



Michigan District Judges Association

Michigan District Court Original Judges

Charles J. Golden

1st District Court Monroe County

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1974

William J. Sanphilip

1st District Court Monroe County

- Judge William J. Sanphilip graduated from Monroe High School in 1940 and continued his education at the University of Detroit earning a Bachelor of Law degree in 1951.
- Sanphilip spent four years in the Army Air Corps during World War II serving from 1942 – 1946. He was a member of the American Legion, the Knights of Columbus, and St. Mary Church.
- Served 1969-1984
- Elected District Court Judge in 1968 and was one of the three original district judges that were elected at that time.
- Died in 2012

William L. Taft

1st District Court Monroe County

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1988

Kenneth B. Glaser Jr.

2-1 District Court Lenawee County

- Served 1969-1970
- Completed his Undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan in 1949
- Received his law degree from the University of Michigan in 1952, and was accepted in the Michigan's bar in 1953
- Also served as probate judge of Lenawee County Probate Court, 1971-77; circuit judge of 39th Judicial Circuit, 1977.

Yale Leland Kerby

2-1 District Court Lenawee County

- Judge Yale Leland Kerby was born in Corunna, Michigan on April 11, 1925. Graduated from Tecumseh High School in 1942. After high school he went on to attend Michigan State University, Ohio Northern University Law School, and obtained a doctorate in Jurisprudence.
- Was a practicing attorney from the time he graduated law school up until his death. In addition, he served as both a District Judge and Circuit Court Judge for the state of Michigan.
- Died in 2013

Kenneth W. Huggett

2-2 District Court Hillsdale County

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1972.

James E. Carr

3-1 District Court Branch County

- Judge James E. Carr was born in Charlotte, Michigan on March 20, 1936. He graduated from Charlotte High School in 1954 and earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Michigan State University and Bachelor of Law degree from The University of Minnesota.
- In 1968, was the first District Judge in Branch County. He then practiced law for 30 years and in retirement was a visiting judge in Northern Michigan.
- Died in 2013

William L. McManus

3-2 District Court St. Joseph County

- Judge William L. McManus graduated from Constantine High School in 1949 and continued his education at Hiram College, graduating in 1953. After college he attended the University of Michigan with his Juris Doctorate Degree in Law in 1956.
- Worked for St. Joseph County for 40 years first as prosecutor and later as District Court Judge for 34 years, retiring in 2002.
- Died in 2011

Steg J. Lignell

4th District Court Cass County

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1978
- Died in 2004

John T. Hammond

5th District Court Berrien County

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1986
- Served Berrien County for 40 years as both a District Court and then Circuit Court judge
- Formerly served as a State Bar Representative Assembly member, a council member for the Michigan Judicial Conference, an executive board member of the Michigan Judges Association, chair of the Criminal Law Section of the State Bar, president of the Michigan District Judges Association, and a faculty advisor for the National Judicial College
- Author of numerous articles published in the "Michigan Bar Journal" on criminal law topics and the judiciary.

John Iwaniuk

5th District Court Berrien County

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1980
- Previous attorney in Berrien County.

Paul Pollard

5th District Court Berrien County

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1973
- Previous attorney in Berrien County.

Harry A. Laity

5th District Court Berrien County

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1972
- Defeated Quentin Fulcher, chief assistant County prosecutor, by an edge of 168 votes, 3,719 to 3,551

Donald M. Goodwillie, Jr.

7th District Court Van Buren County

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1982

Luther I. Daines

7th District Court Van Buren County

- Born September 6, 1914, in Kalamazoo.
- Graduate of Paw Paw High School Class of 1934, attended Western Michigan University and was a graduate of Detroit College of Law in 1947.
- Veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Army.
- Served as chairman of the Van Buren County Red Cross
- Served as Van Buren County prosecuting attorney, 7th District Court judge in Van Buren County, and state-appointed District and Circuit Court Judge throughout the state.
- Died in 2001

