

**ERIN O'BRIEN OF OAKLAND CIRCUIT COURT NAMED AS PRESIDENT
OF MSU COLLEGE OF LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Oakland County, MI (July 26, 2006) – Michigan State University College of Law Alumni Association has named Erin O'Brien of Livonia as its new president for the 2006-2007 term. Representing an active alumni body of 604 members, O'Brien will lead in the effort to ensure that college alumni and their communities are provided with educational activities and networking opportunities that support legal practice and enhance service to clients. As president, she will actively manage the activities of the association, see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are put into effect, and preside at all meetings of the directors.

Since becoming a member of the Alumni Association in 2001, O'Brien has held key positions on the board – Recording Secretary, 2003 - 2004; Vice President, 2004 - 2005; and President-Elect, 2005 - 2006, before becoming its current president. She began her tenure as President on May 17, 2006.

"I am honored to serve as the president of the MSU College of Law and Detroit College of Law Alumni Association Board of Directors for the 2006-2007 year," commented O'Brien. "The MSU College of Law and Detroit College of Law Alumni Association is an integral part of the law college and its members are the school's vital ties to the community. Throughout my term, I will strive to make a positive contribution to the law college, its alumni, and students by further developing and nurturing the impact of the Alumni Association on its members and non-members."

After graduating from the law college in 1999, where she also served as Class President, she was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 2000. O'Brien, who has 10 years experience working for the Oakland County Circuit Court, currently serves as Judicial Staff Attorney to the Honorable Joan E. Young.

An active member of several legal organizations, O'Brien is a member of the Oakland County Bar Association, American Inns of Court, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, and Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers. In addition, she has maintained a long-standing commitment to her community through her active involvement with United States Synchronized Swimming, Inc. as the Administrative Chairperson, Michigan Association (2003-04, 2005-07); Official Chairperson, Michigan Association (2002-03); and Certified Judge, Region B (Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois); Troy Athens High School as head coach to the Women's Varsity Synchronized Swimming Team (2002-present), MHSAA State Championships – Second Place Overall Team (2003-04); and Troy Continuing Education as Instructor – Synchronized Swimming (2004-present) and Counselor – Synchronized Swimming Summer Day Camp (2004-05).