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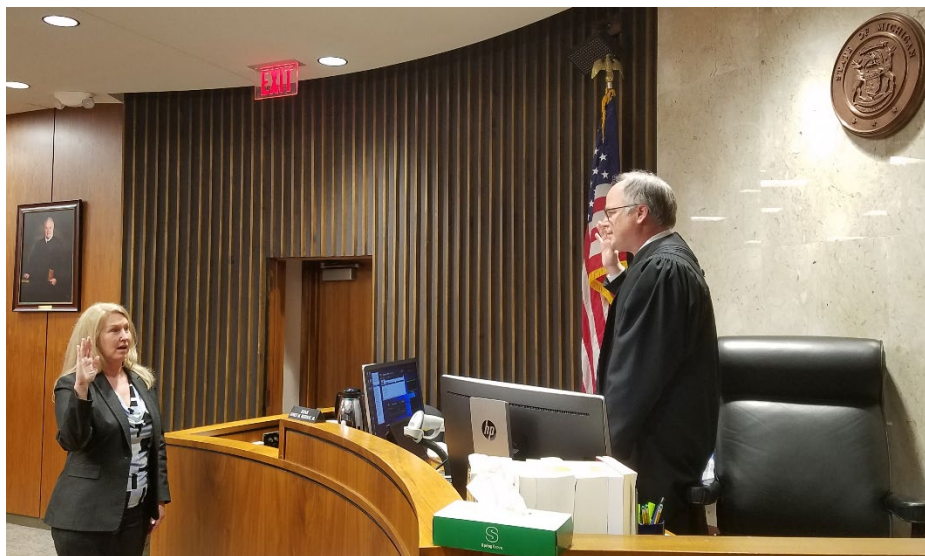
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# **JEAN CLOUD APPOINTED AS INTERIM MACOMB COUNTY PROSECUTOR**



At a special meeting today (May 20, 2020) of the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court Bench, the Circuit Court Judges (by a vote of 14 to 1), acted according to constitutional and statutory requirements that they fill vacancies in certain County offices, and appointed Acting Prosecutor Jean Cloud to fill the vacancy occasioned by former Prosecutor Eric Smith’s resignation last month. Ms. Cloud has worked as an assistant prosecutor at the Macomb County Prosecutor’s Office since July of 2000. In that time, she has served as Chief of the Sex Crimes Unit, Chief of the Auto Theft Unit, and Chief Trial Attorney. Prior to joining the Prosecutor’s Office, Ms. Cloud was in private practice following her graduation, cum laude, from Detroit College of Law. Following Eric Smith’s resignation, Ms. Cloud took over the operations of the Prosecutor’s Office pursuant to a succession plan filed with the Macomb County Clerk’s Office.

Chief Judge James M. Biernat, Jr., stated: “Jean has worked very hard in the last month to guide the Prosecutor’s Office through a very significant transition. I believe she is well-positioned to continue in this caretaker role until a new elected prosecutor can be chosen by the voters of Macomb County. We look forward to a new chapter in our dealings with the Macomb County Prosecutor’s Office.”

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