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American Indian Named MSC Security and Emergency Management Director

Michigan Supreme Court Appoints Frank Mraz to succeed John Ort

LANSING, MI, September 21, 2020 – The Michigan Supreme Court today announced that John Ort, who served the Court for 15 years has retired and the Court has appointed Frank Mraz to become the new Security and Emergency Management Director. A member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Mraz is the first American Indian in the post.

Mraz has been with the Court since 2018, serving as the Lead Security Officer and Bailiff. Prior to coming to the Court, Mraz was a Command Officer with the Michigan State Police and a member of the Department for 31 years.

“Frank’s familiarity with the Supreme Court and his long and successful background in criminal justice with the State Police made this transition seamless,” said Chief Justice Bridget M. McCormack. “Frank will continue our tradition of making the Hall of Justice both welcoming and safe.”

John Ort began with the Court in 2005 as the Trial Court Security Specialist. In 2007, he became Security & Emergency Management Director where he was credited with modernizing emergency management practices, enhancing employee safety, and providing trial judges statewide with critical safety-related advice.

“John is public servant with tremendous integrity and character,” said Chief Justice Bridget M. McCormack. “John’s technical expertise improved the safety and security of employees and visitors at the Hall of Justice and in courts statewide.”

A resident of Holt, Mraz is a graduate of the University of South Florida with a B.A. in Social and Behavioral Science.

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