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# **Judge Harrison Appointed as Presiding Probate Judge**

Chief Judge James M. Biernat, Jr., is pleased to announce that he has named Judge Sandra Harrison as Presiding Judge of the Macomb County Probate Court. She will join the Hon. Matthew S. Switalski, Chief Judge Pro Tem and Presiding Judge of the Family Division, the Hon. Richard L. Caretti, Presiding Judge of the Civil Criminal Division, and the Hon. Denis R. LeDuc, Presiding Judge of the 42nd District Court, as part of Chief Judge Biernat's Administrative Team for the County-Funded Courts of Macomb County.

Judge Harrison graduated from the University of Michigan in 1993; receiving a Bachelor of Arts, with a double major in English and Sociology. She went on to receive her Juris Doctor from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in 1997. Judge Harrison started her legal career at Salvatore D. Palombo & Associates, P.C., with practice areas including family law, estate planning, criminal and general civil. She also worked as an attorney with Simasko, Simasko & Simasko, P.C. for 15 years where her primary areas of practice were family law, estate planning and probate litigation. Judge Harrison was appointed to the Macomb County Probate bench on April 24, 2017 by Governor Rick Snyder. Judge Harrison is a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the Macomb County Bar Association. She lives in Shelby Township with her husband and three daughters. She and her family are members of St. John Vianney Church in Shelby Township.

Chief Judge Biernat commented "Judge Harrison has proven herself an able jurist during her three years on the Probate Bench, and has proven equally capable of -- and willing to -- assist with the administrative responsibilities of the Probate Court. I believe she will continue to thrive in her new role as Presiding Judge."

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