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OAKLAND CIRCUIT JUDGE MICHAEL WARREN HONORED

Oakland County, MI (June 2, 2008) – Oakland County Circuit Judge Michael Warren will be honored as a recipient of the Oakland County Bar Association’s Distinguished Public Servant Award. Annually, this award is presented to individuals employed in the public sector who are recognized as providing exceptional voluntary service and dedication to the Bar Association, the legal community, and the general public.

This year’s award, presented at the Shenandoah Country Club on Wednesday, June 11, in West Bloomfield, will be given to Judge Warren in acknowledgement of his leadership in developing a Constitution Day program that was presented to high schools throughout Oakland County, for his passion in advocating higher standards for civics instruction in schools, and for the accomplishment of his recently published book entitled *America’s Survival Guide, How to Stop America’s Impending Suicide by Reclaiming Our First Principles and History*, which addresses these same issues.

In accepting the award, Judge Warren states: “I am very humbled to have received this wonderful award. I thank all of those who have supported these efforts, and am more inspired than ever to strive to improve our students’ and citizens’ understanding our founding First Principles and history. As a free republic, we are fully responsible to defend and foster our freedom, and I hope that these efforts – in some small measure – are contributing to preserving our liberty.”

Besides his judicial role, Judge Warren is well-recognized as a published author. He produced a practice guide for lawyers with the Institute of Continuing Legal Education entitled: *Contempt of Court (How to Kit)*, which offers insight into the elements and nature of contempt proceedings, and *Contempt of Court & Broken Windows, Why Ignoring Contempt of Court Undermines Justice, the Rule of Law, and Republican Self-Government* featured in Engage. He has written various commentaries and opinions on subjects regarding the law, education and American Civics, some of which have been published in the Oakland Press, Detroit News, and Detroit Free Press, and authored various education policies and reports.

Judge Warren teaches constitutional law as a visiting professor at Cooley Law School. He is an executive member of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Center for Civic Education and The New Common School Foundation, and a Trustee for the Michigan Council for Economics Education. He received The Great Influence Award from the Michigan Council for the Social Studies, and a Special Tribute from the Michigan Legislature. He is a partner at Cornerstone Schools.

In addition, he is a former member of the Michigan State Board of Education and held the positions of Secretary and Chair of the State Board’s Task Force on Embracing the Information Age. He previously

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served as the State Board's legal and policy advisor. Judge Warren's efforts helped lead to fundamental revisions of The Revised School Code and the adoption of significant education policies.

His policy achievements include, among others, the approval of Learning Expectations for Michigan's Students and the incorporation of civics and social studies in the state accreditation system. After leaving the State Board of Education, he served on the State Board of Education's Task Force on Social Studies.

Judge Warren is a former partner of the Detroit based law firm Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLC, where he concentrated on business transactions, corporations, and securities work. Immediately prior to his judicial appointment, he was the Executive Director of The New Common School Foundation, where he provided legal counsel and directed strategic planning and development efforts. He was then appointed to the Oakland County Circuit Court in December 2002 by Governor John Engler and has been elected to the position in 2004 and 2006, where he currently presides over a civil and criminal docket.

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