding Unit shall provide to retirees drawing a MERS or state pension the dental coverage described in 12.16(J) above. For employees who retire after July 1, 1995, the Employer's Funding Unit shall pay seven percent (7%) of the dental premium cost per year of service for the retiree and retiree's spouse.

12.17: Pay Day. All employees shall be paid by check (or will receive a voucher if the employee has elected to participate in a direct-deposit plan) every two (2) weeks. Checks will be distributed every other Friday by the Administrator and/or their designee. It is recognized that certain deductions (i.e., FICA, federal and state income tax, union dues, etc.), will be taken from an employee's gross pay. Other deductions i.e., additional tax deductions, credit union payments, deferred compensation, etc.), may be taken at the request of the employee. Corrections to employee's checks of less than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars will be paid within three (3) working days. Corrections of more than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars shall be made on that same pay day.

Employees are responsible for preparing and submitting accurate time cards on which their pay is to be based. Any timecard containing errors which is signed by the employee and submitted to the Funding Unit shall not be subject to correction at a later date.

12.18: Tuition Reimbursement. With the prior approval of the Chief Judge/Administrator, employees may receive reimbursement for tuition, registration, and related texts up to a maximum of two thousand five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars per school year upon successful completion of a course at an accredited school corresponding to their job duties at the court. The school year will be September 1 through the following August 31. Reimbursement will be made upon proof of expenditures and successful (grade of C or better) completion of the course. Reimbursement shall not be made for miscellaneous fees, parking fees, student activity fees, etc., charged by the school. Employees must remain employed by the Court for one full year after completion of courses.

12.19: Mileage Reimbursement. If employees are required to use their own cars for job related tasks, they shall be reimbursed at the current rate set by the IRS and adjusted annually, but at no time shall payment be less than twenty-five (\$.25) cents per mile. A mileage sheet must be prepared and submitted with the employee's time card for the reimbursement to be processed and paid.

12.20: Salary Structure. Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027 the following hourly salary structure shall be established:

Classification	7/1/2023 (5%)	7/1/2024 (3%)	7/1/2025 (2%)	7/1/2026 (2%)
File Clerk	\$18.80	\$19.37	\$19.76	\$20.15
CSS1	\$25.38	\$26.14	\$26.66	\$27.19
CSS2	\$26.74	\$27.55	\$28.10	\$28.66
SCSS	\$28.33	\$29.18	\$29.76	\$30.36

The wage progression for Court Services Specialist 1 is:

80% from start date to 1 year of service
90% from after 1 year of service
95% from after 2 years of service
100% From after 3 years of service

Adjustments in accordance with the above schedule shall be made on July 1st of each year with the following exceptions:
Adjustments to those employees with less than five (5) years

seniority shall be made on their anniversary date, and any employee moving to a new job classification.

For the position of file clerk only, eighty (80%) percent from state date until successful completion of the probation period. One hundred (100%) percent upon completion of probation period and entry into the Union. Negotiated adjustments to the file clerk's wage, if any, will be made July 1st of each year.

12.21: Cross-Training Bonus. All current bargaining unit employees (not on probation) shall receive a cross-training bonus of two hundred -fifty (\$250.00) dollars per year payable in the first pay period in the month of August.

ARTICLE XIII
GENERAL PROVISIONS

13.1: Bulletin Board. The Employer agrees to provide the Union with a bulletin board which shall be used to post Union activities and other notices including, but not limited to: notice of Union meetings, social and recreational functions, notice of Union elections, results of Union elections. The Employer may also post court orders, rules, etc., that apply to court procedures.

- A. Union Responsibility. The policing of the Union bulletin boards is an obligation of the Union. The Employer may oversee this and can expect the Union to maintain it properly.
- B. Material Posted. Any material posted on the bulletin boards and authorized by the Union to be posted which contains anything political or controversial, or anything reflecting upon the Court/City, any of its employees, or any labor organizations among its employees, shall be in violation of this Article and shall entitle the Employer to request the Union to remove such material.

