

A G R E E M E N T

BETWEEN

ST. CLAIR COUNTY PROBATE COURT and
31st. JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY DIVISION

AND THE

ST. CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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31st JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT-FAMILY DIVISION
CLERICAL EMPLOYEES - T.P.O.A.M.

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AGREEMENT

1.1: This Agreement made and entered into this 1st day of July, 2006 by and between the Probate Court, St. Clair County, the 31st Judicial Circuit Court Family Division, herein termed the Employer, and the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners being the Legislative body of said Employer, and the Probate Court-Family Division Clerical Employees herein termed as the Association.

ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE AND INTENT

2.1: The general purpose of this Agreement is to set forth terms and conditions of employment, so that the parties hereto, may in an orderly fashion carry out their mutual desire to work together harmoniously and continue to maintain relations between the Employer and the Association, which will serve to the best interests of all concerned.

2.2: To these ends, the Employer and the Association encourage to the fullest degree friendly and cooperative relations between representatives of the parties hereto at all levels and among the local Association members.

ARTICLE 3 RECOGNITION

3.1: The Association is hereby recognized by the St. Clair County Probate Court, the 31st Judicial Circuit Court Family Division, and the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners as exclusive representative of full time employees classified as Adoption Specialist, Estates Analyst, Mental Health Clerk, Legal Stenographer(s), Clerk-Typist(s) I & II, Deputy Juvenile Register(s), Deputy Probate Register(s), Secretary(s) Court Reporter(s), Public Guardian Office Manager, Account Clerk(s) I and Account Clerk(s) III, Clerk Stenographer and Wills and Estates Clerks of the Probate Court, and Family Division of the Circuit Court, and Public Guardian for the purpose of collective bargaining with respect to rates of pay, wages, hours of employment and other terms and conditions of employment, excluding all supervisor(s), elected officer(s), personal secretary(s) to the Judge(s), part time employee(s) and employees represented by any other labor organization.

3.2: The parties hereto agree that they shall not discriminate against any persons because of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex, marital status or number of dependents, or handicap.

3.3: In recognition of the agreements and concessions provided herein the Association and its members shall not engage in nor encourage, any strike, sit-down, stay-in, slow-down or similar action. The Employer shall have the right to discipline or discharge any employee participating in such action and the Association agrees not to oppose such action. In exchange for which, the Employer agrees not to lock-out an employee during the term of agreement.

ARTICLE 4
MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

4.1: It is recognized that all rights, powers, and duties of their offices inherent therein or otherwise provided by law or Court rule are reserved and retained by the respective Judges of the Probate Court and Family Division of the Circuit Court, except only as expressly abridged in this Agreement. The control of its properties, and the maintenance of order and efficiency are solely the prerogative and responsibility of the Court. Other rights and responsibilities not expressly abridged by this contract shall belong solely to the Court in addition to the following, and are hereby provided as illustration only and not by way of limitation:

A. The right to decide the number and location of its facilities, departments, and etc.; work to be performed within the unit; the right to alter or discontinue jobs, classification, or practices; the maintenance and repairs; amount and kind of supervision necessary; methods and means of operation; scheduling and establishment of hours; manpower and work sites; full control of the selection, examination, review, and evaluation of personnel, programs, operations and facilities; to determine when and where services will best facilitate the Probate Court and Juvenile Court.

B. Further, it is recognized that the responsibility and prerogatives of the Management of the Probate Court and Circuit Court Family Division for the selection and direction of the working forces includes but is not limited to the right to decide the number of employees, the right to hire, suspend, discipline for just cause or transfer, train or retrain; the right to decide employee's and job qualifications; to determine the times and amounts of overtime to be worked; recesses and to carry out Supreme Court directives concerning holidays; the right to make necessary rules and regulations governing employee's conduct and safety; and to relieve an employee from duty because of lack of work or other legitimate reason; all of which are vested exclusively in the Court, subject only to the provisions of this Agreement.

C. The Court's failure to exercise any function or right hereby directly or indirectly reserved to it or its exercise of such function or right in a particular way shall not be deemed a waiver of its rights to exercise such function or right or preclude the Court from exercising the same in some other way not in conflict with the express provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5
AGENCY SHOP

5.1: All current employees covered by this Agreement and all new employees hired after the effective date of this Agreement shall, as a condition of continued employment, become members of the Association and pay the monthly dues uniformly required of members or pay to the Association a representation fee as herein defined, effective thirty (30) days after the effective date of this Agreement or date of hire, whichever is later.

5.2: The representation fee shall be an amount as determined by the Association.

5.3: For those employees for whom properly executed payroll deduction authorization forms are delivered to the Human Resources Office, the Employer will deduct Association dues or representation fees each pay period as per such authorization and shall remit to the Association any and all amounts so deducted, together with a list of employees from whose pay such deductions were made.

5.4: If the bargaining unit member fails to comply, the Association shall send the following letter to the delinquent bargaining unit member and a copy to the Employer.

5.5: "The Association certifies that _____ has failed to tender the periodic representation fee required under the labor agreement and demands that, under the terms of this Agreement, the Employer deduct the delinquent representation fees from the collective bargaining unit member's salary." (The Association certifies that the amount of the representation fee includes only the proportionately equivalent amount necessary for negotiations, grievance processing and administration of this Agreement.)

5.6: The Employer, upon receipt of said notice and request for deduction, shall act pursuant to this Agreement. In the event of compliance at any time prior to deduction, the request for deduction will be withdrawn. The Association, in enforcing this provision, agrees not to discriminate between bargaining unit members. The Association will defend and indemnify the Employer against all liability the Employer may incur by reason of deductions made pursuant to this paragraph.

5.7: The Association shall indemnify, defend, and save the Court and County harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits, or other forms of liability that shall arise out of or as a result from any conduct taken by the Court and County for the purposes of complying with the provisions of the article. It is further agreed that neither any employee nor the Association shall have any claim against the Court and County for any deductions made or not made, as the case may be, except that the Court and County shall be responsible to provide the Association with dues deducted from the employee's pay. In no case shall the Court and County be responsible to pay to the Association or employee an amount equal to dues or representation fee, which may or may not have been deducted and paid to the Association or employee.

ARTICLE 6 ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION

6.1: The Association shall be represented to the Employer by no more than two (2) representatives. The names and classifications of these employees shall be communicated in writing to the Probate Court Administrator and Human Resources Director of the County upon their selection and/or subsequent change.

6.2: The representative(s) shall be permitted to represent the employees to the Employer in matters of negotiation, grievances or concerns of the membership. No more than two (2) employees may be paid when in negotiations. No more than one (1) employee representative may be paid for time spent representing the Association in all other matters.

6.3: The Employer shall grant a leave of absence not to exceed an accumulative fourteen (14) days a year to bargaining unit members selected for attendance at Union - Association conventions or activities. Be it provided, however, that not more than one (1) employee shall be granted leave at any one time and that such leave shall be without pay unless the employee utilizes vacation leave. Be it further provided, that such request shall be made in writing no less than four (4) weeks in advance.

ARTICLE 7
DEPARTMENTAL WORK RULES AND REGULATIONS

7.1: The Court is authorized to determine departmental work rules and regulations in addition to the policies described herein. Such work rules and regulations must be written and posted in a conspicuous place. Each employee shall be given a copy of the Court work rules.

7.2: Such work rules or regulations will be null and void where they conflict with statutes, or this Agreement.

7.3: Department work rules and regulations are subject to the grievance procedure.

7.4: Work rules and regulations may be instituted which specifically address the safety and physical well being of the employee.

7.5: All work rules and regulations, including safety, are enforceable by discipline.

7.6: A disputed work rule or regulation shall be held in abeyance until resolved by negotiation, discussion, mediation or grievance. Be it provided however, this process shall not unduly disrupt the operation of Court or unnecessarily protract a resolution.

ARTICLE 8
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

8.1: Step 1

A. An employee having a specified grievance alleging violation of this Agreement shall within fifteen (15) calendar days of the occurrence take the matter up with their immediate supervisor in an effort to resolve the matter. The Association shall advise the Supervisor that discussions represent a Step 1 hearing or the matter shall not be subject to further advancement through the Grievance Procedure.

