

## JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS

### *1st District*

*Term expires*

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| THOMAS C. CAMERON, Northville Township . . . . .     | Jan. 1, 2019 |
| KAREN FORT HOOD, Detroit . . . . .                   | Jan. 1, 2021 |
| KIRSTEN FRANK KELLY, Grosse Pointe Park . . . . .    | Jan. 1, 2019 |
| CHRISTOPHER M. MURRAY, Grosse Pointe Farms . . . . . | Jan. 1, 2021 |
| MICHAEL J. RIORDAN, Plymouth. . . . .                | Jan. 1, 2019 |
| CYNTHIA DIANE STEPHENS, Detroit. . . . .             | Jan. 1, 2023 |
| MICHAEL J. TALBOT, Plymouth, Chief Judge . . . . .   | Jan. 1, 2021 |

### *2nd District*

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| MARK J. CAVANAGH, Royal Oak . . . . .           | Jan. 1, 2021 |
| ELIZABETH L. GLEICHER, Pleasant Ridge . . . . . | Jan. 1, 2019 |
| KATHLEEN JANSEN, St. Clair Shores . . . . .     | Jan. 1, 2019 |
| COLLEEN A. O'BRIEN, Clarkston . . . . .         | Jan. 1, 2023 |
| HENRY WILLIAM SAAD, Birmingham. . . . .         | Jan. 1, 2021 |
| DEBORAH A. SERVITTO, Royal Oak . . . . .        | Jan. 1, 2019 |

### *3rd District*

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| JANE M. BECKERING, Grand Rapids . . . . .      | Jan. 1, 2019 |
| MARK T. BOONSTRA, Holland . . . . .            | Jan. 1, 2021 |
| JOEL P. HOEKSTRA, Grand Rapids . . . . .       | Jan. 1, 2023 |
| JANE E. MARKEY, Grand Rapids . . . . .         | Jan. 1, 2021 |
| WILLIAM B. MURPHY, East Grand Rapids . . . . . | Jan. 1, 2019 |
| DAVID H. SAWYER, East Grand Rapids . . . . .   | Jan. 1, 2023 |
| DOUGLAS B. SHAPIRO, Ann Arbor . . . . .        | Jan. 1, 2019 |

### *4th District*

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| STEPHEN L. BORRELLO, Saginaw. . . . .      | Jan. 1, 2019 |
| MICHAEL F. GADOLA, Haslett. . . . .        | Jan. 1, 2023 |
| MICHAEL J. KELLY, Maple City. . . . .      | Jan. 1, 2021 |
| AMY RONAYNE KRAUSE, Lansing . . . . .      | Jan. 1, 2021 |
| PATRICK M. METER, Saginaw . . . . .        | Jan. 1, 2021 |
| PETER D. O'CONNELL, Mt. Pleasant . . . . . | Jan. 1, 2019 |
| BROCK A. SWARTZLE, Okemos. . . . .         | Jan. 1, 2019 |

# BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF COURT OF APPEALS JUDGES

## *First District Judges*

### JUDGE

#### **THOMAS C. CAMERON**

Term expires January 1, 2019

Judge Thomas C. Cameron was appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals in 2017, and previously served as a judge on the Wayne County Circuit Court bench from 2014 until his appointment to the Court of Appeals.

Previously, Judge Cameron worked for the Michigan Department of Attorney General where he supervised several large civil and criminal divisions for the Attorney General, including the Civil Rights Division, Corrections Division, the Criminal Division, Alcohol and Gambling Division. Prior to him serving as a senior manager, he served as an assistant attorney general, where he litigated high-profile public corruption and cold-case homicides. He is the former chairman of the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards.

Judge Cameron currently serves on the Michigan Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Treatment Board and also as co-chair of the Criminal Justice Committee for the Michigan Judges Association. He is a member of the Michigan Chapter of the Federalist Society, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, Catholic Lawyer's Society, the Incorporated Society of Irish-American Lawyers and a member of the University of Detroit Mercy Inns of Court. He serves as an adjunct professor for the University of Toledo School of Law.

