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From the desk of the Director

The RMACO's enduring mission is "to revolutionize criminal defense for indigent defendants by supporting excellence in representation, and open and transparent collaboration with all members of the criminal justice community." This mission and vision are paramount. By ensuring qualified attorneys represent indigent clients, we aim to fundamentally change the perception and eliminate the stigma historically associated with "court appointed attorneys." Our objective is to empower these attorneys to provide excellent representation by offering necessary resources that were previously hard to acquire. This support enables them to protect and defend the human rights that our nation deeply values. As a result, clients will benefit from having skilled and zealous attorneys who have the necessary time to build a robust defense for their cases.

To join our roster of skilled attorneys, please visit our website for the Attorney Application.

Rachel L. McRipley

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

Attorney Spotlight

Attorney Samer Jadallah obtained a dismissal on a Domestic Violence case before Judge Patton in the 34th District Court. Call logs showed a conversation lasting more than 1 hour, contradicting the timeline and statements made by her husband, as well as officers noting no visible injuries detected on the husband despite his narrative of the alleged "brutal" assault. The husband arrived to the trial intoxicated and the prosecution made a motion to adjourn so the witness could appear and testify sober. Defense objected, moved for a dismissal and ultimately, the case was dismissed!

Attorney Nicholas Opalewski secured a not guilty on a Domestic Violence 2nd Offense charge before Judge Hammer in the 21st District Court.

Awesome successes in excellent representation to our clients! If you have had a successful outcome for your client, let us know so we can spotlight you too!

Well done!





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We are hiring

The RMACO is seeking to hire a Senior Attorney. To apply, [please click here.](#)

Invoicing Reminder

Submit invoices timely. If you need assistance, please join the help desk.

RMACO Fun Facts

In FY2025, our roster attorneys really put in the work to represent indigent clients. There were 4,740 individual appointments. In our district courts, house counsel attorneys worked over 28,000 docket hours.

Our attorneys touch a lot of lives on a daily basis! We want to ensure that "MAC Matters" on a top tier level! Thank you to all of our defense attorneys for servicing indigent clients across Wayne County!



anniversary celebration

The Regional MAC Office will be celebrating 5 years in October. Stay tuned for more information.

Want to join our roster?

Fill out the Attorney Application on our website! The next orientation date is April 24, 2026 at 3pm!

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 and may be rescheduled:

Tuesday, May 26
Friday, June 19