8.2: Step 2

A. A grievance shall be considered resolved at Step 1 unless reduced to writing, signed by the aggrieved employee and submitted to the Assistant Juvenile Services Director or designee within ten (10) calendar days of taking the matter up with the immediate supervisor. The written grievance shall specify the provision of the Agreement violated and the remedy requested to resolve the grievance.

B. The Assistant Juvenile Service Director shall within fifteen (15) work days,

schedule a hearing at which time the Grievant and the Association's employee representative and, if determined by the Association, a non-employee Association representative shall be present to present allegations, proofs and remedies. The Assistant Juvenile Service Director or designees shall act as hearing officer and shall be entitled to structure the hearing and include any witnesses, experts or knowledgeable persons to the proceedings. The Assistant Juvenile Service Director or designees shall issue a written response within ten (10) working days of the conclusion of the hearing.

C. In the event the Grievant is assigned to the Probate-Adult division, the grievance shall be processed from Step 1 to Step 3 to the exclusion of Step 2.

8.3: Step 3

A. A grievance shall be considered settled at Step 2 unless submitted to the Probate Court Administrator within seven (7) calendar days of the Step 2 response.

B. The Probate Court Administrator shall review the Step 2 grievance response and the Association grievance and may call for a meeting of all the parties involved. The meeting shall be scheduled at the earliest date agreeable among the parties. The Probate Court Administrator shall within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the grievance or meeting, which ever applies, issue a written response to the grievance. The decision of the Probate Court Administrator shall be final and binding.

8.4: In the event the grievance is a dispute about salary and/or any fringe benefit the Human Resources Director of the County shall hear the grievance at Step 2 rather than the Assistant Juvenile Services Director. The decision of the Human Resources Director may be submitted to arbitration through the American Arbitration Association for final and binding resolution provided the Court and the County is advised of the Associations intent to arbitrate, within thirty (30) calendar days of the Step 3 decision.

8.5 The Association shall, within thirty (30) calendar days following notice of intent pursuant to 8.4 above, request arbitration through the American Arbitration Association or as otherwise mutually agreed by the parties or the matter will be untimely.

ARTICLE 9 SENIORITY

9.1: New employees hired in the unit shall be subject to an orientation period for the first twelve (12) months of employment. Only after the satisfactory completion of the orientation period, shall the employee be added on the seniority list of the unit and seniority shall start as of the last date of hire. Seniority shall be based on the following criteria:

A. A full time regular employee from another bargaining unit or an exempt employee, who accepts a position covered by this bargaining unit, shall be entitled to a maximum of three (3) years of accrued seniority for purposes of layoff and recall, vacation selection and/or promotion, if seniority is a factor in granting a promotion. The new employee shall be entitled to all their accrued seniority for purposes of

providing fringe benefits.

B. A full time temporary employee shall be entitled to seniority only from the date of entry into the bargaining unit.

C. A part time employee, whether regular or temporary, shall be entitled to seniority only upon full time hire from the date of entry into the bargaining unit.

D. Founding members of the bargaining unit shall be entitled to seniority from the date of their full time regular date of hire with the Court or County.

9.2: The seniority list on the date of this Agreement will show the names and classifications of all employees of the unit entitled to seniority.

9.3: When employees acquire seniority, their name shall be placed on the seniority list.

9.4: Up to date seniority lists shall be made available to all employees for their inspection, by posting in the unit.

9.5: The employment of an employee who does not satisfactorily complete the orientation period shall be terminated and the employee shall have no recourse through the grievance procedure.

ARTICLE 10
LOSS OF SENIORITY

10.1: An employee shall lose seniority for the following reasons only:

A. Quits.

B. Is discharged and the discharge is not reversed.

C. The employee is absent for two (2) consecutive working days without notification to the Employer during the two (2) day period. Exceptions may be made by the Employer on proof of good cause that failure to report was beyond the employee's control. After such absence the Employer shall send written notification to the employee at their last known address that they have been discharged, and they have lost seniority. The grievance procedure shall be available to the employee provided it is commenced in writing within fifteen (15) calendar days following mailing of notice of discharge as herein provided.

D. The employee does not return to work when recalled from layoff, as set forth in the recall procedure.

E. Retirement.

F. Does not return from an approved leave of absence unless authorized

in writing.

ARTICLE 11
DISCHARGE AND DISCIPLINE

11.1: The Employer agrees to promptly, upon the discharge or discipline of an employee, notify in writing one of the local designated representatives of the Association of the discharge or discipline. The employee shall have the right to prepare a written statement as it relates to the discipline which shall be incorporated in the Employer's record with the discipline.

11.2: Should the discharged or disciplined employee consider the charge to be improper, procedures outlined in the grievance procedure provisions of the Agreement may be followed by the employee. The Employer shall review with the employee disciplinary action taken against the employee in a reasonable method and manner prior to the documentation of such action becoming part of the Employer's record. The employee shall have the right to be represented by the Association during this review.

11.3: In imposing any discipline on a current charge, the Employer will not take into account any prior infractions resulting in verbal or written discipline which occurred more than two (2) years previously. The Court shall be entitled to consider discipline on any infraction that resulted in a suspension regardless of the date of the suspension.

11.4: An intentional falsification of an employment application which has not been formerly disclosed in writing to the Employer shall result in the termination of employment.

11.5: The Employer shall not transmit, or otherwise make available to a third party, disciplinary reports, letters of reprimand, or other records of disciplinary action which are more than four (4) years old, except when ordered to do so in a legal action or arbitration.

ARTICLE 12
LAYOFF AND RECALL

12.1: When a layoff is determined to be necessary, the least senior employee(s) in the classification shall be laid-off in accordance with all the following safe guards and conditions.

12.2: Temporary and newly hired employees on orientation status shall be laid off first to the extent necessary to accomplish the need of the Court and within the classification affected by layoff.

12.3: An employee subject to layoff shall be entitled to displace the least senior employee in a classification of equal compensation or the most immediately less paying classification provided the employee subject to layoff has more seniority than the employee in the affected classification and the displacing employee is qualified and capable of performing the work. The displaced employee shall be considered an employee subject to layoff and entitled to displacement rights as such. The employee who displaces a less senior employee shall be required to satisfactorily complete a one

hundred and thirty (130) work day trial period or be laid off and the displaced employee recalled. The Court Reporter shall be exempt from displacement nor shall the Court Reporter be entitled to displace another employee in the bargaining unit unless the Court Reporter previously held the classification.

12.4: When a recall is necessary, the most senior employee shall be recalled to the position formerly held. Recall notice shall be made by written notice sent by certified mail with return receipt requested.

12.5: Failure to report to work on the day scheduled to return from layoff shall result in termination of employment.

12.6: A refusal to accept a suitable offer to return to work shall result in termination of employment. A suitable offer of work shall not be at a reduced rate of pay or hours of work.

12.7: Employees not recalled to work within one (1) year from the date of layoff shall have their employment terminated and shall have no recall rights.

12.8: Employees may elect to withdraw all their retirement contributions upon layoff, provided the layoff is deemed permanent by the supervisor or when recall rights have elapsed as provided in 12.7:. The withdrawal of retirement contributions cancels all retirement benefit rights and privileges. Retirement contributions may be repaid after recall or rehire as provided by the St. Clair County Employees Retirement plan.

12.9: Seniority shall not accrue during a period of layoff.

12.10: A laid off employee shall not be eligible for, nor receive, any fringe benefits.

ARTICLE 13 TRANSFER

13.1: A transfer shall mean a change of work assignments but not a change in classification nor a job promotion.

13.2: The Court is authorized to transfer employees within the Court in order to maintain the efficiency of the Court, without reduction in salary.

13.3: Employees may request a transfer to another Court division. The Court shall have exclusive authority to grant or deny a transfer request.