Charles A. Pratt

8th District Court Kalamazoo County

- Served on the bench from 1969-1980
- Retired 1981
- Died in 1989

Peter M. Westra

8th District Court Kalamazoo County

- Graduate of Calvin College and the University of Michigan Law School. Was a practicing attorney for many years.
- Served as a Justice of the Peace and was an 8th District Judge from 1969 until his retirement in 1981.
- Died in 1986

Richard A. Enslin

9-1 District Court Kalamazoo County City of Kalamazoo

- Born in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School in 1949.
- In 1999, the Kalamazoo Gazette named Judge Enslin Person of the Century in the field of law.
- As an attorney in 1971, represented the Metropolitan Kalamazoo Branch of NAACP in a class-action lawsuit that led to court-ordered busing to desegregate Kalamazoo Public Schools, likely the highest-profile lawsuit in the community in the 1970s.
- United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, Southern Division. Presided over the U.S. District Court in Kalamazoo from 1979 until 2005. Appointed to Federal Court by Jimmy Carter in 1979.
- Chief Judge of the Western District of Michigan from 1995 to 2001.
- Retired in 2009 and died in 2015

Patrick H. McCauley

9-1 District Court Kalamazoo County City of Kalamazoo

- Graduated from University of Michigan Law School in 1954
- After working as a lawyer/partner in general law practices, he became District Judge of the 9th District Court of Kalamazoo followed by a Circuit Court appointment in the same district.
- He was assigned by the Michigan Supreme Court as a visiting judge throughout Michigan for 15 years.
- Died in 2012

Clark M. Olmsted

9-1 District Court City of Kalamazoo

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1980
- Died in 1993

Kenneth A. Fricke

9-2 District Court City of Portage

- Served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during the war. Attended University of Michigan law school afterward

- In 1964, he become the first municipal judge of Portage and in 1969 become Portage's District Court judge, a post he held until his retirement in 1990.
- Died in 2010

F. Jack Neller

10th District Court Calhoun County

- Educated Albion College and Tulane University
- Captain, Office of Strategic Services 1942-46.
- Member of the Michigan State House of Representatives from Calhoun County 2nd District, 1939-42; Calhoun County Prosecuting Attorney, 1953-56; Candidate for Circuit Judge, Michigan 37th Circuit, 1959/74.
- Died in 1987

Paul Nicolich

10th District Court Calhoun County

- Took oath in 1976.
- Elected to 6 year term
- Died in 1990

John W. Bothwell

11th District Court Calhoun County City of Battle Creek

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1982
- Previously voted Most Qualified candidate by the Calhoun County Bar Association

William Burke

11th District Court Calhoun County City of Battle Creek

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1975
- Died in 1995

Lysle G. Hall

12th District Court Jackson County

- Received a Juris Doctorate degree graduating with honors in 1958. Was President of the Michigan Justice of Peace Association from 1965-1968.
- 1968 elected to the newly created District Court where he served for 36 years.
- 1980 served as president of the Michigan District Judges Association, as well as the president of the Judicial Counsel of the State Bar of Michigan.
- Served as the Association's Legislative Chair for ten years and was instrumental in a complete revision of Michigan's drunk driving law
- After his retirement, Hall started the Jackson Legal law firm and continued working as an attorney until his health confined him to a wheelchair in 2012.
- Died in 2014

David C. McGarvey

12th District Court Jackson County

- Elected to the bench in 1968. Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1975
- Served for one term before he resigned to return to private practice in 1976.
- Died in 1995.

Robert Crary Jr.

13th District Court: 1969- 1985, 12th District Court: 1986-1990 City of Jackson

- Assumed the District Court bench January 1, 1969 and served until his retirement December 31, 1990.
- Elected by the people of the city of Jackson to the 13th District Court in 1968 along with Judge Theodore Smith.
- Died in 1995

Joseph A. McCollom

13th District Court: 1969-1975 City of Jackson

- Appointed to the bench in 1969 by Republican Governor William Milliken to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the Honorable Michael Baughman.
- Served until December 31, 1976.
- Defeated in the general election of 1976 by James M. Justin.