Judge Cameron is a graduate of Western Michigan University and Wayne State University School of Law.

### JUDGE

#### **KAREN FORT HOOD**

Term expires January 1, 2021

In November 2002, Judge Karen Fort Hood made history when she became the first black woman to be elected to the Michigan Court of Appeals. She was born in Detroit, Michigan, received her undergraduate degree in 1980 from the Regents College of the University of the State of New York at Albany, and her law degree in 1989 from the Detroit College of Law. Early in her career, Judge Hood worked as a teacher for the Detroit Public Schools, a probation officer, and served as a special assistant prosecutor and assistant prosecuting attorney for the Juvenile and Appellate divisions of the Wayne County Prosecutor's office. Judge Hood was elected to the Recorder's Court bench in 1992. In 1997, she was elected to the Wayne County Circuit Court, where she was appointed Presiding Judge over the Criminal Division in 1999. Judge Hood's professional affiliations include the Association of Black Judges of Michigan, the Wolverine Bar Association, and the National Bar Association.

### JUDGE

#### **KIRSTEN FRANK KELLY**

Term expires January 1, 2019

Judge Kelly was elected to the Court in 2000 and reelected in 2006 and 2012. She graduated from Michigan State University and from the University of Detroit School of Law. After law school, Judge Kelly joined the Detroit law firm of Durant and Durant, where she practiced civil litigation, and became a partner in the firm.

In 1987, she was elected a municipal judge, and she was twice reelected to that position. She was appointed to the Wayne Circuit Court by Governor John Engler in 1994. In 1997, she was appointed presiding judge of the Family Division of the Wayne Circuit Court by the Supreme Court. In 1999 she was also appointed the presiding judge of Family Division - Juvenile Division.

Judge Kelly served two terms as president of the Michigan Association of Municipal Judges and served on the board of directors of the Michigan District Judges Association. She also serves on the Rules and Family Law committees of the Michigan Judges Association.

Judge Kelly's civic activities include being a member of Leadership Detroit XVII, National Kidney Foundation of Michigan Detroit Executive Leadership Committee, KIDS-Talk Advisory Committee and DMBA Inns of Court. Judge Kelly and her husband, William B. Kelly, have three children.

## **JUDGE**

### **CHRISTOPHER M. MURRAY**

Term expires January 1, 2021

Judge Murray was appointed to the Court in 2002 and elected in 2002, 2008 and 2014. Previously, he served as a judge on the Wayne Circuit Court in the Family Division, as Deputy Legal Counsel to Governor John M. Engler, and as an attorney in private practice. Judge Murray currently serves on the Board of Law Examiners and is the chair of the Board of Advisors for the Michigan Lawyers Division of the Federalist Society. Judge Murray was formerly the chairman of the State Board of Ethics, previously served as a member of the Local Government Claims Review Board, the Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions, and was on the board of directors for the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association and the Catholic Lawyers Society.

## **JUDGE**

### **MICHAEL J. RIORDAN**

Term expires January 1, 2019

Michael J. Riordan was appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals on March 16, 2012. In November 2012, Judge Riordan was elected to a full six-year term. Previously, the Judge served as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, as assistant general counsel for the Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, and as senior attorney in the Enforcement Division of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. Upon graduation from law school, Judge Riordan was a Federal Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable Robert E. DeMascio, of the United States District for the Eastern District of Michigan. Judge Riordan is an adjunct professor of securities regulation and business organizations at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. He has been a member of the State Bar of Michigan's Board of Commissioners since 2006. He is a past-president of the Federal Bar Association of the Eastern District of Michigan and of the Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers. He is vice-president of the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law Alumni Association and is on the Board of Directors of the Catholic Lawyers' Society. Judge Riordan received his B.A. from Michigan State University and his J.D., *cum laude*, from the University of Detroit School of Law.

