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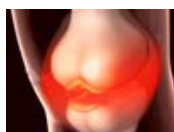
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LANSING — A group of judges and lawyers has ideas on how to modernize Michigan's judicial system.

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The Judicial Crossroads Task Force plans to announce 12 recommendations today to save money in what they describe as the state's "outdated justice system."

The task force was formed by the State Bar of Michigan in 2009. It is chaired by former State Bar president Edward Pappas and Oakland County's former chief judge, Barry Howard. Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly also is a member, along with James Brady, the former U.S. attorney in Grand Rapids.

Chief Justice Robert Young Jr. already has said that Michigan needs fewer county judges.

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Judges, lawyers call for "meaningful reallocation" of Michigan's judicial system (02:42)

With a dwindling population and a tight budget, efforts are being made by the Judicial Crossroads Task Force to condense Michigan's judicial system. Recommendations were given at a press conference held at the State Bar, downtown Lansing.

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