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## **Wayne County Probate Court Chief Judge Milton L. Mack, Jr Named State Court Administrator**

LANSING, MI, June 30, 2015 – The Michigan Supreme Court announced today that Wayne County Probate Court Chief Judge Milton L. Mack, Jr. has been named State Court Administrator. Judge Mack has served as a Wayne County Probate Judge since 1990 and as Chief Judge since 1998. Elected to four terms on the bench, Judge Mack has been a leader in advocating for reforms to help Michigan’s judiciary be more efficient and accountable.

“Judge Mack has all the tools necessary to be a successful State Court Administrator,” said Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr. “But just as important as his impressive judicial and administrative skills are his ability to lead and his commitment to drive change in Michigan’s judiciary to improve service to the public.”

Judge Mack joins the State Court Administrative Office on July 27 as the Supreme Court builds on key initiatives to improve service to the public. These include:

- Measuring performance to improve outcomes.
- Implementing technology to enhance access.
- Re-engineering court processes to increase efficiency.

In announcing the appointment, Chief Justice Young cited Judge Mack’s leadership role in proposing concurrent jurisdiction as a method to consolidate trial court operations. Three out of four Michigan counties now have concurrent jurisdiction plans that promote streamlining of court processes, balancing of workloads, sharing of resources, and elimination of waste and duplication.

Prior to joining the bench in 1990, Mack was an attorney in private practice and served as a Wayne County Commissioner (1983-1990) and City of Wayne Councilman (1979-82).

Judge Mack is recognized nationally as a leader on issues related to mental health and frequently presents to judges and the legal community on topics ranging from end of life decisions to the use of technology to improve court efficiency.

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