## **JUDGE**

### **CYNTHIA DIANE STEPHENS**

Term expires January 1, 2023

Judge Stephens was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 2008. Prior to that appointment, she served as a general jurisdiction trial judge for 23 years. She was appointed to the Wayne County Circuit Court in 1985, after serving as a judge of the 36th District Court. Judge Stephens was the Chief Judge Pro Tempore, Mediation Tribunal Chair and presiding civil division judge of Wayne County Circuit Court for eight years.

An Emory Law School graduate, Judge Stephens has been admitted to practice in Georgia, Texas, and Michigan. Prior to her election to the bench in 1981, she served as vice-chair of the Wayne County Charter Commission, Associate General Counsel to the Michigan Senate, Regional Director for the National Conference of Black Lawyers Atlanta office, and consultant to the National League of Cities Veterans Discharge Upgrade Project.

She has been active in bar work, including 16 years as a Commissioner of the State Bar of Michigan, chairing its Justice Initiatives Committee, Communications Committee, and Children's Task Force. Judge Stephens is a former chair of the Association of Black Judges of Michigan, a former member of the executive Board of the National Bar Association and its Judicial Council and a member of the American Bar Association. She was awarded the State Bar of Michigan's highest honor, the Roberts P. Hudson Award, in 2005.

Judge Stephens has served as adjunct faculty at Wayne State University Law School, the Detroit College of Law, and the University of Detroit Mercy Law School. She has also served as a faculty member for the National Judicial College and the Michigan Judicial Institute. She was a contributing author to the Lawyers Cooperative's Michigan Nonstandard Jury Instructions, as well as numerous articles on subjects ranging from jury selection to ethics.

Judge Stephens has served on numerous civic boards and commissions, including New Detroit, the Inner City Business Improvement Forum, the Detroit Metropolitan Association Board of Trustees for the United Church of Christ, the Greater Detroit Area Health Care Council, and the Girl Scouts. She is a resident of Detroit.

**CHIEF JUDGE**  
**MICHAEL J. TALBOT**

Term expires January 1, 2021

Judge Talbot was appointed to the Court by Governor Engler in 1998. Previously, Judge Talbot had been appointed by governors of Michigan to serve as a judge of the Wayne Circuit, Detroit Recorder's, and Detroit Common Pleas courts. Judge Talbot also worked as an attorney in private practice. He was a member of the Judicial Tenure Commission from 2004 to 2010 and presently serves by appointment of the Michigan Supreme Court as chair of the Court Reporting Board of Review. Judge Talbot is a Trustee of Madonna University, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, and the Archdiocese of Detroit Endowment Fund. In 2013, Judge Talbot was appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to be the Special Judicial Administrator of the 36th District Court. He served in that position for 14 months. In 2014, he was appointed Chief Judge of the Court of Claims and in 2015 reappointed for a two-year term as Chief Judge. Beginning in January 2015, Judge Talbot became the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. Judge Talbot received his bachelor's degree from Georgetown University and his law degree from the University of Detroit.

***Second District Judges***

**JUDGE**  
**MARK J. CAVANAGH**

Term expires January 1, 2021

Judge Cavanagh was elected to the Court in 1988. Previously, he worked as a special assistant attorney general, as an assistant Wayne County prosecutor, and as an attorney in private practice. Judge Cavanagh received his bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and his law degree from the Detroit College of Law. Judge Cavanagh has two children.

**JUDGE**  
**ELIZABETH L. GLEICHER**

Term expires January 1, 2019

Judge Gleicher was appointed to the Court in 2007. Previously, she was an attorney in private practice for 27 years. She began her career at Goodman, Eden, Millender & Bedrosian in Detroit and opened her own litigation practice in 1994. She is an elected Fellow of the International Society of Barristers (2004) and the American College of Trial Lawyers (2005). She received the Respected Advocate Award from the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel in 2005 and the State Bar of Michigan Champion of Justice Award in 2001. Judge Gleicher has served on the faculty of the Institute for Continuing Legal Education and as an adjunct professor at Wayne State University Law School. She received her bachelor's degree from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, and her law degree from Wayne State University Law School.