Patrick J. Conlin

14th District Court Washtenaw County

- Succeeded by son, Patrick J. Conlin, Jr., who was elected to C22 in 2015 and is a current judge.
- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1972.

Edward D. Deake

14th District Court Washtenaw County

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1972
- Born 1921 in Ypsilanti, Michigan.
- Died in 2000

Henry D. Arkison

14th District Court Washtenaw County

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1978
- Resided in Ypsilanti
- Died in 1996

S. J. Elden

15th District Court City of Ann Arbor

- Presided over thousands of cases: murders, robberies, drug busts and many cases involving University of Michigan students in the turbulent late '60s and early '70s.
- Earned his law degree from Wayne State University on the G.I. Bill
- Sat on the bench in Ann Arbor for 26 years, from 1967 to 1993.
- Died in 2015

Pieter G. V. Thomassen

15th District Court City of Ann Arbor

- Earned his bachelor's and juris doctor degrees at the University of Michigan
- Served 26 years as a District Judge in Ann Arbor
- Died in 2016

James R. McCann

16th District Court City of Livonia

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1994
- Succeeded by his daughter, Kathleen McCann, who is the chief judge of 16th District Court in Livonia.
- James R. McCann courthouse named after him for being the 16th District Court's first judge.

James E. Mies

16th District Court City of Livonia

- Attended the University of Detroit and graduated from the University Of Detroit School Of Law in 1951.
- In 1968 elected to 16th District Court.
- Died in 2009

Robert F. Brang

17th District Court Township of Redford

- Served for about 20 years from 1969-1989

- Father of township Treasurer Robert F. Brang Jr., and the grandfather of Diana Brang Schroeder, a member of the township Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Died in 2008

John M. Dillon

17th District Court Township of Redford

- Received his law degree from the University of Detroit in 1947
- Ran for Justice of the Peace in 1963 and was elected.
- Top vote getter among seven candidates and was reelected to the bench six times.
- Died in 2013

Michael W. Bradley

18th District Court City of Westland

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1976
- Died in 2018

Thomas G. Smith

18th District Court City of Westland

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1992

Richard D. Dunn Dearborn Heights County

20th District Court Dearborn Heights

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1974
- Served as a Municipal Judge

George E. Wicklund

20th District Court Dearborn Heights

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1973
- 1951-1959 Justice of the Peace
- Died in 1982

Richard L. Hammer

21st District Court Wayne County Garden City

- Succeeded by his son Richard L. Hammer, Jr. who is a current judge. His son is the Chief Judge for the 21st District Court.
- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1990

John C. Seiler

29th District Court City of Wayne

- Served on the District Court Bench from 1969- 1985

Gerald A. McNally

33rd District Court

- Graduated from Detroit College of Law - 1959
- Worked in Detroit Law firm McNally and McNally, P.C. with father and brother - 1959 - 1965
- Elected Municipal Judge, City of Trenton, in 1965; served in that capacity until the end of 1968
- In private practice in the City of Trenton - 1965 to 1968
- Elected first District Judge of the 33rd District Court in 1968; was reelected in 1972, 1978, and 1984
- Served as 33rd District Court Judge until he died on May 4, 1986
- Retired Major, United States Marine Corps

James Stone

34th District Court Wayne County

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1990

- Died in 2002

Dunbar Davis

35th District Court Plymouth

- Was Plymouth's Municipal Judge, prior to the creation of the District Court system.
- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1984.

Don Binkowski

37th District Court Macomb County

- Bachelor of Arts Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1947-1951. Juris Doctor, Wayne State University, Detroit, 1955-1956.
- District judge, 1969-1987.
- Claims supervisor United States Government, Detroit, 1951-1955
- Assistant attorney general, Michigan, 1957-1959
- United States District Court, (Eastern District), Michigan 1957, United States Court Appeals (6th circuit) 1958.

Verne C. Boewe

37th District Court Macomb County

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1976
- Served 1961-1976 Warren Municipal

Robert J. Chrzanowski

37th District Court Macomb County

- Daughter Susan Chrzanowski and niece Mary Chrzanowski were both former judges at D37.
- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1992

Roy N. Gruenburg

37th District Court Macomb County

- Daughter is a former judge.
- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1976

Raymond R. Cashen

39th District Court Macomb County

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1974
- Ran for Circuit Court bench in 1974.