13.2: Rule Changes. The Union shall be informed of any present or future work rules/changes before they take effect. The Union reserves the right to challenge the rules/changes through the grievance process.

13.3: Special Meetings-Health and Safety Issues. The Union shall have the right to request a special meeting on any working condition that endangers/affects the health and safety of the employees.

13.4: ID Cards. Identification cards with photos will be issued to all employees renewable at the start of a new contract period. It is understood that these ID cards are the property of the Employer and shall be promptly returned to the court by the employee upon termination of employment. No employee shall have made any other type of ID, badge, etc., for the purpose of identifying themselves to anyone as a court employee.

13.5: Union Work. Supervision will not, except in mutually agreeable emergency situations, perform bargaining unit work. The Court Administrator, Deputy Court Administrator, and Executive Secretary may perform bargaining unit work for the purpose of being able to fill in on an emergency basis as well as for the purpose of understanding all tasks assigned to the clerks so that they can make informed decisions regarding assignments, etc.

13.6: Reporting to Work. Employees are expected to report to work on time; be at their desks prepared to work; and to observe working hours that have been established. Employees failing to report on time shall have the time deducted from their pay in increments of one-tenth for every six (6) minutes missed. The time clock shall be used for the purpose of punching in and out in the morning and afternoon only (excluding probationary employees).

13.7: Integration. This is the sole Agreement between the parties. It may be amended any time by mutual agreement, in writing, and such amendment will become part of this Agreement at the conclusion of the negotiations. No individual can modify or amend this Agreement. In that view, the Employer agrees that it will not aid, promote, or finance any other labor group/organization.

13.8: Promotions Out of Union. The following applies to any employee who is a member of the Union on the effective date of this contract: Any employee promoted out of the bargaining unit shall retain the seniority they had at the time of promotion. They shall not accumulate Union seniority while out of the bargaining unit. Seniority employees wishing to return to the Union because of layoff/termination of non-Union position may bump back into the Union position holding job classification and seniority they held

at the time of promotion out of the bargaining unit. Severance pay, etc., shall not be paid to those employees exercising their right to re-enter the Union. The lowest seniority employee shall be laid off upon re-entry of higher seniority personnel.

13.9: Emergency Weather Conditions. In the event of a weather or other emergency occurrence that causes the Court to close, the employees covered by this Agreement and scheduled to work, shall not have the time charged against their accumulated leave (i.e., vacation or personal days). This does not pertain to those who were already scheduled off.

13.10: Drug/Alcohol Use. Employees in possession, using, or selling illegal drugs or alcohol on the job may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including immediate discharge.

13.11: Non-Discrimination. The Employer shall not discriminate against any employee because of age, sex, race, marital status, nationality, religious or political beliefs or activity, Union activity, or disability.

13.12: Headings. Titles and headings to articles, sections, or paragraphs in this Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to affect the interpretation or construction of the Agreement.

13.13: Savings Clause. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to be in conflict with existing state law. In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall at any time be held prohibited by or invalid under applicable law by a court of competent jurisdiction from whose final judgment or decree no appeal has been taken within the time limits for doing so, it will be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remaining provisions of this Agreement.

13.14: Notices. All notices and other communications required or permitted under this Agreement may be in writing and will be deemed given when delivered personally and/or by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

To Union:

Business Agent
Police Officers Association
of Michigan
27056 Joy Road
Redford, MI 48239

and President
18th District Court
Workers Association
36675 Ford Road
Westland, Mi 48185

To Employer:

18th District Court
Attn: James Gibbs, Court Administrator
36675 Ford Road
Westland, MI 48185

Article IV (4.9) and Article XIII (13.14) does not apply to Article XII (12.11 (A)) - Calling in Sick.

13.15: Outside Employment. As a condition of employment, employees covered by this Agreement shall receive approval of the Chief Judge and/or Chief Judge Pro-Tem/Court Administrator prior to accepting any additional employment outside the Court. Request must be made in writing to the Court Administrator.

