

APPELLATE DEFENDER COMMISSION

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APPELLATE DEFENDER COMMISSION MEETING

September 16, 2026

12 pm – Commissioner Luncheon Begins | 12:15 pm – Meeting Called to Order

SADO Detroit Office: 3031 W. Grand Blvd, Fourth Floor: Suite 450

Meeting format follows Roberts Rules of Order

- 1. General Welcome and Introductions**
- 2. Public Comment**
- 3. Approval of minutes – June 17, 2026 (Action Item)**
- 4. Presentation of the 2026 Appellate Defender Commission Awards for Excellence in Appellate Advocacy**
- 5. Office Updates**
 - a. Director General Announcements
 - b. Budget and Hiring
 - c. NCSC Workload Study for JLU
 - d. Intake and Capacity
 - e. Individual Unit Reports
- 6. Tentative Wage Reopening Agreement (Closed Session and Action Item)**
- 7. Director Evaluation**
- 8. Additional Action Items**
 - a. MAACS Billing Policy
 - b. Contract with the Sixth Amendment Center
 - c. Updated Relationships in the Workplace Policy
 - d. ADC 2026 Award Nomination for Borus Root Award for Excellence in Collaborative Defense
- 9. Proposed 2027 Meeting Dates**
 - o March 17, 2027, June 16, 2027, September 1, 2027 (out of rotation due to end of FY needs), December 15, 2027
- 10. Adjourn**