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Nominations Sought for Hilda Gage Judicial Excellence Award

LANSING, MI, May 23, 2019 - 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 at some point in his/her career. Past recipients of the Hilda Gage Judicial Excellence Award are:

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| • Hon. J. Richardson Johnson 2010 | Hon. Timothy Connors 2015 |
| • Hon. James Ryan 2011 | Hon. Alton Tom Davis 2016 |
| • Hon. James Kingsley 2012 | Hon. James M. Alexander 2017 |
| • Hon. Barry Howard 2013 | Hon. Thomas Solka 2018 |
| • Hon. Joan Young 2014 | |

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; and
- 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 23, 2019. Please mail or e-mail (preferred) the nomination package to: Hon. Gerald M. Prill, 52nd Circuit Court, Huron County, 250 East Huron Avenue, Suite 207, Bad Axe, MI 48413 or prillg@co.huron.mi.us.