13.4. Employees who transfer shall retain full seniority and fringe benefits.

13.5: Employees who request transfer shall be required to satisfactorily complete a six (6) month orientation period. Upon satisfactory completion the employee shall remain in the position. Unsatisfactory performance shall result in the return to the employee's former division.

ARTICLE 14
PROMOTIONS AND DEMOTION

14.1: A promotion shall mean a change in classification resulting in an increase in salary.

14.2: A demotion shall mean a change in classification resulting in a decrease in salary.

14.3: The Court is authorized to promote employees as vacancies occur within the Court. A member of the bargaining unit shall have first opportunity to apply for a vacancy in the bargaining unit provided they possess the necessary qualifications as stipulated by the Court.

14.4: The Court will determine the means and method of recruiting and evaluating candidates for vacant positions. All candidates, including employees, must conform to the conditions and time limits prescribed by the Court in order to further their candidacy.

14.5: When a vacancy occurs, an employee may request consideration for the promotion. The employee shall communicate interest in the position by completing an application form or providing a resume including the following information:

- A. Their name, classification, and division.
- B. Position desired.
- C. Qualifications for the job, such as skill levels, ability, experience and/or education.

Employees who are promoted shall retain full seniority and fringe benefits.

14.6: The employee shall be required to satisfactorily complete a six (6) month orientation period. In the event of an unsatisfactory performance, the employee shall revert to the previously held classification and division.

14.7: A written evaluation shall be made three (3) months prior to the completion of the orientation period.

14.8: When an employee is promoted to a higher paying classification, they shall be compensated at the nearest higher salary step to the employee's current compensation at a minimum of one-point-five percent (1.5%) or greater as otherwise determined by the Court.

14.9: An employee is subject to demotion for any of the following reasons:

- A. Economic or budgetary necessity.
- B. Inability to perform the required functional tasks.
- C. Failure to maintain the moral or ethical standards required for the position.
- D. Incompetence.

E. Reorganization.

F. Upon request of the employee.

14.10: Notice of demotion shall be made in writing and shall detail the reason(s) for the demotion. It shall be left to the discretion of the employee to provide the Association with a copy of the notice.

14.11: The demoted employee shall be compensated at a salary that does not exceed the salary of the former classification but is consistent with the demotion classification.

14.12: Any demotion shall be subject to the Grievance Procedure.

ARTICLE 15 TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENTS

15.1: An employee may be temporarily assigned to perform the tasks or duties of another employee when circumstances warrant.

15.2: Temporary assignments shall be authorized in writing to the employee by the Supervisor.

15.3: A temporarily assigned employee shall be paid for work performed in a higher paying classification when assigned by a supervisor, when such assignment is for five (5) or more consecutive working days. Pay for such assignment shall be submitted no later than the following pay period for processing and payment. A temporarily assigned employee shall not be made to suffer a reduced rate of pay for a temporary assignment when assigned to a lower paying classification. When a temporary assignment extends beyond five (5) working days, the Association shall be provided a copy of the notice.

15.4: A temporary employee is an employee hired to perform a function full time for a predetermined period of time as a substitute for an employee on a leave of absence or in a seasonal capacity. The temporary status of a substitute employee shall not exceed four (4) years. The temporary status of a seasonal employee shall not exceed ninety (90) calendar days. A temporary employee shall not be eligible for fringe benefits. Should a temporary employee acquire a regular full time position, the employee shall not be eligible for fringe benefits including seniority rights during the period of temporary employment.

ARTICLE 16 EMPLOYEE RECORDS REVIEW

16.1: In accordance with all applicable statutes an employee shall have the right to review the content of their employee personnel file. An employee may review their personnel file in the Human Resources Office during the County's regular hours of operation.

16.2: The employee may inquire into disciplinary actions taken against the employee provided in the Employers record. The Employer shall provide an inventory of all

disciplinary items on record, defining these actions by circumstance and date. Be it provided, however, that the employee's statutory rights to review such records are not hereby waived.

16.3: The employee may request to receive copies of all disciplinary actions taken against the employee. The Employer shall provide copies of all such documentation at the expense of the employee.

ARTICLE 17
RATES FOR NEW CLASSIFICATIONS

17.1: The Court shall notify the Association in writing of a new classification at least seven (7) calendar days in advance of the effective date of the new classification. The Court, in providing notice, shall include a copy of the job description and the rate of pay for the new classification.

17.2: The Association shall, within seven (7) calendar days of the Court's notification of a new classification, give notice to the Court of its request to collectively bargain the rate of pay. Failure of the Association to request a bargaining meeting within seven (7) calendar days shall relieve the Court of any obligation to collectively bargain until such time as the collective bargaining agreement is open for renegotiation.

17.3: The Court shall, within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the Association's request to collectively bargain, attempt to schedule a bargaining session with the Association. The Court and the Association shall make every effort to expeditiously schedule a meeting.

17.4: The Court shall be entitled to implement the classification and compensation prior to collective bargaining or in the event the matter is not collectively bargained.

ARTICLE 18
RESIGNATION

18.1: Employees who voluntarily resign should provide the Court no less than two full weeks of prior notice.

18.2: Failure to provide proper notice shall result in the loss of one day of compensable sick day pay-off for each day short of proper notice.

18.3: Employees shall be paid for all unused vacation up to a maximum of thirty-five (35) days. If a timely notice is provided, every effort shall be made to pay off unused vacation days on the last check earned by the employee.

18.4: Employee's may elect to withdraw or maintain their retirement plan contribution with the County. Withdrawal shall be accomplished on a form supplied by the County.

ARTICLE 19
OVERTIME

19.1: It is recognized that Clerical employees are subject to the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act which address mandatory overtime pay. It is with this consideration that employees shall be subject to overtime pay or compensatory time according to the following safeguards and provisions.

19.2: Employees shall be compensated with overtime pay or compensatory time at the rate of time and one-half (1 1/2) for:

A. Work in excess of seven and one-half (7 1/2) hours or eight (8) hours in a day, based on the operation of the division.

B. Work in excess of thirty-seven and one-half (37 1/2) hours or forty (40) hours in a week based on the operation of the division.

C. The provisions of A and B shall be applied individually and not collectively or compound the amount of compensatory time or pay.

D. Employees called into work shall be guaranteed a minimum of three (3) hours compensatory time if such call-in does not coincide with the start of a work day.

19.3: Work performed on a holiday shall be compensated at the rate of two and one-half (2 1/2) times with compensatory time or pay.

19.4: All overtime must have prior approval of a supervisor or it shall be denied. The Supervisor shall determine whether overtime is to be paid or granted as compensatory time.

19.5: Compensatory time may accrue to a maximum of two hundred and forty (240) hours. All overtime hours worked after two hundred and forty (240) shall be paid and not accrued as compensatory time.

19.6: Compensatory time shall be scheduled at the mutual convenience of the Supervisor and employee but may be ordered by the Supervisor.

ARTICLE 20
WORKING HOURS

20.1: The Court shall determine the hours of operation for all its divisions.

20.2: The Division Head shall schedule the hours of work of employees in the Division.

20.3: A full-time employee shall mean an employee regularly scheduled to work 37.5 hours a week or 40 hours a week contingent upon the operation of the Division.

20.4: A part-time employee shall mean an employee regularly scheduled to work less than 37.5 hours a week or less than 40 hours a week contingent upon the operation of the Division. Part time employees shall not be subject to Association membership or

representation.

20.5: A temporary employee shall mean an employee who is hired for a predetermined period of time.

20.6: A regular employee shall mean an employee who is employed in a classification for an ongoing undetermined period of time.

20.7: Employees shall be eligible for a one-hour lunch period without pay, to be scheduled at the discretion of the employee's supervisor. The employee shall also be eligible for two (2) fifteen (15) minute breaks to be scheduled at the discretion of the Supervisor.

20.8: A scheduled break which is not taken shall not be compensated for at a later time, unless due to an operational constraint and the Supervisor had provided prior consent. In any event, the accumulated break time shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes and shall be compensated with equal time off in the same pay period in which it is earned.

20.9: Any employee who is not permitted a full lunch period due to operational constraints shall be allowed equal time off as determined by the Supervisor. Such time shall be provided in the same pay period in which it is earned.

