

CONGRATULATIONS!

City of Madison Municipal Judge **Shelley Gaylord**, and Milwaukee Municipal Court Commissioner **David Borowski** have both won their bid for election to the Circuit Court Bench. Beginning August 1, 2003, Judge Gaylord will take the bench in Dane County Circuit Court and David Borowski will take the bench in Milwaukee County Circuit Court. Congratulations to both of you.

2003 ELECTION

District 1: **Paul Murphy** was elected in the City of West Allis. He replaces Nick Lucas who has become a Reserve Judge for Milwaukee County.

District 2: **Roger Farnsworth** was elected in the Village of Darien. He replaces Deborah Wilson. **Fred Hewitt** was elected in the Town of Wheatland. He replaced Gerald Luke.

District 3: **Timothy Steinle** was elected in the Village of Elm Grove. He replaces Roger P. Paulsen who has become a Reserve Municipal Judge for Waukesha County.

District 4: **Matthew P. Mooney** was appointed as the first municipal judge for the newly created court for the City of Plymouth on April 8, 2003.

District 5: **Gerald Ziegler** was appointed in the Village of Belleville on February 1, 2003. He replaces Herman King who resigned.

Terry N. Miller was elected in the Village of Orfordville. He replaces David Giddley.

The Village of New Glarus, Judge **John Christoffel** presiding, was abolished effective April 30, 2003.

District 6: **William Breunig** was elected municipal judge for the Eastern Columbia County joint court. He replaced Elmer Karl.

Richard Hotchkiss was appointed as the first municipal judge for the newly created court in the Village of Plainfield.

Sandra Zenor was appointed in the Town of Rome on January 9, 2003. She replaced Judge Michael Collard.

District 8: **John J. Mazuroski, Jr.** was appointed in the Village of Black Creek on January 13, 2003. He replaces Judge Vernon Zuleger.

Catherine C. Strickmann was elected in the Town of Stephenson. She replaces Wayne Keon.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

GOODBYE & THANK YOU SHELLEY!

As many of you know, **Shelley Gaylord** has served as a member of the Municipal Judge Education Committee for many years. During that time, she has been an invaluable member of the committee both for her input and

wisdom in planning municipal judge seminars but also for her outstanding abilities as a seminar faculty member. In spite of the many demands on Shelley's time she has always graciously agreed to devote many, many hours to both seminar planning and teaching at municipal judge seminars throughout the years. We couldn't be happier for Shelley's as she moves on to becoming the newest Dane County Circuit Court judge. However, we cannot deny that we miss having her on our "team." Thank you, Shelley, for your enduring commitment to the continuing education of Municipal Court Judges.

WELCOME NANCY!

Although we will miss Shelley we consider ourselves very fortunate to announce that the Honorable **Nancy Bekx**, Reserve Judge for Outagamie County has accepted the invitation to join the Education Committee to fill the vacancy created by Shelley's departure. Nancy served as the municipal judge for the Town of Buchanan from 1997 – 2002 when the court was disbanded. She is a fulltime Criminal Justice Instructor at Fox Valley Technical College and holds a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. Nancy continues to serve on the Municipal Judge Benchbook Committee and has served as a faculty member at numerous Municipal Judge Seminars. Based on the excellent evaluations Nancy receives, I have no doubt that she will be a tremendous asset to the Education Committee. Welcome aboard Nancy!

MJ QUESTIONNAIRE

Enclosed with this newsletter is the 2003 Municipal Judge Questionnaire. It is *very* important that you take the time to fill out this questionnaire and return it to our office no later than August 30, 2003.

NEW LEGISLATION

2003 Wis. Act 28, creating sec. 302.373, Stats., became effective June 3, 2003. This newly created statute permits a city, village, or town to sue a defendant to recover the costs of a commitment to the county jail or house of correction incurred after the June 3, 2003, effective date. The action to recover these costs must be filed within 12 months after the defendant is released or be barred. The amount of any such judgment obtained may be reduced by any support or maintenance obligations the defendant may have.

MILITARY SERVICE

The **Honorable Len Kachinsky**, Town of Menasha, has been ordered to active duty by the Army Reserves. Judge Kachinsky holds the rank of lieutenant colonel. He is serving as an administrative law officer in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. Judge Kachinsky's orders are for 179 days but may be extended or shortened to meet the needs of the Army.

PENDING LEGISLATION

Assembly Bill 365 is currently before the legislator for consideration. This, in its current form, reads as follows:

“SECTION 1. 66.0114(1)(d) of the statutes is created to read:

66.0114(1) (d) The municipal court may contract with a collection agency for the collection of unpaid forfeitures, assessments, and surcharges under par. (a). The contract shall provide that the collection agency shall be paid from the proceeds recovered by the collection agency. The net proceeds that the municipal court receives after the payment to the collection agency shall be considered the amount of forfeiture, assessments, and surcharges collected for distribution under par. (b) and sub. (3) (b) and (c)”

If you have questions or comments regarding this proposed legislation please contact this office or your local state representative. This bill has been referred to the Committee on Urban and Local Affairs.

MUNI JUDGE LISTSERV

The listserv has been up and running for several months now and has proven to be a good communication tool for muni judges to pose questions and give opinions to each other. If you have an e-mail account and haven't signed up to be a member yet, please call or e-mail us for the instructions.

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