Mary E. McDevitt

39th District Court Macomb County

- Practiced law for 12 years.
- Served as a District Judge for the 39th District Court, which covers Roseville and Fraser for 28 years and a Municipal Judge for Roseville for 10 year
- First woman judge in Macomb County and was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court
- Founding member and past president of the former Women Lawyers Association of Macomb County.
- Died in 2007

Gordon E. Havey

41st District Court Sterling Heights

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1983

Hunter D. Stair

41st District Court Sterling Heights

- Served on the District Court bench from 1971-1979
- Died in 1979

Richard D. McLean

42nd District Court Macomb County

- Served for 33 years on the District Court bench from 1969-2002.

Elmer E. Hartwig

44th District Court City of Royal Oak

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1972
- Retired 1972, term expired 1974.

John B. Osgood

44th District Court City of Royal Oak

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-19880
- Daughter Elizabeth Hines is a judge and former prosecutor
- Died in 1980

S. James Clarkson

46th District Court cities of Southfield and Lathrup Village

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1978
- Served 8 years as Oakland County Board of Supervisors
- Served 4 terms as mayor of Southfield.
- Died in 2008

Clarence A. Reid, Jr.

46th District Court cities of Southfield and Lathrup Village

- On April 28, 1958, Southfield became a city and Reid was elected as the first municipal judge.
- In 1957, elected justice of the peace for Southfield Township and held court on Southfield Township Road near Ten Mile Road in the basement of Nelson Realty

Michael J. Hand

47th District Court city of Farmington

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1989
- Retired in 1989

Alice L. Gilbert

48th District Court cities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Sylvan Lake, Keego Harbor and Orchard Lake Village

- Circuit judge in Michigan 6th Circuit, 1977-2001; defeated, 1966;
- Candidate for justice of Michigan Supreme Court, 1978

Carl F. Ingraham

48th District Court cities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Sylvan Lake, Keego Harbor and Orchard Lake Village

- Defeated in primary
- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1984

Maurice Finnegan

50th District Court City of Pontiac

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1973

Cecil McCallum

50th District Court City of Pontiac

- Nominated 1966
- Term ended in 1974, when he retired.

James R. Stelt

50th District Court Pontiac City of Pontiac

- Attended night school at the Detroit College of Law, where he graduated in 1964.
- Worked as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Probate Registrar of Oakland County before being elected for District Court in 1968.
- Died in 2015

Kenneth H. Hempstead

51st District Court township of Waterford

- Former Waterford Township Trustee and was the Founder and President of Community Programs
- Served 33 years as a Waterford District Court Judge from 1969-2002.
- Died in 2010

Martin L. Boyle

52-1 District Court County of Oakland

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1988

Gerald E. McNally

52-2 District Court City of Rochester

- Served 33 years on the District Court bench from 1969-2002.
- Graduated from University of Michigan in 1963
- Served in the U.S. Air Force
- Former attorney for city of Dearborn and Oakland

Robert L. Shipper

52-3 District Court city of Rochester

- Judge Robert L. Shipper was elected in 1968 to serve as the first judge of the 52nd District Court, 3rd Division
- In 1974, the Michigan State Legislature and the Oakland County Board of Commissioners authorized a second judgeship.

Bert M. Hensick

53rd District Court Livingston County

- Attended Michigan State University and Detroit College of Law
- Served as Livingston County Court Circuit Judge and District Court Judge from 1968 until 1986.
- Died in 2012

James H. Edgar

55th District Court Ingham County

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1972

R. William Reid

55th District Court Ingham County

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1980
- Succeeded by Thomas E. Brennan, Jr.

Kenneth A. Hansen

56th District Court counties of Barry and Eaton

- Served on the District Court bench from 1968 to 1996
- Died in 2015

Horace K. Powers

56th District Court counties of Barry and Eaton

- Served on the District Court bench 1969-1973

- Died in 1971

Elizabeth Ramsey

57th District Court Allegan County

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1972 resigned.
- Died in 1980

John Galien, Jr.

