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Nominations Sought for Hilda Gage Judicial Excellence Award for contributions to the profession, community, and legal scholarship

LANSING, MI, June 13, 2018 - The Michigan Judges Association (MJA) is accepting nominations for its Hilda Gage Judicial Excellence Award. The award is named in honor of the late Judge Hilda Gage. Judge Gage served on the Court of Appeals and Oakland Circuit Bench before passing away in 2010. She was renowned for her courage and scholarship. Judge Gage was the first female President of MJA and the first female chairperson of the Judicial Tenure Commission.

In 2010, MJA created the Hilda Gage Award to recognize judicial excellence. Each year, the Association recognizes a current or former judge who demonstrates:

- Competence in docket management and managing trials;
- Contributions to the profession;
- Contributions to legal scholarship;
- Contributions to the community.

The nominee must be a member in good standing of the MJA and must have served as a Court of Appeals or Circuit Court Judge as some point in his/her career. Past recipients of the Hilda Gage Judicial Excellence Award include:

Hon. James Alexander	2017
Hon. Alton Tom Davis	2016
Hon. Timothy Connors	2015
Hon. Joan Young	2014
Hon. Barry Howard	2013
Hon. James Kingsley	2012
Hon. James Ryan	2011

The nominations are evaluated by a blue-ribbon committee consisting of attorneys and both current and former judges. The nomination package should include:

- The nomination form;
- The nominee's curriculum vitae;
- Any supporting letters or other information.

The nomination form is available on the MJA website (mijudge.org). You should submit all materials in one package. The nominations must be received by June 22, 2018. Please mail or e-mail (preferred) the nomination package to: Hon. Jon Hulsing, 20th Circuit Court, Ottawa County, 414 Washington Street, Suite 300, Grand Haven, MI 49417 (jhulsing@miottawa.org).