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From the desk of the Director

The first quarter of my tenure has moved with steady swiftness. While the RMACO is still in a period of transition, we are continuing established processes, setting new goals, and building new relationships. My goal is to keep you informed about the changes that are continuing to take place.

Our office is still expanding to ensure adequate service to indigent clients and to provide support to our roster attorneys. Please be sure to use our resources, whether it's investigators, experts, transcripts and more.

If you have any questions about the services we provide, please reach out to us at regionalmac@dearborn.gov or visit our website at regionalmac.org.

Rachel L. McRipley

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



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*Welcome
to the team*



In March of 2025, we welcomed Senior Attorney, Peter Granata. Peter is a graduate of Detroit Mercy Law School. He graduated from Oakland University with a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Political Science.

Peter founded Granata Law, PLLC, where he worked as a solo practitioner from 2016 through 2021 focusing on products liability, admiralty and property law and defending misdemeanor clients in District Courts in Southeastern Michigan. Peter joined Lakeshore Legal Aid as Staff Attorney in 2022, recruiting pro bono attorneys and representing indigent defendants facing eviction in Detroit. Peter joined the City of Detroit in 2023 as Senior Assistant Corporation Counsel litigating blight, FOIA, no-fault and governmental immunity cases.



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Reminders

MIDC grant funding cannot be used to compensate standby (or “advisory”) counsel when the defendant has invoked the constitutional right of self-representation.



Update your work address in ZLS. Search your name, then under the AKAs tab, select “+Add” next to Address. Be sure to select “Work” as the type.



Attorneys should report completion of their Initial Interviews within 7 days in ZLS.



All Roster Attorneys now have a membership both with SADO and NAPD.



New ZLS Virtual Help Desk Schedule

Tuesdays - 10am to 12pm
Fridays - 2pm to 4pm

PLEASE NOTE: The help desk will not be available the following dates in observance of holidays:

Fri. Apr. 18 | Fri. Jun. 6

Investigators & Experts

Need an Investigator or Expert for your case? Find more information by clicking [HERE](#).

Transcripts

Transcripts can be requested for your cases. The process can be found here in our [Policies and Procedures Manual](#).

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Timely Invoicing



We want to remind you of the importance of being timely with your invoicing in ZLS.

Submit your invoices within 30 days of your House Counsel shift or case conclusion.

Please note: the ROAs must show all of the hearing dates listed on your invoices.