58th District Court County of Ottawa

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1992

Jacob Ponstein

58th District Court County of Ottawa

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1983
- Died in 1984

Gerald J. Van Wyke

58th District Court County of Ottawa

- Did estate planning work for Holland Christian Schools
- Graduated from Grand Rapids Christian High School and received his undergraduate college education at Calvin College.
- Died in 2010

Edward Campbell Farmer, Jr.

59th District Court Muskegon

- Was a U.S. Marines veteran who served during WWII, where he was the last survivor of the pivotal battles of Guadalcanal in September 1942. He received three Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star and Silver Star, among other honors, for his service.
- Served as a trial attorney for 18 years and a District Court Judge for 24 years
- Died in 2015

Charles Edward Silky

59th District Court Muskegon

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1973

Harold J. Steendam

59th District Court Muskegon

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1977
- In the 1970s, D59 changed from Muskegon County to Kent County

William F. Hanna

60th District Court Muskegon

- Earned his bachelor's degree from Western Michigan College in 1941, and then went on the University of Michigan's Law School. Also attended University of Akron (Ohio), University of Kansas, and Harvard University.
- Was as an attorney, a District Court judge in Muskegon and prosecuting attorney in Oceana County until retiring in 1983
- Died in 2009

Ralph Rose, Jr.

60th District Court Muskegon

- Received his juris doctorate in 1951 from the University of Detroit Law School
- Elected a District Court Judge in 1968
- Joined by his son Jim to form Rose & Rose Attorneys in Montague, MI.

- Died in 2015

Louis Simhauser

61st District Court City of Grand Rapids

- Began as assistant prosecuting attorney, private practice for six years.
- Was elected Municipal Court of Grand Rapids in 1956 and 61st District Court Judge until retirement in 1985.
- Died in 2007

J. Robert Smolenski

61st District Court City of Grand Rapids

- Daughter Sara Smolenski, judge in the 63rd District
- Received his undergraduate and law degrees from University of Michigan.
- From 1969 to 1984, presided first at Police Court, which later became the 61st District Court
- Died in 2010

Robert Verdier

61st District Court City of Grand Rapids

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1972.
- Died in 1972

Paul A. Wright

61st District Court City of Grand Rapids

- Received a law degree from the University of Michigan in 1938. Following law school went into private practice in Grand Rapids.
- During World War II served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy
- Served as a 61st District Court judge for 14 years until he retired in 1983.
- Died in 2009

Woodrow Yared

61st District Court City of Grand Rapids

- Served as chief judge of the Grand Rapids District Court for nine years
- In 1978, elected to the Kent County Circuit Court, served until 1987
- Died in 2004

Edward J. Kehoe, Jr.

63-1 District Court County of Kent

- Was a general practice lawyer as well as a District Judge in Rockford from 1970 to 1974.
- Born in Providence, RI
- Died in 2013

Joseph B. White

63-2 District Court County of Kent

- Attended the University of Michigan undergraduate and law school where he received his Bachelors of Arts and Juris Doctor degrees
- Appointment in 1963 as Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for the County of Kent, a position he held until his election as judge of the 63rd District Court for the state of Michigan where he served as alternate chief judge until his retirement in 1996.
- Adjunct professor for the University of Michigan Extension Service.
- Died in 2016

Benjamin W. Franklin

64-1 District Court County of Montcalm

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1979

C. Ronald VanBuren

64-2 District Court County of Ionia

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1979
- Former prosecuting attorney three times.

J. David Sullivan

65-1 District Court County of Gratiot

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1971
- Died in 1971
- Former Alma Municipal Judge

Roland J. Duguay

65-2 District Court County of Clinton

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1973
- Died in 1973

Peter J. Marutiak

66th District Court County of Shiawassee

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1974
- Appointed Municipal Judge in 1955, District Court Judge in 1969 and Shiawassee County Circuit Court Judge in 1974.