**JUDGE**  
**KATHLEEN JANSEN**

Term expires January 1, 2019

Judge Jansen was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 1989. In November 1982, she was the first woman ever to be elected to the Macomb County Probate Court. In November 1984, she was the first woman elected to the Macomb County Circuit Court. Prior to her elections, she worked as an attorney in private practice. Judge Jansen received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Michigan State University and attended Western Washington State University for graduate studies. She obtained her law degree from the University of Detroit Law School in 1982.

**JUDGE**  
**COLLEEN A. O'BRIEN**

Term expires January 1, 2023

Judge Colleen O'Brien was appointed to the Court of Appeals October 2015, and was elected to a six-year term in 2016. She graduated from the University of Michigan in 1978 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and from the Detroit College of Law with a Juris Doctor degree in 1981. Judge O'Brien

practiced law for 17 years prior to being elected to the Oakland County Circuit Court in 1998. As a Circuit Judge, she served as the Presiding Judge of the Female Adult Treatment Court for twelve years and as the Presiding Judge of the Civil/Criminal Division for several years. Judge O'Brien is a long time member of the Michigan Judges Association and served as President in 2015. She has also served as President of the Oakland County Women's Bar Association and served on the Board of Directors of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan. An active member of the Oakland County Bar Association, Judge O'Brien received the Distinguished Public Servant Award in 2011. Judge O'Brien's civic activities include serving on the Advisory Board to Crossroads for Youth, serving as a member of the Indigent Defense Advisory Commission, and serving as a member of the Interagency Council on Homelessness.

**JUDGE  
HENRY WILLIAM SAAD**

Term expires January 1, 2021

Judge Saad was appointed to the Court in 1994, was elected for a 6-year term in 1996, and was reelected in 2002, 2008 and 2014. Prior to joining the bench, Judge Saad was a partner at Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen & Freeman, where he practiced law for 20 years. He was also an arbitrator for the Michigan Employment Relations Commission and a hearing referee for the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. Judge Saad received his bachelor's degree from Wayne State University School of Business with honors and his law degree from Wayne State University, magna cum laude.

Judge Saad has served as an adjunct professor at the University of Detroit/Mercy School of Law and Wayne State University Law School where he taught Evidence, Professional Responsibility, and Labor Law. Judge Saad has served on the boards of Detroit Public Television, the American Heart Association, and Brother Rice High School. In 1992, President George H. W. Bush nominated Judge Saad to the federal district court and in 2001, 2003 and 2005, President George W. Bush nominated Judge Saad to the federal appellate bench.

**JUDGE  
DEBORAH A. SERVITTO**

Term expires January 1, 2019

Judge Deborah A. Servitto was born in Sewickley, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Oakland University in 1978 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and from the Detroit College of Law with a Juris Doctor degree in 1982.

She served from 1982 to 1986 as the first female assistant city attorney for the city of Warren. In 1986, Judge Servitto was elected to the 37th District Court. Governor James J. Blanchard appointed Judge Servitto to the Macomb Circuit Court in 1990, and she subsequently was elected 3 times to that court. Governor Jennifer M. Granholm appointed Judge Servitto to the Court of Appeals effective March 23, 2006, to replace Judge Hilda R. Gage.

During her tenure as a circuit judge, Judge Servitto was instrumental in implementing innovative programs, such as a seminar for divorcing parents aimed at helping their children cope with divorce and a drug court program that provides treatment and intensive supervision to nonviolent, drug-addicted felons. She was also one of the founding directors of Care House, a child-friendly haven for young victims of sexual and physical abuse.

In November, 2006, Judge Servitto was elected to a full 6-year term to the Court of Appeals, District 2, which includes the counties of Macomb, Oakland, and Genesee. She was reelected in 2012.

### *Third District Judges*

**JUDGE  
JANE M. BECKERING**

Term expires January 1, 2019

Judge Beckering was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 2007 and elected in 2008, with reelection in 2012. Before taking the bench, Judge Beckering was an attorney in private practice for 17 years. She began her career at McDermott, Will & Emery, P.C. in Chicago, Illinois, before she returned to her hometown of Grand Rapids, Michigan and later founded the law firm of Buchanan & Beckering, P.L.C. She received her undergraduate degree (with distinction) from the University of Michigan and her law degree (cum laude) from the University of Wisconsin. Judge Beckering

is a member of the Michigan Supreme Court Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions and the Steering Committee for the Hillman Trial Advocacy Program. She is also co-editor of *Michigan Civil Procedure*, published by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education.

