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James M. Biernat Jr., Chief Judge  
16th Judicial Circuit Court,  
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### **Judge Biernat Reappointed as Chief Judge**



The Michigan Supreme Court has reappointed Judge James M. Biernat, Jr. as Chief Judge for the 16th Judicial Circuit, Macomb County Probate, and 42nd District Courts. During his tenure as Chief, Judge Biernat has overseen the completion of a multi-year, multimillion dollar campus renovation project, an expansion of the Court's e-filing capabilities, and the creation of a new OWI/Sobriety Court and Family Dependency Court. He has also navigated the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic while safely maintaining court operations. Looking to the future, Chief Judge Biernat hopes to build on existing momentum to further expand the Court's technology initiatives and continue to increase the accessibility of the Court system for all litigants.

Chief Judge Biernat stated, "I am humbled and honored that the Supreme Court has chosen to reappoint me as Chief. Our Court system has faced unprecedented challenges, particularly since the beginning of the pandemic, but thanks to the dedication of my colleagues and the employees of our Court system, we have met these challenges head on. I look forward to two more years of innovation and progress, working closely with our Macomb County Executive and Board of Commissioners. And I'm sincerely grateful for the trust the Supreme Court has placed in me."

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