Harry P. Newblatt

67-1 District Court County of Genesee cities of Flushing and Clio

- Brother Stewart A. Newblatt former judge. David J. Newblatt, son of Stewart, is a current judge.
- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1989

Luke Quinn

67-2 District Court city of Davison Genesee County

- Graduated from Western Kentucky University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and later Wayne State University Law School in Detroit, graduating in 1964.
- District Court judge, and appointed as a Genesee County probate judge until his retirement in 1989.
- Died in 2012

William R. Evans

67-3 District Court city of Mt. Morris

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1996

Ernest J. Somers

67-4 District Court cities of Fenton, Grand Blanc and Swartz Creek

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1977
- Died in 1977

Basil F. Baker

68th District Court city of Flint

- Candidate in primary for circuit judge in Michigan 7th Circuit, 1959
- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1980

Ollie B. Bivins, Jr.

68th District Court city of Flint

- Attended Fisk University and graduated from Boston University School of Law in 1953
- First black judge in two Genesee County courts

- Practiced law in Flint until he joined the prosecutor's office in 1965 as a trial attorney. There served as the county's chief trial attorney from 1966-68.

Albert P. Horrigan

68th District Court city of Flint

- Attended Sacred Heart Seminary and earned degrees in both theology and philosophy in 1959. Graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1962
- Served 24 years, retiring in 1992.
- Died in 2012

Walter P. Kuta

68th District Court city of Flint

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1983
- Retired 1985

Dale A. Riker

68th District Court city of Flint

- In 1985 became president of the National Circus Fan Club
- Elected to his position in 1968 and retired after 16 years in 1983. Later reappointed to his seat until 1986, after his successor was removed from the bench.
- Died in 2009

James M. Shaker

68th District Court city of Flint

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1986
- Died in 2008

Joseph P. Friske

69th District Court city of Saginaw

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1975

Glover Gage

69th District Court city of Saginaw

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1971
- Term expired 1975.
- Died in 1971

Joseph Lee Scorsone

69th District Court city of Saginaw

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1979
- Died in 1979

Harold W. Martin

70th District Court County of Saginaw

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1982

Bruce K. Scorsone

70th District Court County of Saginaw

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-2000

Maurice L. VanBenschoten

70th District Court County of Saginaw

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1980
- Retired in 1981

Richard F. Kern

71-1 District Court County of Tuscola

- Obtained his juris doctor from Wayne State University in 1955 and admitted to the bar in 1956.
- Practiced law with his father, Roland Kern, and created the firm Kern and Kern, a partnership that lasted from 1956 to 1969
- Elected District Judge in 1968
- Served as district judge for twenty-one years until retirement in 1990.
- Died in 2016

Michael C. Dionise

71-2 District Court County of Lapeer

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1990
- Died in 2000

Wilber V. Hamm

72nd District Court County of St. Clair

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1981
- Died in 1991

James M. Kelly

72nd District Court County of St. Clair

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1983
- Succeeded by Daniel J. Kelly

William V. Simpson

72nd District Court County of St. Clair

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1973
- Died in 1973

John Schubel

73-1 District Court County of Huron

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1989

Eugene E. Deegan

73-2 District Court County of Sanilac

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1978
- 1979 Served on assignments

Ira W. Butterfield

74th District Court County of Bay

- Served as an assistant to the city attorney and then in 1942 left to serve as a law clerk to the Michigan Supreme Court.
- 1956 elected County Prosecuting Attorney for Bay County, a position that he held for two years, from 1957 to 1958.
- 1968 elected to the newly created position of District Judge in the 74th District Court. He served from January 1, 1969 until 1978 when he resigned to accept Governor Milliken's appointment as Circuit Court judge for the 18th Judicial Circuit. He served here until his term expired January 1, 1981.
- Died in 1995

Arthur E. Higgs

74th District Court County of Bay

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1985
- Retired in 1985

Lyle M. McCormick

74th District Court County of Bay

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1970.
- On bench 14 months before resignation.

