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Retirement of Probate Court Judge Kathryn A. George

The Macomb County Probate Court announces that Probate Court Judge Kathryn A. George will be retiring on January 2, 2022, after almost two decades of dedicated service to the Court.

Judge George was first elected to the Macomb County Probate Court in 2002. Prior to her election, she served as Councilwoman and Mayor Pro Tem for the city of Sterling Heights.

Judge George was raised in Macomb County. She earned a RN from Harper Hospital School of Nursing in 1973 and a BSN in Nursing from Oakland University in 1985, working as an acute care nurse before beginning her legal career.

Judge George earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Idaho in 1988. She was appointed to the Workers' Compensation Appeal Board by Governor James Blanchard and later worked as a general practitioner with an emphasis on Probate and Family Law.

As a member of the Macomb County legal community, Judge George has received numerous accolades, including awards from the Macomb County Probate Bar and the Macomb County Bar Association. In 2005, the Michigan National Guard presented her with an award for her support of U.S. military members and their families. In 2007, Judge George was inducted into the Macomb County Hall of Fame for her outstanding community service. Judge George has also received a Certification of U.S. Congress Special Recognition for valuable and dedicated assistance to Macomb County and its communities.

“My time on the bench was the highlight of my professional career and I will greatly miss serving the people of Macomb County. Unfortunately, medical issues caused by an auto accident have forced my retirement. I am forever grateful to my fellow Probate Court Judge Sandra Harrison for her collegiality and tremendous assistance. I also wish to thank the current and former Macomb County Probate Court and Circuit Court judges. It has been an honor to have served alongside all of you.

In addition, I wish to express my gratitude to my personal staff, the Macomb County Probate Court staff, and the Court administrators. Their professionalism and commitment throughout my time

on the bench has been exceptional. A special thanks to the Macomb County legal community for their exemplary service to Macomb County.

Finally, I wish to thank the voters and residents of Macomb County, who provided continuous support for the last 20 years. It has been an honor to have served as your judge."

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