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OAKLAND PROBATE COURT ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS TO LEADERSHIP ROLES

Oakland County, MI (January 9, 2008) – The Michigan Supreme Court has appointed Judge Elizabeth Pezzetti as the Chief Judge of the Oakland County Probate Court for a two year term beginning January 1, 2008. Chief Judge Pezzetti has appointed Judge Barry M. Grant as Chief Judge Pro Tempore and Judge Eugene Arthur Moore as Presiding Judge of the Estates Division. Judge Linda Hallmark, a former Chief Judge of the Probate Court, also continues to serve Oakland County as a Probate Judge.

The Oakland County Probate Court is the second largest Probate Court in the state of Michigan, staffed by Probate Court Administrator Rebecca A. Schnelz, Probate Register Jill Koney Daly and fifty-five employees.

The Probate Court maintains jurisdiction over guardianships and conservatorships for adults and minors, decedent estates, trust issues, and civil matters related to estates, as well as mental health commitment proceedings.

The Oakland County Probate Court consistently strives to meet the challenges of processing and monitoring the high volume of cases under its jurisdiction, as well as managing issues such as the increasing number of mental health commitment petitions. Though it is not clear at this time how the aging population of Baby Boomers will affect the volume of filings with the Probate Court in the next few years, a continued focus on providing excellence in all areas of service will ensure that the Court will meet any challenge.

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