Henry Hart

75th District Court Midland County

- Served as the Justice of the Peace from 1941 to 1947, the Municipal Judge from 1947 to 1969, and then the first District Judge in Midland from 1969-1982.
- Died in 2005

John Morris

75th District Court Midland County

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1973
- Died in 1973

Douglas A. Dehn

76th District Court Isabella County

- Graduated from University of Michigan in 1949 with a Juris Doctor Law Degree.
- Served 10 years on the bench. Twice elected as prosecuting attorney.
- Died in 2013

George Worcester

77th District Court Mecosta and Osceola Counties

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1972

John P. Riley

78th District Court Newaygo and Lake Counties

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1978
- 1958 elected to Jackson Municipal Court
- 1997 elected in Special Election to Lake County Probate Court
- Retired 1978

Frederick G. Mather

79th District Court Oceana and Mason Counties

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1978
- Died in 2012

Jon H. Ringelberg

80th District Court Clare and Gladwin Counties

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1984

J. Richard Ernst

81st District Court Iosco and Arenac Counties

- Attended Yale University, A.B., 1960 University of Michigan, LL.B., 1963
- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-2002

Edwin S. Bartlett

82nd District Court Alcona, Oscoda, and Ogemaw Counties

- University of Michigan, Literary Department, 1893-95, Law Department, LL.B., 1898
- Director Michigan Pressed Steel Co. Progressive.

Francis L. Walsh

83rd District Court Roscommon and Crawford Counties

- Served 33 years from 1969-2002 on the District Court bench.

Frank H. Miltner

84th District Court Wexford and Missaukee Counties

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1984
- 1978 reelected for 6 year term.
- Died in 1984

David L. Bailey

85th District Court Manistee and Benzie Counties

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1970, resigned.

Harold E. Hunsberger

86th District Court Grand Traverse and Leelanau Counties

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1975, resigned.
- Died in 1980

Daniel F. Walsh

87th District Court Kalkaska, Antrim and Otsego Counties

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1972

Robert D. Mandenberg

88th District Court Alpena and Montmorency Counties

- Graduated 1949 from Michigan State College and then entered University of Michigan law school, graduating in 1952.
- July 1967 appointed municipal judge for the city of Alpena, Alpena County, Michigan.
- Served as a District Court judge and one of his court cases made news even in Arizona
- Died in 2004

Philip S. Tschirhart

89th District Court Cheboygan and Presque Isle Counties

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1984

Wayne Richard Smith

90th District Court Emmet and Charlevoix Counties

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1972

Nicholas James Lambros

91st District Court Chippewa County

- Son James P. Lambros current judge C50.
- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1972

Robert A. Wood

92nd District Court Mackinac and Luce Counties

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1990

Charles H. Stark

93rd District Court Schoolcraft and Alger Counties

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1988
- Died in 2011

Dean J. Shipman

94th District Court Delta County

- Attended College of the Holy Cross, B.S. and University of Michigan Law School, J.D.
- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1985

Russell W. Bradley

95-1 District Court Menominee County

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1984
- Retired 1984 election
- Died in 2003

V. Robert Payant

95-2 District Court Dickinson County

- B.S. Marquette University, 1954. Juris Doctor, Marquette University, 1956.
- Probate judge County of Dickinson, Iron Mountain, 1963-1968. 95th district judge state of Michigan, 1968-1977, 41st circuit judge, 1977-1982, court administrator Lansing, Michigan, 1985-1988.
- Associate dean National Judicial College, Reno, 1982-1985, dean, 1990-1994, president, 1994-1998, president emeritus, since 1999, member faculty, since 1973.

Stephen J. Catel

96th District Court Marquette County

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1984
- Retired in 1984.

George E. Hill

96th District Court Marquette County

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1974

William G. Konstenius

97th District Court Iron and Baraga Counties

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1990

William S. Baird

98th District Court Ontonagon and Gogebic Counties

- Served as Bessemer City Attorney 1944-1956
- 27 years old when admitted to bar.
- Died in 1970.

Bert M. Heideman

99th District Court Houghton and Keweenaw Counties

- Served on the District Court bench from 1969-1972.