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We extend our sincere gratitude to our roster attorneys for their continued diligence in serving indigent clients. It is paramount that we continue to redefine the perception of appointed counsel; clients deserve to know their attorneys are dedicated, working tirelessly on their behalf and utilizing all available resources, including investigators and experts.

This quarter, we are proud to highlight some notable accomplishments where our attorneys fought and secured victories. Congratulations!

Additionally, we urge all attorneys to submit their invoices promptly. Timely invoicing ensures you are paid on schedule and significantly assists our office in anticipating future budget requirements for each court and accurately reporting data to the State.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to fighting for equal and fair representation.

Rachel L. McRipley

Fighting for equal and fair representation
every step of the way



In May, we welcomed our Deputy Director, Herman Griffin IV. Herman is an ordained minister and licensed attorney committed to serving vulnerable communities. He holds degrees from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (B.A.), Howard University (M.Div.), and Cooley Law School (J.D.).

In law school, he interned at the Family Law Assistance Project, where he provided free legal services to victims of domestic violence. In 2015, Herman started Griffin Law PLLC, specializing in criminal defense and family law.

Since 2016, Herman has represented indigent clients in Wayne and Oakland County courts. He previously served as defense counsel for Detroit's 36th District Mental Health Court and teaches a class monthly at the Southwest Community Justice Center in Detroit to combat human trafficking. In 2025, Herman earned his Doctoral Degree in Transformational Leadership from Boston University, with a focus on leveraging technology and charity to enhance nonprofit engagement. Herman is a lifelong advocate for justice.



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Celebrating with our Attorneys



SHARON GRIER

In the 35th District Court, Attorney Sharon Grier secured an acquittal for her client on domestic violence charges. Her masterful cross-examination elicited exculpatory evidence from a hostile complaining witness.

ASH AL-AWAMLEH

Attorney Ash Al-Awamleh secured an acquittal on an Assault & Battery charge in the 19th District Court. He utilized the skills and expertise of Investigator Lamont Patton and to interview witnesses and survey the crime scene. Additionally, an expert from Future Media Corp performed forensic video analysis.

MILES GEROU

After filing an interlocutory appeal in the 3rd Circuit, Attorney Gerou was granted a Daubert Hearing. Attorney Gerou's Motion to Suppress, which argued that law enforcement violated MSP guidelines in administering a breath test to his client, was initially denied by the 20th District Court. However, the 3rd Circuit Court has remanded the case back to the 20th District Court for the hearing. Congratulations!

WELCOME ✨
to the TEAM

Continued



In April, we welcomed an Office Assistant II, Carolyn Wellman as well. You can read more about her on our website. A big warm welcome to you both!

Reminders

We are more than half way through the year. Keep going on those CLEs.

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:

Friday, July 4th