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**REIMBURSEMENT DIVISION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**

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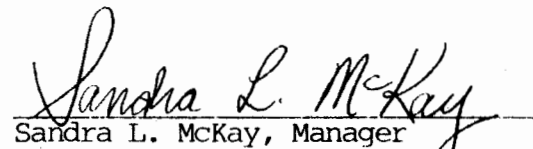
Dear Mr. Murphy:

Revenue for 1984 improved significantly. The Reimbursement Division was responsible for collections of \$1,796,712 which represented a gain of \$140,884. Transactions for the year increased by twenty per cent or 7,939 for a total of 47,544.

The Circuit Court unit accounted for \$133,032 of the increased revenue. This was in conjunction with a decrease of \$56,797 in the Court Community Service Program.

Statistical details of the Division are included herein.

  
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REPORT OF ACTIVITY

January 1, 1984, through December 31, 1984

<u>ACCOUNTS :</u>	<u>NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS</u>		
	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1979</u>
<b>CIRCUIT COURT:</b>			
Attorney Fees	8,400	7,226	9,843
Court Costs	10,832	9,934	16,517
Fines	199	220	170
Guardian Ad Litem Fees	7	1	
Paternity Blood Test Fees	398	190	15
Psychological Testing and Evaluation Fees	146	21	
Transcript Fees			8
<b>PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE:</b>			
Attorney Fees	4,103	3,515	3,123
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	8,540	5,838	
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	8,523	7,151	5,932
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	709	553	
<b>PROBATE COURT - MENTAL HEALTH/INSTITUTIONS:</b>			
Attorney Fees	343	335	284
Community Mental Health	20	7	15
Doctor Examinations	6	7	8
Mental Institutions	37	44	299
Oakland Medical Care Facility	61	39	95
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>			
Department of Public Works	7		
Drain Commission	2		
Filing Fees	3	7	
Housing and Community Development Grants	22	24	
Land Sales/Building Fund	67	88	70
Lien Interest	49	11	
Mediation Fees/Miscellaneous	334	159	
Witness and Mileage Fees	3	5	
Total	42,811	35,375	36,379
<b>TRUST ACCOUNTS:</b>			
Boys' and Girls' Vocational Schools and Group Homes	879	740	509
Circuit Court Restitution	3,633	3,273	2,468
Probate Support	178	200	194
State of Michigan - Aid to Dependent Children	43	17	
State of Michigan - Mental Health Reimbursement			3
Total	4,733	4,230	3,174
Grand Total	47,544	39,605	39,553

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

January 1, 1984, through December 31, 1984

ACCOUNTS:

AMOUNT RECEIVED

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1979</u>
<b>CIRCUIT COURT:</b>			
Attorney Fees	\$ 243,644.74	\$ 210,664.46	\$ 183,892.05
Court Costs	394,020.98	359,113.79	380,897.36
Fines	19,667.00	22,810.00	13,971.00
Guardian Ad Litem Fees	612.50	100.00	
Paternity Blood Test Fees	5,468.47	4,430.25	137.50
Psychological Testing and Evaluation Fees	6,506.50	1,175.50	
Transcript Fees			110.00
<b>PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE:</b>			
Attorney Fees	114,369.60	96,517.32	76,701.34
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	88,012.81	86,798.17	
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	251,068.17	246,451.16	371,433.51
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	157,866.58	150,697.79	
<b>PROBATE COURT - MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTIONS:</b>			
Attorney Fees	23,982.15	28,579.15	15,003.59
Community Mental Health	1,027.00	621.31	931.50
Doctor Examinations	1,678.12	1,635.00	170.00
Mental Institutions	8,925.17	10,110.48	24,885.65
Oakland Medical Care Facility	12,284.81	11,952.23	38,115.15
<b>MISCELLANEOUS:</b>			
Department of Public Works	2,242.20		
Drain Commission	132.00		
Filing Fees	19.00	247.59	
Housing and Community Development Grants	3,308.14	3,669.52	
Land Sales/Building Fund	88,208.92	97,834.27	81,137.61
Lien Interest	476.25	261.46	
Witness and Mileage Fees	6.40	10.95	
Total	\$1,423,527.51	\$1,333,680.40	\$1,187,386.26
<b>TRUST ACCOUNTS:</b>			
Boys' and Girls' Vocational Schools and Group Homes	31,943.09	33,420.57	27,227.32
Circuit Court Restitution	312,644.97	251,238.85	236,088.28
Probate Support	26,899.75	36,186.09	35,442.01
State of Michigan - Aid to Dependent Children	1,696.32	1,301.65	
State of Michigan - Mental Health Reimbursement			7,184.37
Total	\$ 373,184.13	\$ 322,147.16	\$ 305,941.98
Grand Total	\$1,796,711.64	\$1,655,827.56	\$1,493,328.24

