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JUDGE LEO BOWMAN NAMED TO FILL SEAT IN OAKLAND CIRCUIT COURT

Oakland County, MI (January 18, 2007) – Governor Granholm announced Tuesday the appointment of Judge Leo Bowman to the 6th Judicial Circuit Court. Judge Bowman has served as judge in the 50th District Court of Oakland County since 1988. The appointment fills a vacancy created by the retirement of former Circuit Judge Deborah G. Tyner. Judge Bowman will assume the docket of Judge Daniel Patrick O’Brien in the family division when he is seated.

“We are delighted to welcome Judge Leo Bowman to the Court,” commented Chief Judge of the Circuit Court Wendy Potts. “His breadth of experience in the Pontiac District Court will serve him well here in the Circuit Court. We are confident that he will be a great addition to our bench and will serve the citizens of Oakland County with distinction.”

Bowman, a graduate of Oakland University, received his law degree from the University of Detroit Law School. Prior to his election, he served as the first Legislative Auditor (Legal Advisor) to the Pontiac City Council and as Deputy City Attorney for the City of Pontiac. In 2001, he was elected by a 260-member Michigan District Judges Association as president and recently was elected to the American Judges Association (AJA) Board of Directors as a Michigan District Representative. He is chairman of the AJA Domestic Violence Committee and also serves as the AJA member of the Problem-Solving Courts Committee of the Council of Chief Justices.

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An electronic photograph of Judge Bowman is available. For a copy, please contact Marcia Travis at travism@oakgov.com