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Media Advisory

Michigan Court of Appeals Celebrates 50 Years of Service with Special Session & Panel

- WHO:** Michigan Court of Appeals Judges, past and present
Michigan Supreme Court Justices, past and present
Court of Appeals staff, past and present
State Leaders
Legislators
State Bar of Michigan members
- WHAT:** The Michigan Court of Appeals is commemorating 50 years of service this year with a Special Session of Court and Historic Panel. Emmy Award-winning Detroit news anchor and reporter Christy McDonald will moderate the panel comprised of former MSC Justice Michael F. Cavanagh; former COA Judge William C. Whitbeck; Norman Otto Stockmeyer, former COA Research Director; Denise Devine, COA Information Systems Director; and Julie Isola Ruecke, COA Research Director. For more information, click [here](#).
- WHEN:** Thursday, April 30, 2015, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** Michigan Hall of Justice
Court of Appeals Courtroom, 2nd Floor
925 W. Ottawa Street
Lansing, MI 48915
- WHY:** The 1963 Michigan Constitution created the Court of Appeals as Michigan's intermediate appellate court, serving between the trial benches and the Michigan Supreme Court, and the Legislature later passed implementing legislation. Since it heard its first cases in January 1965 opening, 82 judges have served on the Court, the Court has issued over 151,700 dispositive opinions dealing with many of the most important legal issues that have faced the State of Michigan and its people, and the Court has been widely recognized as one of the premier intermediate appellate courts in the country.

If media plan to attend the event, please contact Stacy Sellek at (517) 373-0035 or selleks@courts.mi.gov. For film and electronic media coverage of the Special Session of court, you must fill out and submit a request form by the State Court Administrative Office. Click [here](#) for the form.

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