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CIRCUIT JUDGE PAULA MANDERFIELD

Seeks promotion to the Court of Appeals

Judge Paula Manderfield announced her candidacy for the Michigan Court of Appeals. Judge Manderfield sits on the Lansing-based Ingham County 30th Circuit Court, which also presides over the Court of Claims cases in the state. The Appeals Court District she is running for includes 58 counties in Michigan including the entire Upper Peninsula.

Judge Manderfield has 16 years of judicial experience. She was elected to her current judicial position in 2000 and is serving her sixth year in the General Trial Division that handles felonies and civil cases that involve claims for more than \$25,000. Before that, she served in the Family Division where her caseload included abuse and neglect and domestic relations matters. Judge Manderfield launched her judicial career when in 1992 she was elected to the Lansing District Court. Prior to that, she had a private law practice for ten years.

“Circuit and District court is where I gained valuable judicial experience. I am an experienced judge who is qualified to move on to the additional responsibilities of an appeals court judge and that’s why I’m running.”

Judge Manderfield has handled hundreds of cases, both civil and criminal, including the high profile Ricky Holland murder trial.

Judge Manderfield is one of 12 children born and raised in Atlantic Mine, which is in the U. P. near Houghton. She earned an associate's degree in nursing from Michigan Tech in 1975. She then moved to Lansing where she worked as a nurse on the second shift so she could continue her education, first at Michigan State University where she graduated in 1979 with a B. S. in Nursing and then onto Lansing's Thomas M. Cooley Law School where she earned her J. D. in 1982. Judge Manderfield still maintains her R. N. license. She resides in East Lansing and is married to David, and they have three children twins, Harry and Katy age nine and Madeline age 10. Her oldest son resides in Connecticut where he is an officer in the Coast Guard. He is married with two children, ages 3mt and 1 ½ years, making Judge Manderfield a grandmother as well.

Judge Manderfield has served as a board member on many non-profit organizations in the past including the American Heart Association, Ronald McDonald House, and Advent House Ministries. She currently serves on the Elder Law of Michigan Board, the Michigan Judges Association Board, and the Michigan Judicial Conference board.