

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF JUSTICES



**CHIEF JUSTICE
MAURA D. CORRIGAN**

Term expires January 1, 2007

Chief Justice Maura Denise Corrigan was elected to an eight-year term in the Michigan Supreme Court in November 1998. She graduated *magna cum laude* from Marygrove College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1969, and *cum laude* from the University of Detroit Law School with a Juris Doctor in 1973. Justice Corrigan served as a law clerk to the Honorable John Gillis of the Michigan Court of Appeals, worked as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Wayne County from 1974 to 1979, and was appointed Chief of Appeals in the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan. In 1986, she was promoted to Chief Assistant United States Attorney, the first woman to hold that position. In 1989, Justice Corrigan became a partner in the law firm of Plunkett & Cooney, specializing in litigation and appeals. In March 1992, she was appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals by Governor Engler. In November 1992, she was elected to a partial term and then reelected in 1994 to a full six-year term. After she received the nomination of her colleagues, the Supreme Court appointed her as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals in 1997. She served two years as Chief Judge before commencing her term as Supreme Court Justice. She has participated in numerous community and professional activities. Justice Corrigan is a past president of the Incorporated Society of Irish-American Lawyers and the Federal Bar Association, Detroit Chapter. She was a commissioner of the Michigan Law Revision Commission, an executive board member of the Michigan Judges Association, and member of the Judicial Advisory Board of the Center of Law and Organizational Economics at the University of Kansas Law School. She also served as a member of the Board of Directors of Boysville of Michigan. Justice Corrigan has won many awards for her professional achievements, including the U.S. Department of Justice Director's Award for Outstanding Performance as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and the Federal Bar Association's Leonard Gilman Award as the 1989 Outstanding Practitioner of Criminal Law. She has also published in journals such as the *Wayne Law Review* and *University of Toledo Law Review*. Justice Corrigan is married to Wayne State University Law Professor Emeritus Joseph D. Grano and is the mother of Megan and Daniel.



**JUSTICE
MICHAEL E. CAVANAGH**

Term expires January 1, 2007

Of East Lansing; born October 21, 1940, at Detroit; graduated from University of Detroit High School, 1958; B.A., University of Detroit, 1962; J.D., University of Detroit Law School, 1966; married Patricia Ferriss, 1966; children: Jane Elizabeth, Michael F. Jr., and Megan Kathleen; member, American Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, State Bar of Michigan, Ingham County Bar Association, American Judicature Society, and the Institute of Judicial Administration at New York University Law School; Supervising Justice, Michigan Judicial Institute, 1986-1994, 2001 to present; Supervising Justice, Hall of Justice Project, 2000 to present; Supreme Court Liaison, Michigan Indian Tribal Courts/Michigan State Courts, 1990 to present; Commission on the Future, University of Detroit Mercy, 1995-1996; Chair, National Interbranch Conference of Funding the State Courts, 1994-1995; Second Vice President, Conference of Chief Justices, 1992-1994; Supervising Justice, Supreme Court Sentencing Guidelines Committee, 1983-1988; former Supervising Justice, Michigan Court Reporting and Recording Board of Review; Board of Directors, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, 1979-1988; past chairman, Board of Directors, American Heart Association of Michigan, 1984-1985; Past President, Tri-County Heart Unit, 1976-1977; Board of Directors, Lansing YMCA, 1977-1978; Past President, Incorporated Society of Irish/American Lawyers, 1987-1988; Honorary Member, Rotary Club of Lansing, 1993-1995; Research Attorney, Michigan Court of Appeals, 1966-1967; City Attorney, City of Lansing, 1967-1969; partner in Lansing law firm of Farhat, Burns and Story, P.C., 1969-1973; elected to the 54-A Judicial District Court, 1973-1974; elected judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals, 1975-1982; elected a Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court in November 1982 and reelected in November 1990 and November 1998; elected Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court for a 2-year term on January 8, 1991, and reelected Chief Justice January 7, 1993, for a 2-year term.