20.10: The Supervisor shall determine an operational constraint.

20.11: The Supervisor shall determine the need to work overtime.

20.12: As much as possible, where employees are capable of performing the tasks, overtime will be equalized among employees by the Supervisor.

ARTICLE 21 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

21.1: An employee may request a leave of absence for up to one year for:

- A. Serious or critical illness of their spouse, spouse's parent, child, or parent;
- B. Personal illness (physical or mental); or,
- C. Educational purposes.

The Court shall comply with all applicable laws in providing leaves of absence, such as but not limited to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993. Employee notice of their rights under the ACT and a fact sheet shall be provided in a reasonable method and manner. Leave taken under the ACT will be taken consistent with the ACT, this provision and the policy of the Court and County.

21.2: An employee may request a leave of absence for serious or critical illness to their spouse, child or parent. The employee shall be entitled to use accrued sick days to provide compensation during such a leave. An employee who lacks sufficient sick days

or who elects not to use sick days shall be on a leave without pay. The employee shall provide medical verification from the attending physician to be eligible for a leave of absence.

21.3: The leave of absence for personal illness shall be consistent with the provisions of Article 27 - Sick Days and Disability Insurance in order to be granted. The employee shall be required to provide medical verification by the attending physician when illness extends beyond seven (7) calendar days and at reasonable intervals as determined by the Court or County. Such leave shall not extend beyond five (5) years. The County shall have the right to require an employee to submit to an examination by a physician of the County's choice provided such charges are paid by the County.

21.4: An educational leave without pay (except when required by the Court) may be granted for a reasonable interval but shall not exceed one (1) year. The leave shall be consistent with meeting the operational needs of the Court or it shall be denied.

21.5: In no case shall an employee be granted a leave greater than the length of time provided herein. In the event the employee fails to return to work the next work day following the expiration of a leave of absence, the employee shall be considered to have resigned, except as may be provided otherwise by law.

21.6: An employee shall not be entitled to return to work from a leave of absence due to personal illness without verification by the attending physician of medical recovery.

21.7: Any request for a leave of absence shall be made in writing and approval or denial shall be in writing.

21.8: The employee on leave shall be eligible to return to the position held prior to commencing the leave provided the employee is capable of performing the work.

21.9: An employee on a leave with pay shall be eligible for vacation time, sick days, retirement credit, seniority, or gain from any other fringe benefit for the initial six (6) months of leave. An employee on leave beyond six (6) months or on leave without pay shall not be eligible for any fringe benefits or seniority except as provided in Article 27 - Sick Days and Disability Insurance, Section 10.

ARTICLE 22 WORKER'S COMPENSATION

22.1: All employees shall be subject to the St. Clair County's Worker's Compensation Plan, the terms and conditions of which are described herein and as provided by the operating policy of the insurance carrier.

22.2: When an employee is injured during the course of employment, the alleged injury shall be reported to a Supervisor as soon as possible. The Supervisor shall complete an accident report on the form provided by the County and submit it to the Human Resources Office.

22.3: In the event of an alleged injury, the Supervisor shall immediately contact the Human Resources Office.

22.4: The County shall provide the employee the opportunity to supplement Worker's Compensation from accrued sick days or disability pay on a leave of absence due to a work related illness or injury. The supplemental compensation shall provide the difference between Worker's Compensation and the employee's normal pay minus Federal, State, local and F.I.C.A. taxes. The supplemental compensation shall be deducted from the employee's accrued sick days or disability pay but in no case exceed the employee's accrued sick days or gross salary.

22.5: When an employee is eligible for Worker's Compensation, the employee shall endorse to the County the Worker's Compensation check and the County shall continue to provide the employee a regular pay check minus normal authorized payroll deductions to the extent of their accrued sick days.

22.6: Employees who elect not to supplement their Worker's Compensation or who have no or insufficient sick days or who exhaust their sick days while on an injury leave, shall retain the Worker's Compensation check as directed by the County.

22.7: The Court shall permit the employee to supplement Worker's Compensation on the ratio of one (1) sick day for every three (3) days of leave.

ARTICLE 23 ASSOCIATION BULLETIN BOARD

23.1: The Association shall be granted bulletin board space by the Court for the following notices:

- A. Notices of Association recreational and social events.
- B. Notices of Association elections.
- C. Notices of results of Association elections.
- D. Notices of Association meetings.

ARTICLE 24 RETIREMENT

24.1: All full time regular employees shall upon their date of hire participate in the St. Clair County Employees Retirement Plan. Specific terms and conditions of retirement not herein defined are subject to the terms and conditions provided by the Retirement Plan custodians and shall not be subject to nor require separate union approval.

24.2: The Defined Benefit Pension and the Retiree Health Care Plan are completely separate Retirement Plan programs with separately designated methods for funding set forth in this Agreement. The assets of the separate programs may be commingled for investment purposes but shall be and are separate funds for accounting and actuarial purposes.

24.3: Participation in the Defined Benefit Plan is mandatory upon full time regular employment. Terms and conditions of the Defined Benefit Plan are addressed in the

Retirement Plan booklet. Employee and Employer contributions are as follows.

- A. The employee shall contribute five percent (5%) of his or her eligible bi-weekly wage as defined in 24.11 of this article.
- B. The County shall contribute the annually recommended actuarially amount. Effective July 1, 2006 the annual recommended actuarial amount shall be considered to be eight-point-six percent (8.6%).

24.4: Full time regular employees shall have the option to prefund retiree health care coverage by contributing to a Health Care Trust Account. The option is exercised upon date of eligibility to participate in the retirement plan and once exercised is irrevocable. Eligibility for retiree health care coverage is as follows.

- A. An employee subject to the original plan must have eight (8) or more actual years of service contributions in the Retirement Plan to be entitled to health care coverage at no premium cost as a retiree.
- B. An employee subject to the modified plan must have twenty (20) or more actual years of service contributions in the Retirement Plan to be entitled to health care coverage at no premium cost to the retiree.
- C. An employee that chooses not to participate in the prefunding of retiree health care or that does not meet the actual years of service contributions shall be entitled to purchase retiree health care coverage when the employee has eleven (11) or more years of actual years of service contributions to the Retirement System. Further explanation of terms and conditions are stipulated in the Letter of Understanding – Retiree Health Care attached to this Agreement.

24.5: Employee and County contributions to the Retiree Health Care Trust Account shall be as follows.

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Employee Percent Of Annual Wage</u>	<u>County Percent Of Annual Wage</u>
07/01/06	0.65%	6.07%
07/01/07	1.30%	7.40%
07/01/08	1.95%	8.73%
07/01/09	2.60%	8.73%
07/01/10	3.25%	8.73%

24.6: An employee shall only be entitled to withdraw his or her contributions to the Defined Benefit Plan upon termination of employment. The employee that withdraws his or her contributions shall be entitled to a rate of interest on the contributions determined by the Retirement Board which shall be consistent with the interest rate attributed to all employee accounts regardless of union affiliation.

24.7: An employee shall only be entitled to withdraw his or her contributions to the Retiree Health Care Trust Account upon termination of employment. The employee that withdraws his or her contributions shall terminate all right to receive retiree health care coverage from the plan at no premium cost to the retiree.

24.8: A retiring employee subject to the original retirement plan shall be entitled to a multiplier of two percent (2%) for each year of employment. The multiplier shall not exceed seventy-five percent (75%) upon attaining thirty-seven (37) years and six months (6) of actual years of service, including purchased military service time. Final average compensation shall be calculated on the best three (3) years of the last ten (10) years of eligible compensation.

24.9: A retiring employee subject to the modified retirement plan shall be entitled to final average compensation multiplied by years of service in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Annual Multiplier</u>
1 through 10	1.75% - accumulative
11 through 19	2.00% - accumulative
20 through 24	2.00% - retroactive to date of hire
25 and above	2.40% - retroactive to date of hire

Upon attaining the twentieth (20th) year, the multiplier shall be retroactive to the first year. The multiplier maximum accrual shall not exceed seventy (70%) percent for employees hired on or after July 1, 2006. The multiplier maximum for employees hired prior to July 1, 2006 shall not exceed seventy-five percent (75%). The final average compensation shall be calculated on the best three [3] years of the last ten [10] years of eligible compensation.

