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Attorney Sara A. Schimke Appointed Probate Judge

Governor Gretchen Whitmer has appointed attorney Sara A. Schimke to replace retired Judge Kathryn A. George's term on the Macomb County Probate Bench (effective April 11, 2022). Ms. Schimke will need to run for reelection in November of 2022 if she wishes to serve the remainder of Judge George's term (expiring on January 1, 2027). Ms. Schimke is currently in private practice with Chalgian & Tripp, PLLC, where she focuses on probate law, estate planning, and advocacy. Ms. Schimke previously worked for the firms of Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer & Weiss, P.C. and Barron, Rosenberg, Mayoras & Mayoras, P.C., and was an adjunct professor for the estate planning clinic at Cooley Law School.

Ms. Schimke received a Bachelor of Science from Northern Michigan University, and a Juris Doctor from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She has been active in the community as a Board Member of the Michigan Parkinson's Foundation, as a member of the Institute for Continuing Legal Education's Elder Law Advisory Planning Committee, and as the past chair of the State Bar Elder Law & Disability Rights Section. Ms. Schimke is a Macomb County resident.

Probate Judge Sandra Harrison commented "I offer my sincere congratulations to our newest Macomb County Probate Judge, Sara Schimke. I look forward to working with her and improving our service to the citizens of Macomb County."

Chief Judge James M. Biernat, Jr., stated "We are very pleased to welcome Ms. Schimke to the Macomb County Bench. The long-awaited replacement for Judge George will do much to alleviate the pressure on the Probate Court and help us better serve Macomb County Families. I believe that Ms. Schimke's experience in the field of Probate Law will be a boon to the citizens of Macomb County. Welcome, Judge Schimke!"

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