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MATTHEW SCHNEIDER NAMED MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT COUNSEL; WILL ALSO SERVE AS HIGH COURT'S CHIEF OF STAFF

LANSING, MI, January 11, 2011 – Matthew Schneider, a federal prosecutor and law professor, has been named Legal Counsel to the Michigan Supreme Court, the Court announced today. He will also serve as Supreme Court Chief of Staff.

Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr., said that Schneider “combines high-level legal skills with experience in management. It makes sense for him to serve both as the Court’s chief legal advisor and as manager of the Court’s staff.”

Schneider has been an assistant U.S. attorney in Detroit since 2003; he was a member of the Public Corruption Unit, which investigates and prosecutes corrupt public officials, organized crime, drug traffickers, and others. His responsibilities included training other attorneys and law enforcement officials. From 2002-2003, Schneider served as senior advisor and assistant general counsel in the White House Budget Office, where he provided legal and policy advice to cabinet members and senior presidential staff. From 2000-2002, he was an associate in the Washington, D.C. law firm of Wiley, Rein & Fielding L.L.P., where he advised clients on business and trade issues.

Schneider received his undergraduate degree in International Relations from Michigan State University, where he was a member of the James Madison College; he was also president of the MSU Senior Class of 1996. From 1996-1997, he served as public events and advance coordinator for Governor John Engler.

A 2000 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School, Schneider is a visiting professor of constitutional law at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School, where he has taught since 2007.

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