



MICHIGAN COUNTIES VIRTUAL LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

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Juvenile Justice

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Justice Elizabeth T. Clement

Michigan Supreme Court

Justice Elizabeth T. Clement joined the Michigan Supreme Court on November 17, 2017, becoming the 113th Justice and the 11th woman to serve on the bench. Clement serves as the Court's co-liaison to the State Court Administrative Office Department of Child Welfare Services and liaison to Juvenile Justice in Michigan. Child Welfare Services provides assistance to juvenile courts on child welfare matters, including child protective proceedings, foster care, adoption, termination of parental rights, permanency outcomes, and data collection and analysis.

Clement has recently presented as a panelist for the National Association of Women Judges Webinar- "The Critical Roles of Child Welfare Judicial Leadership and Community Collaboration: Building Resilience in the Wake of Covid-19." She co-authored "The Moment to Transform Child Protective Courts" with University of Michigan Professor Vivek Sankaran for the Child Welfare League of America Essay Collection: Covid-19 and Child Welfare

Challenges and Responses. Clement also serves as co-chair with Justice Megan Cavanaugh and MDHHS Child Welfare Director Joo Chang for the Child Welfare Leadership Workgroup, a collaborative effort between the judiciary and MDHHS focused on child welfare system improvement.

In addition to her role with Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice, Clement also serves as the liaison to the 199 Problem-Solving Courts in the state of Michigan and the Michigan Judicial Institute. Problem-Solving Courts include drug and sobriety, mental health, veterans, and other nontraditional courts. These special court programs focus on providing treatment and intense supervision to offenders, resulting in improved quality of life, reduced crime, safer communities, and avoiding costly incarceration. The Michigan Judicial Institute is the Court's training arm for the judiciary.

Session Description:

Juvenile justice programs in Michigan are a partnership between the state, counties and our courts, all with the goal of supporting our youth in the system. Ensuring young offenders get the services and programming to help them grow and prosper in society has been a shared priority among many stakeholders and is also a priority for the state's highest court. The Honorable Elizabeth Clement will highlight the good work of the state juvenile courts and ways in which county commissioners can engage with their local judges and juvenile justice staff to promote and share best practices. Justice Clement will also focus on various areas, such as juvenile data collection systems and technology enhancements, in which the Supreme Court is reviewing for improvements.