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**John Nevin of Holt named Supreme Court Communications Director  
Veteran communicator experienced in government, public relations**

LANSING, MI, February 26, 2014 – John Nevin, a seasoned communications advisor who has worked for government agencies in Lansing, Detroit, and Washington, D.C., has been named communications director of the Michigan Supreme Court, effective March 10, Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr. announced today.

“Justice is better served when the public is engaged and informed about how courts make decisions and why those decisions are important to our families and businesses,” Young said. “As an experienced communicator and writer, John is ideally suited to help us communicate our efforts to become a more user-friendly court system.”

Nevin comes to the Court after more than 12 years of service to the Great Lakes region of the International Joint Commission, a body created by the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 to advise the U.S. and Canada regarding transboundary water and air issues. For the past three years, Nevin served as the public affairs advisor to IJC. He previously served as the IJC chair’s senior advisor, a position he was appointed to in 2002.

Among other achievements, Nevin organized IJC advocacy that helped to lead the U.S. and Canada to renegotiate the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement for the first time in more than 20 years. He also served as the IJC’s communications advisor, leading the public engagement strategy of a five-year project to improve regulation of Great Lakes water levels.

From 1991-2002, Nevin served as chief speechwriter to Governor John Engler. From 1986-1990, Nevin was an associate consultant with L.P. Horist & Associates in Chicago, where he served as campaign press secretary to the Sheriff of Cook County and provided communications and issue management consulting services to political candidates and organizations.

Nevin earned an AB in economics from Harvard College, where he founded the Harvard International Review. He has an MBA from the University of Chicago School of Business. In 2010, Nevin received the prestigious Pinnacle Award from the Public Relations Society of America in recognition of his achievements.

A former Ingham County commissioner, Nevin resides in Holt with his wife and three children.