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From the desk of the Director



Happy New Year to to you all! I am very excited to have accepted the position of Director of the Regional MAC Office! I am humbled that leadership had faith that I will continue the progress made

thus far. I am looking forward to continuing to work with all of our roster attorneys and stakeholders from the various courts and funding units.

The past several months has definitely held a lot of transition for our office, from new staffing to the rollout of our new case management system (ZLS). I ask that you continue to have patience as we continue to work towards a more robust and efficient office. This will benefit everyone involved greatly. I look forward to this new adventure with you all!

Rachel L. McRipley

Fighting for equal and fair representation every step of the way!

Getting to know the RMACO

Our office plans to send quarterly newsletters to keep you up-to-date with all things regarding Regional MAC office. Currently, we are undergoing quite a bit of transition within the office, so we thought it would be appropriate to send an update and fill you in on those changes.

New Director

We are delighted to announce that our very own Attorney Rachel McRipley is moving from Deputy Director to Director. For more from her, please see "From the desk of the Director" to the left.

New Staff

In December of 2024, we welcomed Senior Attorney Alex Green IV. Alex is a graduate of Detroit Mercy Law School and has a Master of Arts in Dispute Resolution (MADR) degree from Wayne State University. He graduated from Columbia University in the City of New York with a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in English and Comparative Literature with a Concentration in Spanish



Language and Literature. He founded Alex Green IV, PLLC where he worked as a solo practitioner focusing on civil matters, including but not limited to, ADR, landlord/tenant, probate, estates, and trusts, contract, administrative, real estate, municipal law while also handling some misdemeanor and low-level felony cases.

Alex also works for his family real estate business based in the Detroit-Metro area. He enjoys reading, writing, trying new restaurants, watching television true-crime stories and trips up north in his spare time.



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A few RMACO Fun Facts

- In Fiscal Year 2024
 - the RMACO appointed nearly 2,900 cases
 - Roster attorneys spent more than 4,400 hours on appointed cases.
 - House Counsel attorneys worked more than 26,000 hours.
- Since April 2024, the RMACO has entered over 2,800 appointments into ZLS.



We need attorneys!

We are looking for attorneys who would like to join our roster to provide legal representation to indigent persons in the district/municipal courts in Wayne County. Visit regionalmac.org and fill out the Attorney Application for Appointed Cases form on our Resources page.



New Staff (continued)

In addition to our current staff (Marilyn Clay, Mary Ellen Olson and Danielle Robertson), the RMACO welcomed three additional staff members in October of 2024. Ronda Rouse is our newest Systems Manager. Jennifer Russell and Althnett Turner are our new Office Assistants. We will be updating our website soon where you'll be able to get to know more about them.



**Ronda
Rouse**



**Jennifer
Russell**



**Althnett
Turner**

Reminders

**Start your 2025 CLEs NOW!
Don't wait until the last minute.**

ZLS Virtual Help Desk Schedule

Mondays - 2pm to 4pm

Tuesdays - 10am to 12pm

Fridays - 2pm to 4pm

Please note the following holidays this quarter where the help desk will not be available:

Mondays, Jan. 20, Feb. 17 and Mar. 31