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Supreme Court Appoints Judge Michael Warren to Oakland Business Court

Judge Warren Succeeds Retiring Judge James Alexander

LANSING, MI, October 14, 2020 – The Michigan Supreme Court announced today that 6th Circuit Court Judge Michael Warren has been appointed to serve on the bench of the Oakland County Business Court. Created by statute in 2012, 17 business courts statewide “...allow business or commercial disputes to be resolved with the expertise, technology, and efficiency required by the information age economy.” Warren succeeds Judge James Alexander, who has served in the post since it was created and is retiring at the end of the year.

“Judge Warren’s skill set is an exact match for the qualities we are looking for in a business court judge,” said Justice Brian K. Zahra, the liaison to business courts. “Mike’s impressive experience in complex business litigation is just the starting point on his resume. Just as important, he understands technology, is a great communicator, and works incredibly hard.”

“The candidates for business court were all extremely well qualified and ready to do the job,” said Chief Justice Bridget M. McCormack. “While only one was chosen, the people of Oakland County will continue to benefit from the knowledge, experience, and skills of a very talented bench of judges who wanted to add this responsibility to already busy workloads.”

A graduate of the University of Michigan Law School where he focused on civil litigation and the Constitution, Judge Warren has served on the Oakland Circuit Court bench since 2002. On the court, he has presided over more than 350 jury trials and is highly regarded for running an efficient courtroom, paying attention to the smallest details in order to ensure clarity and prompt resolution of cases.

Judge Warren is very active outside the courtroom, including service on the State Board of Education and as co-founder of Patriot Week. Previous to his service on the bench, he was a partner in one of the state’s largest law firms where his practice focused on a wide range of business concerns, including real estate, labor and employment, benefits, and taxes.

Judge Warren will join Judge Martha Anderson on one of the state’s busiest business courts. In addition, a key element of Michigan’s business courts is making opinions available on a [website](#), so that the public and practitioners statewide can search them. Nearly 2,700 opinions are currently posted and indexed by county and key word.

“Judge Alexander set the standard for a business court judge,” said Justice Zahra. “I am confident that Judge Warren will build on that record of consistent, efficient, and timely justice in critical business cases that affect job creation and our economy.”