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Investiture of the Honorable Mary Ellen Brennan 6th Judicial Circuit Court Judge

Oakland County, MI (January 28, 2009) – The Honorable Mary Ellen Brennan took her oath of office today as Oakland County’s newest Circuit Court Judge during an investiture ceremony at the Board of Commissioners Auditorium in Pontiac. Chief Circuit Judge Wendy Potts presided over the ceremony which was attended by Judge Brennan’s family, friends, colleagues, and dignitaries.

Judge Brennan is the 67th judge to serve on the Oakland County Circuit Court. She was assigned to the family division where she will hear cases involving divorce, juvenile delinquency, abuse & neglect, adoptions, personal protection orders, and other miscellaneous family court matters. Judge Brennan and her colleagues assigned to the family division hear about 17,000 cases annually in what is one of Michigan’s busiest trial courts.

Judge Brennan comes to the Circuit Court from the 44th District Court in Royal Oak where she served as a Judicial Attorney. She has an extensive background in trial court work having served as a practicing attorney for 18 years. Her experience includes service as an assistant prosecuting attorney in the Child Sexual Assault and Family Support Divisions of the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office, assistant corporation counsel at Meadowbrook Insurance Group in Southfield, and prosecutor for the City of Royal Oak.

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Chief Judge Potts noted that “Judge Brennan brings considerable trial experience and practical knowledge of the law to an already outstanding bench. People who know Judge Brennan speak in admiration of her work ethic, tireless energy, commitment to public service and dedication to fairness and impartiality. She will be a great judge.”

Judge Brennan is a graduate of the James Madison College of Michigan State University. She received her Juris Doctor from the Wayne State University Law School. Judge Brennan and her husband have three children and reside in Bloomfield Village.

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