ARTICLE XIV
DRUG POLICY

14.1: Purpose. The purpose of this order is to provide all court employees with notice of the provisions of the 18th District Court drug testing program.

14.2: Policy. It is the policy of the Court that the work performed by employees of the 18th District Court justifies a drug-free work environment through the use of a reasonable employee testing program. In order to ensure the integrity of the Court and to preserve public trust and confidence in a fit and drug free Court, the Court Administration has implemented a drug testing program to detect prohibited drug use based upon a standard requiring probable cause.

14.3: Definitions.

- A. Drug Test. The production and submission of urine and/or blood by an employee in accordance with court procedures for chemical analysis to detect prohibited drug use.
- B. Probable Cause. Cause must be based on specific objective facts, and any rationally derived inferences from those facts, about the conduct of an individual that would lead the reasonably

trained person to suspect that the individual is or has been using drugs, or is under the influence of drugs, at the workplace. Probable cause is that amount of facts and circumstances within the knowledge of the Court Administration which is sufficient to warrant a prudent person to believe it is more probable than not that an employee is or has been improperly using drugs, or is under the influence of drugs, while at the work place.

1. Employee. Any individual of the bargaining unit.
2. Court Administration. Shall mean the Chief Judge and/or his designee.

14.4: General Rules.

- A. All potential court employees must successfully pass a drug screening during their pre-employment physical examination.
- B. The following rules shall apply to all employees while working in the workplace:
 1. No employee shall illegally possess any controlled substance.
 2. No employee shall ingest any controlled substance or prescribed substance, except under the direction of a licensed medical practitioner.
 3. Any violation of the substance abuse policy shall be immediately reported to the Court Administrator.

14.5: Employee Drug Testing.

- A. The Court Administration may order an employee to take a drug test for probable cause. A written summary of the facts supporting the order shall be made available to the employee prior to the actual test. The test will be conducted at a medical

facility agreed to by the Union and the Employer with the understanding that the Employer shall bear all costs.

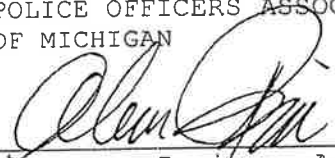
1. If such employee's test is negative, the summary of facts supporting the order shall not be placed in his/her personnel file.
 2. Test results reporting a presence of illegal drugs or narcotics, or the use of prescription drugs without a prescription will be submitted to the Court Administration who will make a determination on any dispute or rehabilitation as needed. In the event of a positive reading the employee may request a second test at another authorized medical facility, agreed to by the Union and the Employer with the understanding that the Employer shall bear all costs.
 3. At the time of the original test, the testing facility will draw two samples and adhere to chain-of-custody procedures in regard to the care and custody of the samples. After the first sample returns a positive, the employee may request the second sample be tested at a second facility using mass spectrometry procedure or verify the existence on improper drugs with the understanding that the Employer shall bear all costs.
- B. If an employee under his/her own volition makes the Court Administration aware that he/she has a substance abuse problem with a prescription drug, that employee will be offered a Union and Court approved rehabilitation program. The employee will be held accountable to the conditions associated with the program.
- C. Failure to report for drug testing during the time period the employee is requested to test will be considered the same as testing positive.

ARTICLE XV
DURATION OF AGREEMENT


15.1: Term. With noted exceptions, this contract is in full force and effect July 1, 2023, and will remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2027, unless either party notifies the other in writing of a desire to amend, modify, or terminate the agreement. Termination notices must be sent in accordance with section 4.9 or section 13.14 sixty (60) days prior to the annual expiration date to affect a termination.

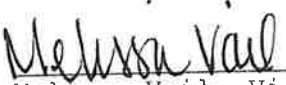
If a new agreement is not negotiated and in place by June 30, 2027, this contract will remain in full force and effect until such time as a new agreement is reached and ratified by both parties.


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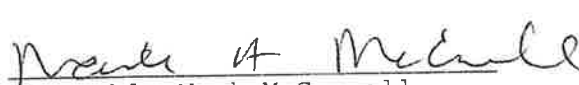
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