

# MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT



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### **JUSTICE DIANE MARIE HATHAWAY TO BE SWORN IN JANUARY 8; 104<sup>TH</sup> JUSTICE IS COURT'S FIRST NEW MEMBER IN NEARLY A DECADE**

LANSING, MI, December 29, 2008 – Diane Marie Hathaway, the Michigan Supreme Court's first new member in nearly a decade, will be sworn in as the Court's 104<sup>th</sup> Justice on January 8, 2009, at 2 p.m.

The ceremony will take place in the courtroom of the Supreme Court in the Michigan Hall of Justice, 925 W. Ottawa Street, Lansing. A reception will follow in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor rotunda.

The justice-elect, a Detroit native, was a judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court for 15 years before being elected to the Supreme Court in November 2008. She was first elected to the circuit bench in 1992, and re-elected in 1998 and 2004. As a circuit judge, she handled criminal, civil, family and appellate matters. She also served as a visiting judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Hathaway's legal experience includes serving as an assistant prosecutor in Macomb County, where she was promoted to head that office's Drug Forfeiture Division. Before becoming an attorney, she worked as a radiologic technologist and a licensed real estate broker. While in law school, she served as a research clerk for the Wayne County Circuit Court and Detroit Recorder's Court, and also as an instructor in real estate law. She received her law degree from the Detroit College of Law and a B.S. in Allied Health from Madonna College.

Some of Hathaway's past and present professional associations include the State Bar of Michigan, the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, the Macomb County Bar Association, the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, the Women Lawyers Association, and the Incorporated Society of Irish-American Lawyers.

The justice-elect resides in the Detroit area with her husband. She has five children and one grandchild.

Those planning to attend the investiture are asked to R.S.V.P. to 517-373-7589 no later than January 6, 2009.

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