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Chief Judges Appointed in Wayne and Ottawa Counties Second Business Court Judge Appointed in Kent County

LANSING, MI, November 2, 2016 – The Michigan Supreme Court has appointed mid-term chief judges in Wayne and Ottawa counties to replace retiring judges. The Court has also appointed a second business court judge in Kent County. Chief judges play a key role in helping courts streamline operations, increase efficiency, and improve service to the public.

The Honorable Alexis Grace Krot has been appointed Chief Judge of the 31st District Court in Hamtramck, for the term ending December 31, 2017. Krot, who previously served as the magistrate for the 31st District Court, succeeds the Honorable Paul Paruk who became Administrator of Region 1, one of six regional offices that are part of the Supreme Court Administrative Office (SCAO).

The Honorable Jon Van Allsburg has been appointed Chief Judge of Ottawa County 20th Circuit Court, for the term ending December 31, 2017. Van Allsburg will succeed Judge Ed Post, who is retiring at the end of 2016. Van Allsburg is active in the Michigan Judges Association and has been Chief Judge Pro-Tem for the past four years.

The Honorable George Jay Quist has been appointed a second business court judge for Kent County 17th Circuit Court, expiring January 29, 2017 or when a permanent second business court judge is appointed. Quist has served Kent County since 2012, first as a probate judge and then as a circuit judge. He was a civil litigator for a number of years prior to taking the bench, handling the same types of cases assigned to the business docket.

Business courts are designed to resolve complex business cases more efficiently and consistently. Business court judges help decide cases promptly so that companies can make decisions based on a clear and timely interpretation of the law. More than 1,000 opinions from the 16 business courts statewide can be searched [here](#).

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