CIRCUIT COURT PROGRAM

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

January 1, 1984, through December 31, 1984

<u>ACCOUNTS:</u>	<u>REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED</u>		
	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1979</u>
Attorney Fees	\$243,644.74	\$210,664.46	\$183,892.05
Court Costs	394,020.98	359,113.79	380,897.36
Fines	19,667.00	22,810.00	13,971.00
Guardian Ad Litem Fees	612.50	100.00	
Paternity Blood Test Fees	5,468.47	4,430.25	137.50
Psychological Testing and Evaluation Fees	6,506.50	1,175.50	
Transcript Fees			<u>110.00</u>
Total	\$669,920.19	\$598,294.00	\$579,007.91
<b>Trust Account:</b>			
Restitution	<u>312,644.97</u>	<u>251,238.85</u>	<u>236,088.28</u>
Total Funds Recovered	\$982,565.16*	\$849,532.85	\$815,096.19

\*In January of 1982, through the efforts of this Division, the Circuit Court, County Clerk and Corporation Counsel, a new program was instituted requiring a defendant's bond to be applied toward costs assessed by the Court. This effort resulted in the recovery of \$57,903.22 of the above funds. Of the total amount, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department assisted this Division by collecting \$16,434.50 from defendants on the Work Release Program.

COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEY PROGRAM

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1979</u>
Cost to County:			
Regular Program	\$1,939,379.04	\$2,608,997.99	\$878,433.26
Appellate Program	<u>112,629.00</u>	<u>376,853.62</u>	<u>60,140.35</u>
Total	\$2,052,008.04*	\$2,985,851.61	\$938,573.61
Funds Recovered	\$ 243,644.74**	\$ 210,664.46	\$183,892.05

\*Due to a change in accounting methods, this amount includes \$560,861.29 held in escrow for anticipated expenditures for services actually rendered.

\*\*The following Districts Courts have required defendants to repay attorney fees thus assisting this Division in collecting a portion of the above funds:

43rd District Court	\$1,260.00	52nd District Courts	\$3,500.00
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CIRCUIT COURT PROGRAM

COURT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1982</u>
Attorney Fees (Ordered)	\$ 40,567.80	\$ 67,918.75	\$ 48,613.49
Attorney Fees (Unordered)	4,055.00	8,187.50	
Court Costs	69,115.70	107,697.69	84,193.00
Fines		200.00	100.00
Paternity Blood Test Fees		555.00	
Restitution	<u>27,628.20</u>	<u>13,604.38</u>	<u>24,517.77</u>
Total Credits Recovered	\$141,366.70	\$198,163.32	\$157,424.26

The Court Community Service Program has provided the courts with an alternative means of enforcing monetary orders from indigent defendants rather than imposing costly jail sentences.

PATERNITY BLOOD TEST FEES

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1979</u>
Funds Recovered	\$ 5,468.47	\$ 4,430.25	\$ 137.50

Blood test fees ordered after mid-year of 1984 are being collected by Oakland County Friend of the Court.

PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING AND EVALUATION FEES

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1982</u>
Funds Recovered	\$ 6,506.50	\$1,175.50	\$ 20.00

This Division has assisted the Circuit Court in the recovery of funds that were expended for psychological examinations under the Family Counseling Program.

PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE ACCOUNTS

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

January 1, 1984, through December 31, 1984

<u>ACCOUNTS:</u>	<u>REIMBURSEMENT RECEIVED</u>		
	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1979</u>
Attorney Fees	\$114,369.60	\$ 96,517.32	\$ 76,701.34
Collection Offset (Board and Care)	88,012.81*	86,798.17	
Board and Care (Juvenile Maintenance)	251,068.17	246,451.16	371,433.51
Governmental Benefits (Juvenile Maintenance)	<u>157,866.58</u>	<u>150,697.79</u>	<u>                    </u>
Total	\$611,317.16	\$580,464.44	\$448,134.85
<b>Trust Accounts:</b>			
Boys' and Girls' Vocational Schools and Group Homes	\$ 31,943.09**	\$ 33,420.57	\$ 27,227.32
Probate Support	26,899.75***	36,186.09	31,584.52
State of Michigan - Aid to Dependent Children	<u>1,696.32</u>	<u>1,301.65</u>	<u>                    </u>
Total	\$ 60,539.16	\$ 70,908.31	\$ 58,811.84
Total Funds Recovered	\$671,856.32	\$651,372.75	\$506,946.69

The Reimbursement Division is responsible for collection of the cost of care of court wards and attorney fees as ordered by the Juvenile Court. A financial statement is taken, and an order is entered commensurate with the parents' ability to pay.

\*Effective January of 1983, the Juvenile Code provided for a twenty-five per cent administrative fee to cover the cost of collecting funds as the result of an order for board and care.

\*\*This amount includes \$11,604.17 which represents one-half of the Social Security benefits collected by the Department of Social Services and credited on the State Ward Chargeback Statements.

\*\*\*Probate Support accounts represent monies collected by this Division and disbursed to the individual caring for the child as decreed by court order.



PROBATE COURT - JUVENILE ACCOUNTS

WARDS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

BOARD AND CARE, GROUP HOMES, HALF-WAY HOUSES,  
BOYS' AND GIRLS' VOCATIONAL SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1979</u>
Cost to Oakland County	\$753,795.00	\$829,290.00	\$795,481.00
Funds Recovered	\$ 31,943.09	\$ 33,420.57	\$ 27,227.32

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1979</u>
Cost to Oakland County	\$421,159.60	\$459,486.82	\$351,863.00
Funds Recovered	\$114,369.60	\$ 96,517.32	\$ 76,701.34

Parents of juveniles requesting court-appointed counsel are referred to this Division for our recommendation prior to the appointment as often parents have ability to retain counsel privately thus enabling the County to decrease the amount of funds spent in this area.

PROBATE COURT - MENTAL HEALTH/ INSTITUTION ACCOUNTS

January 1, 1984, through December 31, 1984

DOCTOR EXAMINATIONS

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1979</u>
Funds Recovered	\$ 1,678.12	\$ 1,635.00	\$ 170.00

The Mental Health Code provides for an independent medical evaluation upon request by persons that have been hospitalized involuntarily.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1979</u>
Cost to County	\$241,557.02	\$205,437.97	\$ 77,270.00
Funds Recovered	\$ 23,982.15	\$ 28,579.15	\$ 15,003.59

Every individual who is the subject of a petition for involuntary hospitalization is entitled to be represented by legal counsel.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1979</u>
Funds Recovered	\$ 1,027.00	\$ 621.31	\$ 931.50

The Community Mental Health out patient clinics have continued to refer accounts with balances of \$200 or more to this Division when legal action is required.

OAKLAND COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>1979</u>
Funds Recovered	\$ 12,284.81	\$ 11,952.23	\$ 38,115.15

The above receipts cover delinquent accounts that were referred to the Reimbursement Division for collection.