24.10: An employee shall be eligible to a retirement pension based upon one of the following options.

- A. The employee's combined years and months of actual service and age equal eighty (80) years, provided the employee shall also have completed twenty-five (25) actual years of service; or,
- B. The employee has attained the age of sixty (60) years with eight (8) actual years of service contributions; or,
- C. The employee has attained the age of fifty-five (55) years with twenty-five (25) years of service, including reciprocity and/or purchased military service; or,
- D. Actual years of service shall mean that period of time employed and contributing to the St. Clair County Employees Retirement Plan and excluding, by way of example, reciprocity through other retirement plans or the purchase of military service time.

24.11: Retirement shall be computed on the base salary only and shall not include compensation from;

- A. Overtime or compensatory time payoff.
- B. Vacation day accrual payoff upon separation from employment for any reason.

- C. Sick day accrual payoff upon separation from employment for any reason.

ARTICLE 25
EDUCATIONAL REIMBURSEMENT

25.1: Employees enrolled for accredited extension or formal educational courses may request reimbursement for tuition, fees, and supplies. Approval for reimbursement shall only be considered when the education maintains or improves the employee's skills in the area in which they are employed.

25.2: Request for reimbursement must be made in writing and shall include a description of the course, the beginning and concluding date of the course, the cost of tuition, fees and supplies (such as books, manuals, or special materials) and, if applicable, grants, aids, or scholarships available or provided.

25.3: Approval of the request for reimbursement shall be contingent upon available funding, to a maximum of \$500 per course, the relevancy of the course to the employee's job, and the employee obtaining a passing grade in the course. The Chief Judge or designee of the Chief Judge shall have the right to approve or deny a request for reimbursement for all or part of any tuition, fees, and/or supplies as provided in Section 4 below. Chief Judge or designee of the Chief Judge approval, if granted, must be in writing and shall stipulate the extent of tuition, fees, and/or supplies to be reimbursed. The request shall be considered to be denied in the absence of written approval.

25.4: An employee shall have at least one year of full time service with the Court to be eligible for consideration. In the event the employee does not continue employment for one (1) year following completion of one course or two (2) years following completing two or more courses or obtaining a degree or certificate, the employee shall repay all the reimbursement to the Court.

25.5: An employee who successfully completes a course, with or without reimbursement, shall not necessarily be entitled to an automatic promotion, extraordinary advancement in the salary range, or a higher classification based upon completion of the course or attainment of a degree or certification.

25.6: An employee shall be entitled, with written authorization from the Court, to attend class or complete class assignments during their regularly scheduled working hours at the expense of the Court. The employee shall not be entitled to utilize the resources of the Court including supplies, equipment, or personnel without supervisory approval. Failure to comply without either provision may result in forfeiture of reimbursement for course expenditures or discipline including discharge or both.

ARTICLE 26
HEALTH, LIFE AND DENTAL CARE

26.1: Each full time employee shall be eligible to participate in the health care plan offered by the County. The core plan is equivalent to the following:

Community Blue PPO Option 2

Annual Deductible: \$100 – Employee
\$200 – Family

Annual Co-Pays: 90%/10% (BC/BS pays 90% of all approved charges.)

Out-Of-Pocket Maximum Including Deductible (Excluding Mental Health Services)

\$ 600.00 Employee
\$1,200.00 Family

\$15.00 Office Visit Co-Pay

Prescription Drug Rider

\$10.00 Generic Prescription Drugs
\$20.00 Brand Name Prescription Drugs

MOPD - Mail Order Prescription Drugs

\$500 Maximum Annual In Network Preventative Services

VCA 80 – Vision Rider

HCA – Hearing Care

FC - Dependent Eligibility

SD - Sponsored Dependent

PD-CM - Contraceptive Medications

PCD – Contraceptive Devices

The Employer shall pay the total cost of premiums of full time regular employees with the following exceptions:

- A. Employees hired on or after January 1, 1986 shall pay 100% of FC, SD, and/or Medicare 2-1 riders premium costs.
- B. Employees hired prior to January 1, 1986 who do not enroll dependents on the FC, SD, and/or Medicare 2-1 riders until after January 1, 1986 shall pay 50% of the rider premium cost and the County shall pay 50% of the premium cost.
- C. Employees hired prior to January 1, 1986 with enrolled dependents shall not pay any of the FC, SD, and/or Medicare 2-1 riders premium costs. Be it provided, however, that enrollment changes on or after January 1, 1986 shall be subject to the preceding subsection b.
- D. Employee premium cost shall be paid by way of payroll deduction.

Part time regular employees, should they choose to participate, shall pay the total cost of health insurance premiums by way of a payroll deduction. The payroll deduction shall be made from the paycheck immediately prior to receipt of the health insurance statement.

26.2: Each full time employee eligible to participate in the plan shall be entitled to

select any one of the following options in the place of the core plan.

A. OPTION I BUY UP COMMUNITY BLUE PLAN 1

- All coverages and riders subject to:
 - No Deductibles
 - Prescription Drug Rider
 - \$10.00 Generic Prescription Drugs
 - \$20.00 Brand Name Prescription Drugs
- MOPD - Mail Order Prescription Drugs
- \$500 Maximum Annual In Network Preventative Services
 - VCA 80 - Vision Care
- HCA – Hearing Care
 - PD-CM - Contraceptive Medications
 - PCD – Contraceptive Devices
- \$15.00 Office Visit Co-Pay
- No Out-Of-Pocket Maximum Plus Deductible (Excluding Mental Health Care Services)
 - Annual Employee Cash Cost (Deducted bi-weekly)
 - \$ 750.00 – Single Plan
 - \$1,250.00 – Two Person Plan
 - \$1,500.00 – Family Plan

B. OPTION III NON-PARTICIPATION COMPENSATION

Full time employee's eligible to participate in the plan but who elect not to participate shall be entitled annual compensation as follows:

- \$ 650 - One Person subscriber
- \$1100 - Two Person subscriber
- \$1350 - Family Plan subscriber

Payment shall be made in equal bi-weekly installments. The employee may elect the compensation through deferred compensation or individual flexible spending account. The employee shall have sole responsibility to apply for deferred compensation, which shall be consistent with all terms and conditions of deferred compensation.

26.3: The County shall have authority to select the health care provider provided such coverage is substantially equivalent.

26.4: All employee premium costs shall be paid by way of payroll deduction in advance of the effective date of coverage. The premium cost(s) shall be paid in equal installments the first two (2) pay periods each month.

26.5: The County shall provide full time employees with the plan 100/50/50 dental insurance with a carrier of the County's choosing:

A. CORE PLAN (Premium paid by the County)

- * Plan 100 50/50 to an annual maximum of \$1000 per individual.
- * Class III Orthodontia Plan 50/50 to a lifetime maximum of \$1500 of \$3000 per individual.

B. OPTION I

* \$200 to a flexible reimbursement account.

C. OPTION II

* \$150 cash rebate.

26.6: Effective July 1, 2006 an employee participating in the County Health Care Plan shall be entitled to a prefunded Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) from which he or she may pay for unreimbursed health care expenses.

A. Effective each January 1, 2006 and in years subsequent on January 1 a participating employee's HRA shall be credited as follows.

250 Credits – Single Plan Coverage
500 Credits– Two Person Plan Coverage
750 Credits– Family Plan Coverage

B. Unreimbursed health care expenses are limited to plan co-pays, deductibles, eligible non-covered medical costs and/or retiree health care premium costs.

C. Unused credits shall accrue from year-to-year and into retirement when the employee is eligible for a pension from the County.

D. A single credit shall be equal to a single dollar but shall have no cash value for any purpose except for payment of unreimbursed health care expenses limited to co-pays, deductibles, eligible non-covered medical costs and/or retiree health care premium costs.

