



MICHIGAN INDIGENT  
DEFENSE COMMISSION

**First Annual Leadership Conference**  
February 8, 2019 – 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

State of MI Operations Center  
7285 Parsons Drive, Dimondale, MI 48821

## Agenda

8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Coffee, casual introductions, and getting settled in for the day

**9:00 – 10:00 Group Welcome and Introductions**

Loren Khogali, MIDC Executive Director

*Please introduce yourself to the group, and provide a short response to the question: “What is the biggest challenge in your system?”*

**10:00 – 11:00 Overview of indigent defense systems in Michigan**

*Public Defender Offices, Regional Offices, Independent Systems Caseloads, funding, and resources*

Marla McCowan, Director of Training, Outreach & Support

**11:00 – 11:15 Established Public Defender Offices, improvements through MIDC funding**

Jennifer France, Chippewa County Public Defender

**11:15 – 11:45 Defender Offices Created in response to MIDC Act**

Christopher Renna, Berrien County Public Defender

**11:45 – 12:00 Collaboration with the State Appellate Defender Office**

Jonathan Sacks, Appellate Defender

**12:00 – 1:00 Lunch**

*The MIDC will provide soup, sandwiches, salad, and beverages.*

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**1:00 -2:00 p.m.      Managed Assigned Counsel Systems**

*Overview of the Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System*

Brad Hall, MAACS Administrator

Kathy Swedlow, MAACS Deputy Administrator

*This will also include a facilitated discussion for new managed assigned counsel systems at the trial court level in Michigan: challenges and solutions for independently administered systems and looking ahead to MIDC Standard 5.*

**2:00 – 3:00              Next Steps from the MIDC**

*A discussion of amended legislation for training standards, expert and investigator clearinghouse, case management software, and grant management procedures. Ideas for helping local systems, how systems can help each other.*

MIDC Leadership Team

**3:00 – 4:00              Small group brainstorming discussions**

MIDC Regional Managers

**4:00 – 4:15              Opportunities and Ideas for Future Collaboration**

Michigan Association of Treatment Courts

**4:15 – 4:30              Resources available to Defenders**

Marilena David-Martin, SADO's Training Director and Manager of SADO's Criminal Defense Resource Center

**4:30 – 5:00 p.m.      Other resources and wrap up:**

Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan

National Association for Public Defense

Criminal Defense Forums

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*Please feel free to dress comfortably for this session.*

*This event qualifies for up to 8 hours of continuing legal education and will count towards requirements pursuant to MIDC Standard 1 (Education and Training).*