

Facebook Post:

Hello everyone. It has been a long time since I have visited my facebook page; over a year. Retiring from the bench was very hard for me. I was not ready and felt I had so much more I could have given the community. However, time marches on and after some travel and relaxation I am ready to find another way to be of public service. I am running for County Commissioner.

I am a lifelong resident of Livingston County. I live in the old Faucett School House at the corner of Mack and Faussett Roads in Deerfield Township. I grew up around Oak Grove and my parents first bought the old school house in 1968. I have lived in it since 1998. My Dad used to play baseball on the school's playground and the school house was used for consignment of civil war soldiers. So, having been built in 1850 it has as they say "character".

I have served my community in many different ways throughout my life time. I will list some bullet points about my bio below. Having been raised on a farm near Oak Grove, I have watched this area change over the years. My heart has always been in the welfare of my friends and neighbors that live near me and I look forward to serving your interests on the Board of Commissioners.

I served as your Judge for twelve years and served with fairness, Rule of Law, and empathy. During my tenure, I founded two specialty courts and served as Chief Judge for the District Court and Chief Judge Pro Tem for the Circuit Court. One of the specialty courts is for the mentally ill and the other for veterans that are involved in the criminal justice system. These courts are called problem solving courts and they are a specialized criminal court dockets that emphasis addressing issues that brought these individuals into police contact. The Court uses an intensive probation and court intervention to utilize getting individuals treatment, medication and behavioral modification. The end goal of these courts is to reduce the individuals from re-offending and to help them develop a better life style. It is successful and it has relieved the taxpayers from spending money to house individuals that could be better served by therapy. Of course, there are individuals that have just earned jail and would not be eligible for such programs. The legislature has developed guidelines for qualifications that are needed for individuals to gain access I have witnessed and personally helped many people change their lives through those programs.

Before I was elected, I co-founded, in 1980, LACASA; our local spouse abuse and rape shelter. It serves men, women, and children suffering such abuse. I served as a criminal public defender for 15 years and also had a private practice in the areas of family law, probate, and criminal defense.

My work ethic is strong and I always remember to be kind to everyone I meet because everyone is facing some type of battle. Our county is continuing to grow and we need county officials that truly understand what we have gone through and have a vision for the future. We need officials that are dedicated to the interests and needs of their constitutes. Livingston County is a great place to live.

Currently mediating civil and divorce cases and acting as a visiting judge throughout the State.

* Education: Howell High, Washtenaw Community College, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, and Certified Divorce Mediator.

* Associations: American Judges' Association, American Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, Livingston County Bar Association, Habitat for Humanity past board member, Genesis House past board member, supporter of Second Chance Support Network, Alternative Dispute Resolution member, Michigan Mental Health Committee, Goldwing Riders' Association, Michigan District Court Judges' Association.

* Awards: LACASA's Impossible Mission award; Recognition by the American Legion Riders of Post 141, Howell, Mi for establishing and operating the Livingston County Michigan Veterans' Court

* Public Speaker for: Veterans' Courts, Mental Health Courts, S.M.I.L.E. program