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Michigan Tenure Commission Elects New Officers

KINGSLEY TO HEAD JUDICIAL TENURE COMMISSION

Calhoun County Circuit Judge James C. Kingsley has been elected Chairman of the Judicial Tenure Commission. Oakland County Probate Judge Barry Grant and gubernatorial appointee Richard Simonson were re-elected as Vice-Chair and Secretary, respectively. The Judicial Tenure Commission supervises the conduct of all Michigan Judges, magistrates and referees.

Judge Kingsley received his BA with high honors from Albion College and his JD from Northwestern University Law School. He was appointed to the bench in 1982 and served as the Chief Judge for the 37th Circuit for ten years. He is a former President of the Michigan Judges Association and Chair of the Judicial Conference of the State Bar of Michigan. He was appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to serve as a member of the Representative Assembly of the State Bar of Michigan and a member of the Task Force on Gender Bias in the Courts. He has attended the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada, and is a frequent lecturer on judicial ethics. He has been a member of the Tenure Commission for four years.

In commenting on the election, Paul Fischer, Executive Director and General Counsel of the Commission, said: The public and the judiciary will be well served under Judge Kingsley's leadership. Judge Kingsley and his wife Judith reside in Albion. They have two children and three grandchildren.