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### **Van Buren County Courts Announces New Trial Court Administrator**

Rachel Lindley has been named as the new Trial Court Administrator. This includes the 36<sup>th</sup> Circuit, 7<sup>th</sup> District and Van Buren Probate Courts.

Lindley has been employed with Van Buren County Courts as the Specialty Courts Administrator since 2016. During her time in that position she has expanded the Specialty Courts to include new programming such as Sobriety Court, a dedicated Family Reunification Court, and Pretrial Services. To support these programs, she has secured more than \$2.9 million dollars in federal grants. Chief Judge Kathleen Brickley stated "Rachel is a demonstrated leader and has been a tremendous asset to the courts with her innovative thinking and concern for those we serve. In her role as Specialty Court Administrator, Rachel has secured significant grants which have allowed us to provide services to those desperately needing them. She has established key relationships throughout the court and the community. She plans to build on those relationships to help make our courts more accessible to all."

Prior to joining Van Buren County, Lindley brings over 10 years of diverse experience in the criminal justice field. Lindley holds a bachelor's in Criminal Justice as well as a Master's in Social Work, Public Administration and Leadership and Management. She is a member of the National Association of Court Managers, the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice, the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, and the Society for Human Resource Management. Lindley is a Certified Court Manager through the National Center for State Courts and is currently completing her Certified Court Executive training.

Lindley, a resident of Paw Paw, enjoys spending time with her family and exercising in her spare time.



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