

Judge Jonas honored by the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals



On May 5, 2020, Judge Susan Jonas was presented with The Honorable William G. Schma Award by the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals. The Schma Award is the association’s most prestigious award and is presented to persons who have made outstanding contributions to treatment courts in Michigan.

In 2004 Judge Jonas started the first treatment court docket in Ottawa County. Since then, she has positively impacted the lives of 485 participants in the Ottawa County Recovery Court. Because of Judge Jonas’s lasting impression, many of the Recovery Court participants return at one time or another, but not necessarily to see her behind the bench. Instead they visit to say hello, to tell her about their families, to celebrate their accomplishments, or to have Judge Jonas preside over their weddings. Judge Jonas has saved lives, has reunited families, and she has improved the community.

Judge Jonas has served on the Michigan Association of Treatment Court Professionals Board of Directors since 2010. In 2011 her court was designated as a DWI Academy Court by the National Center for DWI Courts.

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“Paula possesses the experience, knowledge, character, and temperament to be an exceptional judge.”
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EXPERIENCE MATTERS

Having tried thousands of cases, Paula has been an attorney for more than 25 years during which she worked as an assistant prosecutor, public defender, and private practitioner.

IDEAS MATTER

The ideas Paula brings to the bench include equal justice for everyone, protecting society from violent offenders, and providing real solutions for non-violent drug offenders.

COMMITMENT MATTERS

Paula is committed to listening carefully to each case, to making fair decisions based only on the facts and law, and to affording all people the equal opportunity to be heard.

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