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Judge Victoria Valentine appointed to business court



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Oakland County Circuit Judge Victoria Valentine was recently appointed to serve on the county's Business Court.

The appointment, made by the Michigan Supreme Court, has Valentine succeeding Judge Martha Anderson and joining Judge Michael Warren on the Business Court bench.

"Between her years of experience on the bench, her previous experience handling business litigation, and her excellent reputation among her colleagues, Judge Valentine is the right choice for the Oakland County Business Court," Justice Brian K. Zahra, the liaison to business courts, stated in a news release. "I have no doubt that she will build on the court's record of consistent, efficient, and timely justice in critical business cases that affect job creation and the economy."

Valentine was first elected to the circuit court's bench as a family court judge. She now presides over a criminal/civil docket.

According to the news release, Valentine practiced law for more than 17 years before joining the bench, focusing on commercial litigation and other civil litigation, She also presented business litigation issues and developed/delivered client business litigation seminars.

Business courts were created by a 2013 statute to "allow business or commercial disputes to be resolved with the expertise, technology, and efficiency required by the information age economy."

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Hon. Martha D. Anderson

Chief Circuit Judge Pro Tempore



- Elected to the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court in November 2002; re-elected 2008 and 2014
- Assignment to Sixth Judicial Circuit Court Civil/Criminal Division, 2010-Present
- Assignment to Sixth Judicial Circuit Court Family Division, 2003-2009
- Sixth Judicial Circuit Court Friend of the Court Referee, 1979-2002
- Member, Michigan Judges Association Executive Committee
- Chairperson, Michigan Judges Association Criminal Law Committee
- Appointed Member, Michigan Community Corrections Board
- Member, Michigan Department of Human Services, Juvenile Justice Competency Legislation
 Workgroup; and Michigan Department of Corrections, Presentence Investigation Report/COMPAS
 Workgroup
- Judicial Team Leader, American Inns of Court OCBA Chapter
- Michigan Judges Association Representative, Michigan Legislative Workgroup for Probation & Parole Reforms (2014-2015); and Michigan Legislative Workgroup for People v. Lockridge Sentencing Guidelines (2014-2015)
- Court Liaison, Oakland County Bar Association Circuit Court Committee (2011-2014)
- President, Italian American Bar Association of Michigan (2009-2010)

- Trustee, CARE House of Oakland County Board of Trustees (2003-2009)
- Director, Women Officials' Network Board of Directors (2005-2009)
- Family Law Chairperson, Oakland County Bar Association Bench/Bar Conference (2007)
- Former Board Member, The Referees Association of Michigan Board of Directors; and Michigan Inter-Professional Association on Marriage, Family and Divorce Board of Directors
- Former Member, Michigan Supreme Court, Family Division Joint Rules Committee
- Past Vice-President, Michigan Family Support Council Southeast Region
- Past Treasurer, Michigan Family Support Council State Level
- Association of Michigan, President's Award; Italian American Bar Association of Michigan, President's Award; Italian American Bar Association of Michigan, Honor Banner Award of Distinction; The Honorable Robert E. Weiss, Award for Excellence in Court Improvement; Oakland County Circuit Court Family Division, Arthur Eugene Moore Champion of Children Award; Dads & Moms of Michigan, Judiciary Order of Merit for Outstanding Judicial Contributions; and Children's Charter of the Courts of Michigan, Inc., Promoting Improved Justice & Services to Children in Michigan Award, 2016 Italian American Bar Association of Michigan Justinian Award, The 2016 Esteemed Women of Michigan Award
- Member: State Bar of Michigan, Michigan Judges Association, Oakland County Bar Association, Italian American Bar Association of Michigan, American Inns of Court – OCBA Chapter and Women Officials' Network
- Fellow, Michigan State Bar Foundation and Oakland County Bar Foundation
- Graduate of University of Detroit Law School (1977) and Wayne State University (1973)

Hon. Victoria A. Valentine

Judicial Biography



- Appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to the Business Court, June 27, 2022
- Assigned to the Civil/Criminal Division, January 2021
- Assigned to the Oakland County Family Division, January 2017
- Elected to the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court, November 2016
- Admitted to the Michigan State Bar (1998); U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan; and U.S.
 Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit
- Expert Contributor for the Institute of Continuing Legal Education
- DBusiness Top Circuit Court Judge 2021, 2022
- Accepted to the Seventeenth Meeting of the American College of Business Court Judges, October 2022
- Active member of the Michigan State Bar:
 - o Committee on Civil Procedure and Courts (2011-Present)
 - Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society Board of Directors (Present)
 - Past Designated Committee Member of the Constitutional Law Section
 - Past Member Real Estate Sub-Section
- Past Member, State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly:
 - Assembly Review Committee
 - Drafting Committee

- Special Issues Committee
- Active Member of the Oakland County Bar Association:
 - Currently Appointed by the Chief Judge as the Judicial Liaison to the OCBA Circuit Court
 Committee
 - President-Elect (immediately prior to election)
 - Board of Directors
 - Circuit Court Committee; Chair
 - Post-Bench/Bar Task Force Committee
 - Case Conference Pilot Program
 - Standard Protective Order Subcommittee
 - Legislative Review Subcommittee
 - Chair of the Laches Subcommittee
 - Designated Committee Member OCBA Membership Committee
 - Past Mentor in the New Lawyers Pro Bono Program
- Past Trustee of the Oakland County Bar Foundation
- Michigan Association for Justice Executive Board (2010-2012)
- Awarded the Martindale-Hubbell highest rating of AV and the 2011 Bar Register of Preeminent Women
 Lawyers
- Recognized by DBusiness as a Top Lawyer
- Past Member of the Advisory Board for the Institute of Transnational Arbitration
- Past Recipient of the United Way/Junior League's Governor's Honor Roll
- Past Chair of the Oversight Committee for the Pontiac Alumni Foundation (PAF)
- Past Co-Chair Pontiac Alumni Foundation Grant Committee
- Thomas M. Cooley Law School Presenter at the "Speaker Series: Women in the Law" Program
- Junior League of Birmingham Phenomenal Women Award (March 2004)
- Certificate of Appreciation, Pro Bono Recognition United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan (2001)
- Certificate of Appreciation, Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament, Detroit Regional (2001)