## **JUDGE**

### **MARK T. BOONSTRA**

Term expires January 1, 2021

Judge Boonstra was appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals in March 2012 and subsequently was elected in 2012 and 2014. In addition to his appellate duties, Judge Boonstra began serving a two-year term on the Michigan Court of Claims, by appointment of the Michigan Supreme Court, effective May 1, 2015. Before joining the Court of Appeals, Judge Boonstra was a senior principal in the law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., where he practiced law for 27 years, including serving as a deputy chair of the firm's Litigation Practice Group and as co-chair of its Appellate Practice Section. At the time of his appointment, Judge Boonstra was recognized in *Best Lawyers in America* in the areas of Antitrust Law, Appellate Practice, Bet-the-Company Litigation, Commercial Litigation, Litigation — Antitrust, Litigation — First Amendment, and Litigation — Securities. He also served as a law clerk to the Honorable Ralph B. Guy, Jr., of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Judge Boonstra holds degrees from both Michigan State University, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, and the University of Michigan, where he graduated with both a Juris Doctor degree and a Master of Applied Economics degree.

In addition to serving many community and civic organizations, Judge Boonstra has been active in the State Bar of Michigan — including serving in the Representative Assembly (2005 to 2011) and as chair of the Antitrust, Franchising, and Trade Regulation Section (2000 to 2001) — as well as the Federal Bar Association and various local bar associations, including as a founding member of the Washtenaw American Inn of Court (2011). He currently serves as chair of the State of Michigan Supreme Court Committee on the Model Civil Jury Instructions and as vice chair of the State of Michigan Retirement Board. He has been an author of, or contributor to, a number of legal publications and presentations.

## **JUDGE**

### **JOEL P. HOEKSTRA**

Term expires January 1, 2023

Judge Hoekstra was elected to the Court in 1994. Previously, he worked as an assistant Kent County prosecuting attorney, as a district court judge, and as an adjunct faculty member of Calvin College. Judge Hoekstra received his bachelor's degree from Calvin College and his law degree from Valparaiso University.

## **JUDGE**

### **JANE E. MARKEY**

Term Expires January 1, 2021

Judge Markey was elected to the Court in 1994 and reelected in 2002, 2008 and 2014. Judge Markey received her B.A., with high honors in Spanish/Secondary Education, from Michigan State University and her law degree, cum laude, from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She served as the first Editor-in-Chief of Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

Judge Markey began her legal career as a prehearing attorney/law clerk for the Michigan Court of Appeals. She then entered private practice with the law firms of Baxter & Hammond and then Dykema Gossett, specializing in civil litigation.

She was elected to the 61st District Court serving the City of Grand Rapids in 1990 and reelected in 1992. Judge Markey is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the Western Michigan University/TMC Board of Directors and Executive Committee (1995 to present). She has previously served on the State Bar Grievance Committee (1990 to 1992) and as a hearing panelist for the State of Michigan Attorney Discipline Board (1989 to 1995), the Academic Advisory Committee for District Court (1993 to 1995) and currently is assigned to the Quality Review, Personnel, and ACE Award Committees for the Court of Appeals.

Judge Markey is also a long-time member of the board of directors for Alternative Directions and has served as a speaker/faculty member for numerous entities, including the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, the Hillman Advocacy Program U.S. District Court, Western District, Michigan Judicial Institute, Institute of Continuing Legal Education, the Lawyers' Show, National Conference of Law Review Boards, Appellate Bench Bar Conferences and graduation commencement speaker for WMU/TMC. In 2012, Judge Markey was selected One of West Michigan's 50 Most Influential Women.

