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Hon. Stephen P. Carras appointed chief judge of Midland courts

LANSING, MI, April 16, 2013 – Hon. Stephen P. Carras, a judge of the 75th District Court in Midland, will serve as chief judge of Midland County’s circuit, probate, and district courts, the Michigan Supreme Court announced today.

Carras previously served as chief judge pro tem of the Midland courts. He succeeds Midland Circuit Judge Jonathan E. Lauderbach, the former chief judge of the Midland courts, who has resigned from the bench to return to the private practice of law.

Carras will serve the balance of Lauderbach’s chief judge term, ending December 31, 2013.

Carras was elected to the 75th District Court in 2006. He earned his undergraduate degree from Michigan State University and his law degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. He also has a Master of Laws degree from Wayne State University Law School.

The Michigan Supreme Court appoints the chief judges of the trial courts and the Michigan Court of Appeals; chief judges serve two-year terms and may be re-appointed to serve more terms. Chief judges’ duties include directing court administration, counseling other judges in the performance of their duties, and representing their courts with other branches of government and the public.

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