

# **Bloomfield Attorney Selected to Represent Oakland on Water Board**

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WATERFORD TOWNSHIP - Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner John P. McCulloch has selected prominent Bloomfield Hills attorney J. Bryan Williams to be Oakland County's representative on the Detroit Board of Water Commissioners.

McCulloch said he selected Williams because of his long history of public service and superior legal acumen.

"Those qualities will make him a valuable addition to the Water Board," McCulloch said. "I've had the pleasure of working with Bryan for many years and know that he will represent the people of Oakland County with uncompromising excellence.

Williams, who specializes in corporate governance, municipal law and finance, has been named one of Michigan's top attorneys by Super Lawyers Magazine, a national publication which identifies the best lawyers in each state as chosen by their peers and through independent research.

According to the terms of a stipulated court order, Oakland, Macomb and Wayne County each nominate an individual for Detroit Mayor Dave Bing to appoint to the seven-member Water Board. The nominees must have at least seven years of experience in a regulated industry, a utility, engineering, law or finance.

"Bryan far exceeds those qualifications," McCulloch said. "He has represented my office in numerous municipal bond financings which means that not only is he an

excellent attorney, he understands the type of financial issues he'll be facing as a member of the water board.”

A former vice chairman of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, Williams served on the board of directions of the Detroit Economic Club and currently is on the City of Birmingham's Planning Board. He earned his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and his law degree from the University of Michigan, both with honors.

Although the three suburban counties remain in the minority to Detroit's four members, the new board's by-laws require a supermajority requiring five votes to approve rates and a five-year capital improvement plan.

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