#### **JUDGE**

#### **WILLIAM B. MURPHY**

Term expires January 1, 2019

Judge Murphy was appointed to the Court in 1988. Judge Murphy served as Chief Judge of the Court from 2009 to 2015 and was the Chief Judge Pro Tem from 1992 to 1996. Previously, he was a member of the East Grand Rapids City Commission, a law clerk for the Michigan Court of Appeals, and worked as an attorney in private practice for seventeen years. Judge Murphy was a member of the Judicial Tenure Commission (1995 to 2003; chair, 2000 to 2003) and the State Bar Board of Commissioners (2001 to 2008). He is a member of the board of directors of the Michigan State Bar Foundation as well as an adjunct professor at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Judge Murphy is an officer and member of the executive committee of the Counsel of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal. Judge Murphy received his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and his law degree (*cum laude*) from Wayne State University, where he served as a member of the Wayne Law Review Board.

#### **JUDGE**

#### **DAVID H. SAWYER**

Term expires January 1, 2023

The Honorable David H. Sawyer was elected to the Court of Appeals in 1986. He was elected to the Judicial Tenure Commission by his fellow Court of Appeals judges for a term that began January 1, 2010. He has served as the commission's chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary. Judge Sawyer currently serves on the State of Michigan Retirement Board. He served as Chief Judge Pro Tem of the Michigan Court of Appeals from November 2009 through December 2014. Before being elected to the bench, he was the Kent County Prosecuting Attorney from 1977 to 1987. Judge Sawyer is a past president of the Michigan Prosecuting Attorneys Association. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Arizona in 1970 and received his law degree from Valparaiso University School of Law in 1973.

#### **JUDGE**

#### **DOUGLAS B. SHAPIRO**

Term expires January 1, 2019

Judge Shapiro was appointed to the Court in 2009. Before taking the bench, Judge Shapiro was a partner in the law firm of Muth and Shapiro, P.C., where he practiced civil litigation in both trial and appellate courts for 17 years. Earlier in his career he served as an assistant defender with the state Appellate Defender Office, focusing on criminal appeals. He began his career as a law clerk to state Supreme Court Justice James H. Brickley. Judge Shapiro received his undergraduate degree in history from the University of Michigan in 1983 and his law degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1986.

### ***Fourth District Judges***

#### **JUDGE**

#### **STEPHEN L. BORRELLO**

Term expires January 1, 2019

Judge Borrello was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 2003, elected in 2004 and reelected in 2006 and 2012. He served as an attorney and partner with the law firm Gilbert, Smith & Borrello, P.C.



in Saginaw, Michigan. Judge Borrello also served as an assistant prosecuting attorney from 1988 to 1990 in Saginaw County. He earned his B.A. from Albion College and his J.D. from the Detroit College of Law. He is currently an adjunct professor in the Department of Criminal Justice at Saginaw Valley State University where he teaches Criminal Procedure and Evidence.

#### **JUDGE**

#### **MICHAEL F. GADOLA**

Term expires January 1, 2023

Judge Gadola received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University's James Madison College in 1985 and a Juris Doctor degree with honors from the Wayne State University Law School in 1990. He worked as deputy legal counsel and then as director of the Office of Regulatory Reform for Governor John Engler. He then worked at the Dickinson Wright law firm in Lansing, having previously worked for the firm in its Detroit office. He returned to work for Governor Engler as deputy legal counsel and counsel for the executive organization. He went on to serve as house majority counsel in the Michigan Legislature and as Michigan Supreme Court Counsel. He then served as legal counsel to Governor Rick Snyder. In December 2014, Governor Snyder appointed him to fill a vacancy on the Michigan Court of Appeals in the fourth district, effective January 5, 2015.

#### **JUDGE**

#### **MICHAEL J. KELLY**

Term expires January 1, 2021

Judge Kelly was elected to the Court of Appeals in 2008. After serving as a judicial advisory assistant to a circuit court judge, he worked as a trial lawyer in private practice for 20 years. He attended Michigan State University and earned his B.A. from the University of Michigan - Flint in 1984. Following his enrollment at the Detroit College of Law, he was accepted as a participant in the London Law Program at Regents College in London, England in 1987 and received his Juris Doctor from the Detroit College of Law in 1988.

