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## **Attorney Cami M. Pendell named Michigan Supreme Court General Counsel**

LANSING, MI, October 17, 2019 – The Michigan Supreme Court announced today that attorney Cami M. Pendell has been named General Counsel. Pendell has more than two decades of experience in both legislative and state government affairs and has received awards for effectively representing her clients. Pendell also has an extensive and successful track record working with the judiciary as executive director of the Michigan Judges Association.

“Cami’s good judgment and extensive experience will make her an excellent general counsel,” said Chief Justice Bridget McCormack. “Cami has a sophisticated understanding of how our branch of government is unique, and she shares our commitment that courts must be independent, accessible, engaged, and efficient.”

“My colleagues and I are thrilled to welcome Cami to the team, and her wise counsel will be critically important on issues ranging from court funding to criminal justice reform to implementation of statewide e-filing,” said Chief Justice Pro Tem David Viviano.

Since 2009, Pendell has worked as a governmental affairs consultant where she represented the interests of Michigan’s judges and other clients. She previously served as the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Michigan Senate Majority Leader and as a director in the Office of the President at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Pendell is a graduate of Central Michigan University, where she earned her B.S. in political science. She received her law degree from Michigan State University College of Law, where she graduated with honors.

“My goal is to put my experience and knowledge to work serving the Court and serving the people,” said Pendell. “That means helping Michigan’s judges and court administrators keep courthouse doors open to all, engaging the public to understand their concerns, and managing courts efficiently while treating everyone with dignity and respect.”

As General Counsel, Pendell will provide legal advice to the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, and State Court Administrative Office. She will also serve as liaison to the executive and legislative branches, representing the Court on various policy and legislative issues. The General Counsel’s office also supervises the Board of Law Examiners and manages the docket of proposed administrative orders and court rules.

Pendell will begin serving as Michigan Supreme Court General Counsel on October 21.

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