E. Upon termination of employment, except as defined in the following subsection F, all unused credits shall revert to the County and shall not be transferable or in any manner payable to the employee, the employee's beneficiary or estate.

F. In the event the employee retires or defers retirement as defined by the St. Clair County Retirement Plan, his or her credits shall be carried forward into retirement for the purpose of reimbursement of health care expenses limited to co-pays, deductibles, eligible non-covered medical costs and/or retiree health care premium costs. Retirement and deferred retirement shall mean eligibility for and receipt of a pension from the St. Clair County Retirement Plan.

26.7: In order to acquire and maintain benefits, the employee must enroll and register subsequent changes and modifications as they occur and in accordance with the governing regulations established by the County and/or the insurance carrier.

26.8: An employee who fails to provide timely notice of a status change may be required to reimburse the County for the difference in premium costs. The County will notify new employees of all insurance benefits upon hire and further advise employees of open enrollment periods and procedures to apply for and modify insurance benefits.

ARTICLE 27
LIFE INSURANCE

27.1: A full time employee shall be eligible for life insurance in the amount of \$40,000.

OPTION 1 - The employee has the option to purchase an amount equal to the core benefit at the Employer's group rate.

OPTION 2 - The employee has the option to purchase an amount equal to twice the core benefit at the Employer's group rate.

27.2: On an approved leave of absence without pay, the employee may continue premium payment within the provisions of the insurance policy or forfeit insurance coverage.

27.3: In order to be eligible for benefits, the employee must enroll by the method and manner determined by the County.

ARTICLE 28
SICK DAYS AND DISABILITY INSURANCE

28.1: Full time regular employees shall be credited with one (1) sick day upon each monthly anniversary to be used for the purposes provided by this Agreement. Any sick day use other than provided by this Agreement shall be considered a misuse and an abuse.

28.2: Full time regular employees shall be entitled to accrue sick days to a maximum of forty (40) days.

28.3: An employee shall be eligible to use sick days, upon satisfactory completion of the orientation period, for personal illness or serious or critical illness to their spouse, parent or child.

28.4: An employee shall not be entitled to use more sick days than have been accrued or in advance of days to be credited.

28.5: An employee who uses two (2) sick days in a thirty (30) calendar day period or six (6) days in a ninety (90) calendar day period, without a statement from their attending physician indicating the nature of their illness shall be on "proof required status". Proof required status shall mean the employee must provide a statement from their attending physician indicating the nature of the illness in order to be eligible for sick day pay. The employee shall be on proof required status for six (6) calendar months. The employee who fails to provide appropriate medical verification shall not only be denied sick day compensation, but shall be subject to discipline.

28.6: Sick days may be taken in place of normally scheduled work days, excluding holidays.

28.7: An employee shall be eligible for salary continuation when an illness or injury extends beyond twenty (20) consecutive work days. Compensation shall commence the twenty-first (21st) work day and shall provide two-thirds (2/3) of the disabled

employee's normal pay before all payroll deductions including taxes and F.I.C.A. Salary continuation shall be for a period of five (5) years. Verification of a continuing medical disability may be required by the County in order to provide salary continuation. Salary continuation shall be offset by benefits derived from the County's Retirement Plan and/or Social Security.

28.8: The County shall provide the disabled employee salary continuation from the twenty-first (21st) work day to the one hundred and eightieth (180th) calendar day from disability. During the period that the County provides the disabled employee salary continuation, the employee shall be entitled to continuation of the fringe benefits.

28.9: The disabled employee shall not be ineligible for salary continuation for refusal to accept an offer of work in a classification reasonably equivalent to the classification held at the time of disability.

28.10: Commencing the one hundred and eighty-first (181st) calendar day salary continuation shall be provided by an insurance carrier of the County's choice or by the County at the County's discretion. At such time the disabled employee shall not be eligible for fringe benefits. Be it provided, however, that the disabled employee shall be entitled to obtain group health insurance through the County in accordance with the following safeguards and conditions.

A. The disabled employee shall be entitled to six (6) months of health care coverage provided the employee pays fifty percent (50%) of the premium costs.

B. The County shall require prepayment of all premium costs.

28.11: The employee shall be entitled to select either the core salary continuation (disability) plan or Option I as follows:

A. CORE PLAN

- * 66 2/3% of base salary
- * 5 years from date of disability
- * \$4,000 monthly maximum

B. OPTION I

- * 70% of base salary
- * Benefit to age 65
- * \$6,000 monthly maximum

The employee electing Option I shall pay, by bi-weekly payroll deduction, the difference in premium between the Core Plan and Option I at the County's Group Rate.

28.12: Nothing shall prohibit the County from offering the employee a redemption in lieu of salary continuation. Be it provided, however, that the employee shall have sole responsibility to accept or reject a redemptive offer.

28.13: The employee shall be eligible to supplement disability compensation with sick days, compensatory time and/or vacation on a ratio of one (1) vacation day to three (3)

days of absence in order to remain at full normal gross salary.

28.14: When an employee's illness or physical condition raises the question of fitness to perform normal duties, or if the employee exhibits questionable attendance, the Supervisor may require the employee to submit to a physical examination and the County shall pay the expenses incurred.

28.15: An employee on an approved disability leave using sick days, salary continuation or disability insurance shall be subject to all the provisions of Article 21 - Leave of Absence. The seniority of an employee on an approved leave of absence shall be protected for one (1) year.

28.16: The employee must promptly notify their Supervisor of their absence or be subject to discipline.

28.17: Upon termination of employment, an employee with accrued sick days shall be entitled to receive compensation to a maximum accrual of thirty (30) sick days based upon the following graduated schedule of months of service.

<u>Months of Service</u>	<u>% of Accrual</u>
12 to 24	20%
25 to 36	30%
37 to 48	40%
49 to 60	50%
61 to 72	60%
73 to 84	70%
85 or more	80%

ARTICLE 29
FUNERAL LEAVE

29.1: Members of the Bargaining Unit shall be allowed funeral leave days in the event of a death of family members and relatives as follows:

Up to five (5) working days with pay for: Spouse, Child, Step Child, Mother or Father.

Up to three (3) working days with pay with up to two (2) additional days with pay to be deducted from sick days for: Brother or Sister

Up to three (3) working days with pay to be deducted from sick days for: Step-Parent, Mother-In-Law, Father-In-Law, Son-In-Law, Daughter-In-Law, Brother-In-Law, Sister-In-Law, Grand Parent, Grand Child, Step Sibling, Step Grand Child, Legal Guardianship/Dependent

One (1) workday with pay to be deducted from sick days for: Spouse Stepparent, Spouse Son-In-Law or Daughter-In-Law, Spouse Grand Parent, Spouse Grand Child, Spouse Step Sibling, Spouse Brother-In-Law or Sister-In-Law, Aunt or Uncle, Niece or Nephew.

29.2: The employee shall be required to provide proof of death of a family member or

relative.

29.3: One (1) additional day may be granted, to be deducted from the employee's vacation accumulation, in the event a funeral is two hundred and fifty (250) or more miles from the employee's residence.

ARTICLE 30
VACATIONS

30.1: Effective July 1, 2006 all full time regular employees shall be entitled to vacations according to the following schedule. No employee shall be adversely affected by the implementation of this schedule. An adversely affected employee shall remain at his or her annual vacation credit in the previous vacation schedule until such time as the employee attains a level of seniority that entitles the employee to an increase in annual vacation credit.

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Days</u>
6 Months	5
1	5
18 Months	5
2	5
3 - 4	10
5 - 9	15
10 - 14	18
15 - 19	20
20 - 24	25
25+	30

30.2: The full allocation of days according to the above schedule shall be credited to the employee upon each anniversary of full time employment.

30.3: Vacation days shall not be used prior to their being credited or beyond the number of those days accumulated.

30.4: An employee shall be entitled to carry forward from the previous years accrual as many days that when added to the anniversary credit does not exceed thirty-five (35) days. In other words, an employee shall not be entitled to maintain an accrual of more than thirty-five (35) days at any one time.

