

**Press Release
For Immediate Distribution
September 11, 2020**



I'm extremely disappointed with the latest statements by my Democratic opponent for Livingston County Prosecutor which greatly distort my vast criminal trial experience; and attempts to mislead the voters of Livingston County for political advantage.

Contrary to her unsupported allegations, I have a wide and varied background in criminal law and I'm proud of the broad based support that I have received from Republicans, Democrats and Independents for this election.

In my first two years as a Circuit Judge I oversaw 60 jury trials, most of them felony cases, more jury trials than most judges would handle in 10 years. Thereafter, I continued with numerous felony cases.

I was hand selected by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals to handle the first multi-county Grand Jury in decades involving the fungal meningitis tragedy. The Court of Appeals could have selected any Circuit Judge from Macomb, Genesee, Grand Traverse or Livingston County. I was selected given my extensive expertise in criminal matters. In August of this year Barry Cadden co-founder of New England Compounding Center in Massachusetts and Glenn Chin a pharmacist were ordered to stand trial in Livingston County for murder, the charges for which the Grand Jury that I oversaw was impaneled.

Contrary to Ms. Lake's assertions of no criminal cases since 2013, in 2014 I oversaw one of the highest profile criminal cases in the last decade for Michigan. The case involved a freeway shooter who engaged in 23 shootings that occurred in Livingston, Oakland, Ingham and Shiawassee counties. It was the first jury trial involving the new terrorism statute for the State of Michigan. Ms. Lake appears to lack an understanding of this statute. I was complemented by the lead attorney from the Attorney General's office for my oversight of the trial.

From 2014 forward, my caseload was more family court oriented, however I continued to handle the entire Juvenile docket and conducted trials involving criminal charges, including death.

It is rather self-serving of Ms. Lake to say that only assistant prosecutors should be elected county prosecutor. Beyond my extensive criminal expertise, I have extensive management and administrative experience as Chief Judge of all the Courts in Livingston County. The Courts are one of the largest employers in county government and compose a large portion of the county general fund budget.

I'm also looking forward to advancing the success of the multiple specialty courts in our county. These programs were, for the most part, developed and enlarged under my leadership, with minimal help from the current prosecutor. These programs save lives and families; and I will be their champion as the next Livingston County Prosecutor.