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James M. Biernat Jr., Chief Judge
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Hon. James M. Biernat, Jr. Re-appointed Chief Judge

The Michigan Supreme Court has re-appointed the Hon. James M. Biernat, Jr. as Chief Judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit Court, Macomb County Probate Court, and 42 District Court. The appointment is for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2018. Chief Judge Biernat was a Commissioner for the 16th District on the Macomb County Board of Commissioners from January 1993 through December 1998. He worked as an Assistant Prosecutor for the Macomb County Prosecuting Attorney's Office from January 1999 until his appointment to the Bench in 2011. He was elected to serve a six year term in 2012. Judge Biernat served as Chief Judge Pro Tem under former Chief Judge John C. Foster.



Following Judge Foster's retirement, Judge Biernat began serving as Chief Judge and was subsequently appointed to a two-year term as Chief commencing on January 1, 2016.

State Court Administrator Milt Mack commented "Chief Judge Biernat has provided solid, reliable leadership in Macomb County and we are grateful that he has agreed to continue serving as Chief Judge. He understands the value of using technology, process reengineering and performance measures to improve service to the public."

Chief Judge Biernat stated "I am honored to be reappointed as Chief Judge. We are in the middle of many exciting projects here at the Court, including the implementation of statewide e-filing and a multi-year campus renovation. I am pleased to continue serving as Chief Judge during the implementation of these initiatives, and I'm confident that the short-term challenges we face will yield long-term improvements for the people of Macomb County."

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