30.5: Vacation days must have the prior approval of the Court to be used. Approval shall be contingent upon meeting the operational needs of the Court but approval shall not be unreasonable withheld. Scheduling shall be on a "first come, first served" basis. Seniority shall prevail when requests are simultaneous.

30.6: A holiday occurring during a paid vacation leave shall not be deducted from the vacation accumulation.

30.7: Upon termination, retirement or death, the employee or beneficiary or the employee's estate shall be paid the total accrued unused vacation days and a prorated pay-off of vacation time from the date of separation retroactive to the employee's last anniversary of employment. Be it provided, however, that such payoff of unused days

shall not exceed thirty-five (35) days of pay.

ARTICLE 31
HOLIDAYS

31.1: Full time regular employees are entitled to the holidays determined by the State Supreme Court Administrator's Office.

31.2: When a holiday falls on a Saturday it shall be celebrated on the preceding Friday. When a holiday falls on a Sunday, it shall be celebrated the following Monday.

31.3: To be eligible for holiday pay, the employee must work the day before and after the holiday unless such absence is authorized.

31.4: Full time employees shall, at the employee's option, be compensated for work performed on a holiday.

Option 1 - The employee shall be compensated at two and one-half(2-1/2) times the base hourly rate.

Option 2 - The employee shall be compensated at one and one-half (1-1/2) times the base hourly rate and granted an hour for our vacation credit.

31.5 The Court shall make every effort to provide reasonable accommodation for employees to attend services associated with the practice of their religious beliefs. Be it provided that the employee shall give sufficient notice to provide the Court with opportunity to make necessary operational arrangements. Such operational arrangements shall not adversely affect the operation of the Court. The Court will not compensate the employee for time away from the job except that the employee may utilize vacation or compensatory time.

31.6 In the event the Michigan Supreme Court shall reduce or otherwise modify the number or dates of holidays subsequent to 1997, the Court, County and Association shall meet in a timely manner to discuss the reduction or modification of holidays. The members of the Association shall not be made to suffer a reduction or modification of holidays unless the reduction or modification is consistent with the schedule of holidays celebrated by the majority of the County's employees.

ARTICLE 32
SERVICE RECOGNITION

32.1: Full time regular employees hired before October 26, 1994 are eligible for a lump sum payment in recognition of their years of continual service based on the following schedule effective July 1, 2006:

Years of <u>Service</u>	% of Base <u>Salary</u>	Maximum payment <u>shall not exceed</u>
10 - 14	4%	\$ 1,000
15 - 19	6%	\$ 1,500

20 - 24	8%	\$ 2,000
25+	10%	\$ 2,500

32.2: Employees who satisfy the minimal requirements each year shall be paid a single lump sum the first full pay period following the date of their anniversary of full time employment.

32.3: In the event an eligible employee's anniversary occurs during an approved leave of absence, the employee shall be entitled to a lump sum payment. The payment shall be prorated to reflect leave without pay or reduced pay.

32.3: Employees with ten (10) or more years of service shall be entitled to a prorated lump sum payment in the event of honorable employment termination, retirement or death in service.

ARTICLE 33
JURY DUTY AND SUBPOENA AND WITNESS FEE

33.1: Employees who are called to serve as Jurors shall continue to receive their normal pay. Any compensation, not including reimbursements of actual expenses, provided an employee as a Juror will be surrendered to the County Treasurer.

33.2: Employees who are subpoenaed to produce records to act as a witness shall continue to receive their normal pay when employment related. Any compensation, such as subpoena or witness fees, but not including reimbursement of actual personal expenses, shall be surrendered to the County Treasurer.

ARTICLE 34
MILEAGE ALLOWANCE AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

34.1: Employees who use their personal vehicles on business required by the Court shall be reimbursed at the maximum rate allowable by the US Department of Internal Revenue.

34.2: Court approved expenses for out of County lodging and meals shall be reimbursed to the employee when attendance is at employment related activities.

ARTICLE 35
WAGES

2.5% - Effective July 1, 2006

	<u>START</u>	<u>6 MOS.</u>	<u>1 YEAR</u>	<u>2 YEAR</u>	<u>3 YEAR</u>	<u>4 YEAR</u>	<u>5 YEAR</u>
Wills & Estates Clerk	\$28,785	\$29,233	\$29,675	\$30,682	\$31,692		
Account Clerk III	\$34,981	\$35,517	\$36,219	\$37,536	\$38,921		
Clerk Typist I	\$28,203	\$28,642	\$29,076	\$30,058	\$31,044		
Clerk Typist II	\$29,552	\$30,058	\$30,538	\$31,552	\$32,649		
Clerk Stenographer	\$29,552	\$30,058	\$30,538	\$31,552	\$32,649		
Estates Analyst	\$33,782	\$34,364	\$34,981	\$36,219	\$37,536		
Legal Stenographer	\$33,782	\$34,364	\$34,981	\$36,219	\$37,536		
Mental Health Clerk	\$29,552	\$30,058	\$30,538	\$31,552	\$32,649		
Public Guard Office Mgr.	\$36,658	\$37,193	\$37,896	\$39,331	\$40,599		
Secretary	\$32,649	\$33,200	\$33,782	\$34,981	\$36,219		
Deputy Probate Registrar	\$30,433	\$30,998	\$31,573	\$32,747	\$33,966	\$35,236	
Court Reporter	\$41,449	\$42,278	\$43,122	\$44,845	\$46,640	\$48,502	\$50,443

2.0% - Effective July 1, 2007

	<u>START</u>	<u>6 MOS.</u>	<u>1 YEAR</u>	<u>2 YEAR</u>	<u>3 YEAR</u>	<u>4 YEAR</u>	<u>5 YEAR</u>
Wills & Estates Clerk	\$29,361	\$29,818	\$30,268	\$31,296	\$32,326		
Account Clerk III	\$35,681	\$36,228	\$36,944	\$38,286	\$39,700		
Clerk Typist I	\$28,767	\$29,214	\$29,658	\$30,659	\$31,665		
Clerk Typist II	\$30,143	\$30,659	\$31,149	\$32,183	\$33,302		
Clerk Stenographer	\$30,143	\$30,659	\$31,149	\$32,183	\$33,302		
Estates Analyst	\$34,458	\$35,051	\$35,681	\$36,944	\$38,286		
Legal Stenographer	\$34,458	\$35,051	\$35,681	\$36,944	\$38,286		
Mental Health Clerk	\$30,143	\$30,659	\$31,149	\$32,183	\$33,302		
Public Guard Office Mgr.	\$37,391	\$37,937	\$38,654	\$40,118	\$41,411		
Secretary	\$33,302	\$33,864	\$34,458	\$35,681	\$36,944		
Deputy Probate Registrar	\$31,042	\$31,618	\$32,205	\$33,402	\$34,646	\$35,941	
Court Reporter	\$42,278	\$43,124	\$43,984	\$45,742	\$47,572	\$49,472	\$51,452

2.0% - Effective July 1, 2008

	<u>START</u>	<u>6 MOS.</u>	<u>1 YEAR</u>	<u>2 YEAR</u>	<u>3 YEAR</u>	<u>4 YEAR</u>	<u>5 YEAR</u>
Wills & Estates Clerk	\$29,948	\$30,414	\$30,874	\$31,922	\$32,972		
Account Clerk III	\$36,394	\$36,952	\$37,683	\$39,052	\$40,494		
Clerk Typist I	\$29,342	\$29,799	\$30,251	\$31,272	\$32,298		
Clerk Typist II	\$30,746	\$31,272	\$31,772	\$32,826	\$33,968		
Clerk Stenographer	\$30,746	\$31,272	\$31,772	\$32,826	\$33,968		
Estates Analyst	\$35,147	\$35,752	\$36,394	\$37,683	\$39,052		
Legal Stenographer	\$35,147	\$35,752	\$36,394	\$37,683	\$39,052		
Mental Health Clerk	\$30,746	\$31,272	\$31,772	\$32,826	\$33,968		
Public Guard Office Mgr.	\$38,139	\$38,696	\$39,427	\$40,920	\$42,239		
Secretary	\$33,968	\$34,541	\$35,147	\$36,394	\$37,683		
Deputy Probate Registrar	\$31,663	\$32,250	\$32,849	\$34,070	\$35,339	\$36,660	
Court Reporter	\$43,123	\$43,986	\$44,864	\$46,657	\$48,524	\$50,461	\$52,481

