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**From the
desk of
the Director**

Greetings!

The Regional MAC Office is proudly celebrating 5 years of service! Over the past five years, our office has achieved significant progress in implementing and monitoring compliance with MIDC Standards across 19 districts and municipal courts in Wayne County.

To support this mission, the RMACO team has expanded from just four original team members to nine. As MIDC Standards have grown, we have collaborated tirelessly with our key stakeholders and a roster of approximately 120 attorneys to ensure indigent clients continue to receive high-quality representation and dedicated defense services. We remain steadfast in our commitment to safeguard Constitutional rights, one client at a time!

Thank you to our roster attorneys for your work in indigent defense.

Rachel L. Jackson

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

RMACO: Then and Now

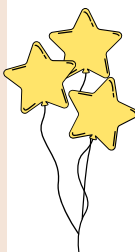
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Attorney Spotlight

An email was sent to Attorney Michael “Tony” Karman for what is often a thankless job: “Hey Mr. Karman. I won my appeal of the 28th DC probation revocation VOP hearing, you fought so hard for me. You should know I’ve never had counsel go that hard for me in such difficult circumstances. Reward yourself...as you deserve it brother. Good luck with everything and may God empower your counseling to help so many people who need representation by the likes of you.”

Attorney Darnell Barton successfully got dismissals of OWI, DWLS, and several other charges in the 30th District Court. After reviewing the discovery and finding several disturbing and factual discrepancies revealed by police camera footage, Attorney Barton successfully argued a pre-trial motion resulting in the dismissal of all misdemeanor charges against the client. The client risked losing his job if convicted. Awesome job!

If you received a favorable result, let us know so we can spotlight you too!



Welcome Mariam



In August, we welcomed a Compliance Office Assistant III, Mariam Charara. You can read more about her on our website under the “About” section.

Attorney Wellness

In this space, we aim to provide practical tips for your mental & physical wellbeing.

PROTECT YOUR MORNING ROUTINE

How you start your day can influence how you handle everything that follows.

Whenever possible, give yourself a few minutes before checking everywhere for updates. A quiet cup, a walk, stretch or simply mapping your priorities for the day can help you begin with intention rather than immediately reacting to everyone else’s needs.

ZLS Virtual

Help Desk Schedule

Tuesdays - 10am to 12pm

Fridays - 2pm to 4pm

PLEASE NOTE: The help desk may be rescheduled or cancelled during the following dates in observance of holidays:

Friday, November 27

Friday, December 25



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Standards 6: Workload Review

We are now reviewing the MIDC Standard 6 Workload of all roster attorneys each month.

If you are near or over 100% of what the standard allows, you will be contacted by the RMACO to discuss ways to reduce your workload to maintain compliance.



Standard 7: Attorney Review Process

MIDC Standard 7 requires indigent defense providers to monitor and regularly assess the quality of representation provided by attorneys servicing indigent clients.

To evaluate attorney performance, RMACO staff attorneys conduct visits to courtrooms. The evaluation of roster attorneys allows for input from other stakeholders in the criminal justice system including judges, prosecutors and clients.

CDAM CREDITS

RMACO is excited to announce that we will now pay for roster attorneys to attend CLE classes offered by the Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan (CDAM). We will pay the registration fee for up to 3 credit hours.

Interested in a CDAM class? Simply email regionalmac@dearborn.gov to request a registration code.

Please note that RMACO does not cover the cost of CDAM membership, travel fees or other expenses.

Transition to Sling

Our office is transitioning to using the online Sling calendaring system for some of our courts. Be on the lookout for emails regarding this transition from the Director.

This system will not be rolled out to all court rosters. Sling is very easy to use and gives real-time changes.

Remember that all shift substitutes must be approved by the RMACO administrators to become final.

