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### **Judges Ulysses Boykin and Nanci Grant Named Champions of Justice; Awards Presented at State Bar of Michigan Annual Meeting**

LANSING, MI, September 23, 2016 – Third Circuit Judge Ulysses Boykin and Sixth Circuit Chief Judge Nanci Grant have received Champion of Justice Awards during the State Bar of Michigan annual meeting being held this week at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. The Champion of Justice Awards are presented to State Bar members who have achieved the highest honors in leadership, professional integrity, and community service.

“Judge Boykin and Judge Grant reflect the qualities that judges all across Michigan bring to the bench, especially leadership in giving back to their local communities,” said Milt Mack, State Court Administrator.

Judge Boykin, who was elected to the Third Circuit bench in 1999, served on the Michigan Military Appeals Tribunal, chaired the Detroit Civil Service Commission, and the Michigan Crime Victims Compensation Board. Boykin has worked to strengthen rules and procedures to improve outcomes in the courtroom, but just as important, he shares his time and expertise mentoring high school and college students, young attorneys, and fellow judges to improve outcomes in the community.

Elected to the Sixth Circuit Court in 1996, Judge Nanci Grant was appointed Chief Circuit Judge in November 2009. Grant is being recognized for launching Veterans Treatment Court as well as developing a free program for Oakland County residents that helps them with probate questions. Veterans Treatment Court aims to keep veterans out of jail by providing them with intense supervision, treatment for mental health and substance abuse issues, readjustment counseling, and mentoring sessions with military veterans who can relate to their combat experiences. “Removing the Mysteries of the Probate Court” is a series of free programs aimed at helping residents organize their estates.

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