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	<u>START</u>	<u>6 MOS.</u>	<u>1 YEAR</u>	<u>2 YEAR</u>	<u>3 YEAR</u>	<u>4 YEAR</u>	<u>5 YEAR</u>
Wills & Estates Clerk	\$30,547	\$31,022	\$31,491	\$32,560	\$33,632		
Account Clerk III	\$37,122	\$37,691	\$38,436	\$39,833	\$41,304		
Clerk Typist I	\$29,929	\$30,395	\$30,856	\$31,898	\$32,944		
Clerk Typist II	\$31,361	\$31,898	\$32,407	\$33,483	\$34,648		
Clerk Stenographer	\$31,361	\$31,898	\$32,407	\$33,483	\$34,648		
Estates Analyst	\$35,850	\$36,468	\$37,122	\$38,436	\$39,833		
Legal Stenographer	\$35,850	\$36,468	\$37,122	\$38,436	\$39,833		
Mental Health Clerk	\$31,361	\$31,898	\$32,407	\$33,483	\$34,648		
Public Guard Office Mgr.	\$38,902	\$39,470	\$40,216	\$41,739	\$43,084		
Secretary	\$34,648	\$35,232	\$35,850	\$37,122	\$38,436		
Deputy Probate Registrar	\$32,296	\$32,895	\$33,506	\$34,751	\$36,045	\$37,393	
Court Reporter	\$43,986	\$44,866	\$45,761	\$47,590	\$49,494	\$51,471	\$53,531

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	<u>START</u>	<u>6 MOS.</u>	<u>1 YEAR</u>	<u>2 YEAR</u>	<u>3 YEAR</u>	<u>4 YEAR</u>	<u>5 YEAR</u>
Wills & Estates Clerk	\$31,158	\$31,643	\$32,121	\$33,212	\$34,304		
Account Clerk III	\$37,865	\$38,445	\$39,205	\$40,630	\$42,130		
Clerk Typist I	\$30,528	\$31,003	\$31,473	\$32,536	\$33,603		
Clerk Typist II	\$31,988	\$32,536	\$33,055	\$34,152	\$35,341		
Clerk Stenographer	\$31,988	\$32,536	\$33,055	\$34,152	\$35,341		
Estates Analyst	\$36,567	\$37,197	\$37,865	\$39,205	\$40,630		
Legal Stenographer	\$36,567	\$37,197	\$37,865	\$39,205	\$40,630		
Mental Health Clerk	\$31,988	\$32,536	\$33,055	\$34,152	\$35,341		
Public Guard Office Mgr.	\$39,680	\$40,259	\$41,020	\$42,573	\$43,946		
Secretary	\$35,341	\$35,936	\$36,567	\$37,865	\$39,205		
Deputy Probate Registrar	\$32,942	\$33,553	\$34,176	\$35,446	\$36,766	\$38,141	
Court Reporter	\$44,866	\$45,763	\$46,676	\$48,541	\$50,484	\$52,500	\$54,601

ARTICLE 34
TERM OF AGREEMENT

34.1: This agreement shall be in effect and become operative on July 1, 2006, and shall continue in operation and effect through June 30, 2011. If either party hereto desires to terminate, modify or amend this agreement it shall, at least ninety (90) days prior to June 30, 2011 give notice in writing to the Employer or to the Association as the case may be of its intention to modify or terminate this Agreement. If neither party shall give notice to terminate, change or modify this Agreement as provided, the Agreement shall continue in operation and effect after June 30, 2011 subject to termination or modification, thereafter by either party upon ten (10) days written notice.

34.2: Should any law now existing or hereafter enacted, or any proclamation, regulation or edict of any state or national agency invalidates any portion of this Agreement, the entire agreement shall not be invalidated. Should any portion, by such circumstance as provided above, become invalid, either party may request and the parties shall meet to negotiate the invalidated portion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement this _____ day of _____, _____.

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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
REGARDING THE
SENIORITY OF
KARYN HAGEDON-NIXON

The St. Clair County Probate Court (hereafter the Court) and the Probate Court Clerical Employees T.P.O.A.M. (hereafter the ASSOCIATION) do hereby establish and agree to the seniority of bargaining unit member Karyn Hagedon-Nixon as follows.

1. For purposes of calculating fringe benefits and any other benefits under the collective bargaining agreement not otherwise abridged by this letter of understanding, Karyn Hagedon-Nixon's original date of hire shall be applied. Mrs. Hagedon-Nixon's seniority began upon employment with the Court January 2, 1979.
2. Mrs. Hagedon-Nixon shall be entitled to bargaining unit seniority based upon half the seniority she earned with the Court upon becoming a member of the bargaining unit. In accordance with this understanding Mrs. Hagedon-Nixon shall be entitled to a seniority date of April 13, 1987 for the purposes of awarding seniority for;
 - a. selection of vacation time off work,
 - b. layoff, and/or
 - c. promotion, should seniority be a factor in promotion.

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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING
REGARDING
ARTICLE 24 - RETIREMENT

1. County contributions to Pension [24.3]

The County's contribution in calendar years subsequent to 2006 shall increase no more than one percent (1%) in a calendar year regardless of the annual recommended actuarial amount. In the event the increase in the annual recommended actuarial amount is greater than one percent (1%) the overage shall be attributed to the subsequent calendar year(s) until such time as the annual actuarially recommended amount is contributed, including the overage amount. In the event the annual recommended actuarial amount is a reduction, the employer shall be entitled to, but is not required to, reduce the amount even if such reduction is greater than one percent (1%).

2. Employee contributions to Health Care [24.4]

The employee shall be entitled to pay the health care premium costs from his or her contributions.

A. The employee upon making an application for retirement must choose to purchase or not purchase health care coverage. The employee, as a retiree, may not choose to purchase health care at a later time. In other words, the employee, as a retiree, must participate in the purchase health care coverage upon initial retirement or he or she shall be forever ineligible for health care coverage.

B. The employee, as a retiree, shall not be entitled to purchase health care coverage intermittently from the Retirement Plan. Failure to pay the monthly premium, whether intentionally or unintentionally disqualifies the retiree for health care coverage. In other words, the retiree shall not be entitled to discontinue and later re-enroll for health care coverage.

3. Deferred Pension and Retiree Health Care Contributions [24.9]

A. An employee is not required to withdraw his or her contributions upon termination of employment.

B. Pension contributions left in the plan are deferred until such time as when the former employee shall be eligible for a retirement pension.

C. The employee that leaves his or her contributions in the Retiree Health Care Plan Trust Account shall only be entitled to health care coverage in conjunction with receiving a pension.

D. The employee that leaves his or her contributions in the Retiree Health Care Trust Account but who has insufficient actual years of services to qualify for coverage shall be entitled to purchase coverage when meeting all the terms and conditions stipulated in Article 24 - Retirement.

4. Retirement plan selection from the Original Plan to the Modified Plan [24.8 & 9]

- A. The employee must contribute to the retiree health care account established in Article 24 – Retirement, 24.5 or be ineligible for plan paid health care as a retiree.
- B. The employee's contribution to the retiree health care account shall be effective upon July 1, 2006 the implementation date of the collective bargaining agreement.
- C. The employee shall make his or her selection know to the Human Resources Director or designee in writing no later than December 29, 2006, which is the final working day of 2006.
- D. The employee shall not be eligible to change his or her selection from the Original Plan to the Modified Plan after December 29, 2006.
- E. The employee's written selection notice shall be irrevocable after December 29, 2006.
- F. The employee that selects the Modified Plan shall be eligible for health care as a retiree upon attaining twenty (20) actual years of service contributions to the retirement system.
- G. The employee that selects the Modified Plan shall be ineligible for any rights, benefits, terms and conditions applicable to the Original Plan.

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