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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 30, 2021
TO: Friends of the Court
CC: Family Division Judges, Administrators, and Referees
FROM: The Michigan Judicial Institute and Friend of the Court Bureau
RE: September Webinar Series for Friend of the Court Office Staff
September 16, 2021, 9:00-10:00 a.m.: License Suspensions and Impacts from Statutory Changes
September 30, 2021, 9:00-10:00 a.m.: Using Innovative Enforcement Techniques to Respond to Difficult Parenting Time Disputes

The Michigan Judicial Institute (MJII), in collaboration with the Friend of the Court Bureau (FOCB), is pleased to offer webinars designed for friend of the court office staff.

To register for either or both of the webinars, click on the link(s) below. After registration is complete, you will receive a confirmation e-mail from Zoom with your *personal* link to join the webinar. *Please do not forward your Zoom confirmation e-mail – it is for your own use.*

Thursday, September 16, 2021: Hitting the Brakes or Changing Lanes? Re-examining Driver's License Suspensions and Impacts from Statutory Changes. Zoom in for a lively discussion around the amendments to Michigan statutes that go into effect on October 1, 2021. Learn about what these changes are and how your work is impacted. Considerations will be shared (such as using SSR and MiCSES information to drive decisions) as well as a refresher on how to process license procedures given these new rules (MLIC and LCSP use). You will be able to leave this short pit stop hitting the gas and knowing you are on the right track for the future. Presenter: Mr. Paul Gehm, Management Analyst, FOCB.

This session may qualify for continuing education credit through the Office of Child Support. More information will be provided the day of the webinar.

Thursday, September 30, 2021: Using Innovative Enforcement Techniques to Respond to Difficult Parenting Time Disputes. The Friend of the Court (FOC) is required to enforce parenting time orders when it receives a valid written complaint and there is a court order with specific custody and parenting time provisions. This presentation will focus on how procedures in the Support and Parenting Time Enforcement Act can be used innovatively to resolve the most difficult parenting time complaints and better serve families with FOC cases. FOC staff will receive information on:

- Addressing recurring parenting time issues;
- Modifications to custody and parenting time court orders;
- Improving communication between parents; and
- Reducing potential litigation between parents.

Presenter: Dr. Tim Cole, Management Analyst, FOCB.

NOTE: This session does not qualify for continuing education credit either through the Office of Child Support or the ADR statute/court rule.

If you are unable to join the webinars, they will be recorded and available for access approximately one week after the event.

If you experience technical issues in registering with Zoom or connecting to the webinar, contact Anne DeMarco at demarcoa@courts.mi.gov.