#### **JUDGE**

#### **AMY RONAYNE KRAUSE**

Term expires January 1, 2021

Judge Amy Ronayne Krause was appointed to the Court of Appeals in November of 2010. Previously, she served as a judge on the 54-A District Court in Lansing for nearly eight years. Judge Ronayne Krause received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan and her Juris Doctor from the University of Notre Dame.

Judge Ronayne Krause began her legal career as a litigation attorney for a private law firm and then served eight years as an assistant prosecuting attorney. In 1997, she was appointed an assistant attorney general by then Attorney General Frank J. Kelley and was the first recipient of the Frank J. Kelley Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy. Judge Ronayne Krause worked for the attorney general's office for six years. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Ronayne Krause was elected to serve on the Ingham County Board of Commissioners, during which time she chaired the Law and Courts committee. She is an adjunct professor for the Thomas M. Cooley Law School and has lectured for the Prosecuting Attorney Association of Michigan. She has also taught for the Michigan Judicial Institute, including teaching other district judges at the New Judges Seminar in 2007 and 2009. Judge Ronayne Krause has also served as faculty for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, training other judges on a national level.

In September 2007, Judge Ronayne Krause was recognized statewide for her outstanding work with the State Bar of Michigan's Champion of Justice Award. She has previously served her community as a board member with the Lansing Educational Advancement Foundation (LEAF) and the Uplift Our Youth Foundation. Currently, she serves on the American Red Cross board of directors for the Great Lakes Region. Judge Ronayne Krause was appointed in 2011 by the Speaker of the House and the Senate Majority Leader to the State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee and in 2013 became chair of the committee.

Judge Ronayne Krause and her husband, Kurt E. Krause, live in the mid-Michigan area.



## **JUDGE**

### **PATRICK M. METER**

Term expires January 1, 2021

Judge Meter was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 1999. Previously, he served as a judge of the Saginaw Circuit Court, and he worked as a prosecuting attorney for Saginaw County and as an attorney in private practice. Judge Meter received his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Notre Dame. He serves as a lecturer at Notre Dame Law School's Advanced Trial Advocacy Program.

## **JUDGE**

### **PETER D. O'CONNELL**

Term expires January 1, 2019

Judge Peter D. O'Connell was elected in 1994 and currently serves on the Michigan Court of Appeals in the Hall of Justice in Lansing, Michigan. He was a trial court judge for 16 years prior to his election to the Court of Appeals and also served as the chief assistant prosecutor in Isabella County. He holds a Juris Doctorate from Detroit College of Law and was the first trial judge in the State of Michigan to obtain a Master's of Judicial Studies degree from the University of Nevada-Reno. He has served on the faculty of the Michigan Judicial Institute, the Institute for Continuing Legal Education, the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, and the National Judicial College. Judge O'Connell has also served as an instructor at New Judges School and is an adjunct professor at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

Judge O'Connell has authored articles in the *Detroit Law Review*, *Criminal Practice Law Review*, *Colleague*, *Benchmark*, *Michigan Bar Journal*, and the case book entitled *Social Science in the Law*.

Judge O'Connell has been on the bench since 1979.

## **JUDGE**

### **BROCK A. SWARTZLE**

Term expires January 1, 2019

Judge Brock A. Swartzle was appointed to the court in 2017. Prior to joining the bench, Judge Swartzle was chief of staff for the speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, as well as general counsel for the House. Judge Swartzle was previously a litigation partner with Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP, and he also clerked for three years in the Eastern District of Michigan and the Western District of Michigan, as well as four years with the Honorable David W. McKeague on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Judge Swartzle has authored numerous legal articles as well as co-authored a chapter in the practitioner treatise, *Business and Commercial Litigation in Federal Courts*. Judge Swartzle received his B.S. with distinction from the University of Michigan and his J.D. with honors from George Mason University School of Law, where he served on the George Mason Law Review Board of Editors.