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Michigan Supreme Court Appoints a New Chief Judge

Dearborn, Michigan, January 7, 2019 – The 19th District Court announces the appointment of Gene Hunt as Chief Judge. The Michigan Supreme Court has appointed Judge Gene Hunt as Chief Judge of Wayne County's second largest district court, effective January 1, 2019.

By court rule (MCR 8.110), a chief judge is the presiding officer of the court and also has "administrative superintending power and control over the judges of the court and all court personnel." These responsibilities include caseload management and disposition of judicial workloads, supervision of all court personnel, finances, and other critical functions.

Chief Judge Hunt was elected to the Dearborn Court on November 8, 2016, and has been on the bench for two (2) years. Judge Hunt, a Marine Corp Veteran, established the 19th District Court's Veteran's Treatment Court. He serves as the presiding judge and provides leadership to the treatment court team and plays an integral role in guiding participants through the program.

As a judge, Hunt is equally well-known for his work on the bench and his deep civic involvement. Judge Hunt grew up in Dearborn. After serving our country as a United States Marine, he returned home and attended Henry Ford Community College and the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He graduated from Wayne State Law School in 1985 and spent his entire legal career in Dearborn.

He is a member of the Dearborn Exchange Club, the Optimist Club, American Legion, Marine Corp League and the Dearborn Allied War Veterans Council.

"I take seriously the faith the Michigan Supreme Court has placed in me by their appointment. It's an honor to serve the City that I was raised in. In this new position I will oversee the services provided by our Court and I remain committed to helping people navigate the court system. I thank Judge Salamey for his years of service as chief judge and will work with him, Judge Somers and Court Administration to continue to provide the quality services customary at the 19th District Court," said Chief Judge Hunt.