JUSTICE
ELIZABETH A. WEAVER

Term expires January 1, 2003

Of Glen Arbor; born at New Orleans, Louisiana; B.A., 1962, H. Sophie Newcomb College, Phi Beta Kappa; J.D., 1965, Tulane University, Order of the Coif, an editor, *Tulane Law Review*; Institute of Judicial Administration Appellate Judges Seminar, New York University School of Law, New York City, 1987. Law clerk to Honorable Oliver P. Carriere, Louisiana Civil District Court. Admitted to practice in Louisiana 1965 and Michigan 1973; law practice New Orleans, Louisiana, and Glen Arbor, Michigan. Attorney/title specialist, Chevron Oil Company, Louisiana, law firm of Coleman, Dutrey, and Thomson. Elected Leelanau County Probate/Juvenile Judge November 1974, reelected to 6-year terms in 1976 and 1982, serving through January 1, 1987; elected to Michigan Court of Appeals 6-year term beginning January 1, 1987; reelected 1992; elected to Michigan Supreme Court in 1994; elected Chief Justice in January 1999 for a 2-year term. *Appointments:* by Governors Milliken, Blanchard, and Engler: Michigan Commission on Criminal Justice, Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice, Chair of Task Force for Children's Justice, and Chair of Trial Court Assessment Commission; by various Chief Justices: Judicial Coordination Council for Michigan Supreme Court, Special Committee Regarding Part-Time Probate Judges Problem, Probate Court Docket Case Tracking Committee, Probate/Juvenile Court Benchbook Steering Committee, Supreme Court/Court of Appeals Committee. *Other Committees and Memberships:* Michigan Supreme Court Education Advisory Committee for Probate and Juvenile Judges, State Bar of Michigan (Juvenile Law Committee and Crime Prevention Center) (former chairs), Top of Michigan Probate and Juvenile Judges Association (former president), Michigan Probate and Juvenile Judges Association (former secretary), Western Michigan University Continuing Legal Education Advisory Board (former chair), National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, National Probate Judges Association, Criminal Justice Advisory and Economic Advisory Council of the Northwest Michigan Regional Planning Commission, Children's Charter of the Court of Michigan (former treasurer), Zonta International Club, Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation, Law and Organizational Economics Center Judicial Advisory Board, Clothes for Kids of America Inc. Board of Trustees. Bar Associations: American, Michigan, Louisiana, Grand Traverse-Leelanau-Antrim Counties. *Other:* Instructor and course originator "What Everyone Should Know About the Law," Central Michigan University Off-Campus Education Department. Former dean of girls and first grade teacher, Leelanau County; developed "Children and the Law" project for elementary schools. Member of Citizen's Advisory Council Arnell Engstrom Children's Center, Leelanau Center for Education (Board of Trustees), Chamber Arts North, Glen Arbor Township Zoning Board, and Traverse Bay Area Traffic and Safety Committee. Sunday School teacher and church board chair. *Miscellaneous:* featured in *People* magazine and appeared on "Good Morning America" for position on juvenile justice; named one of five Outstanding Young Women in Michigan by Michigan Jaycees, honorary member, Delta Kappa Gamma (International Teachers Honor Society); Institute of Judicial Administration Appellate Judges Seminar, New York University School of Law, New York City; selected as one of thirty outstanding women in Michigan by the Michigan Women's Commission; Police Officer's Association of Michigan, Jurist of the Year, 1999; Eagle Award, Warren Easton, Hall of Fame, Inducted 1999; Michigan Champions in Childhood Injury Prevention — Lifetime Dedication to Children Award, January 2000; and Governor Engler and Family Independence Agency Recognition Award for outstanding service to the children and families of Michigan, August 2000. Enjoys tennis, gardening, and outdoor activity.



**JUSTICE
MARILYN KELLY**

Term expires January 1, 2005

Of Bloomfield Hills; born April 15, 1938; graduated from Mackenzie High School in Detroit; B.A., Eastern Michigan University; graduate study at LaSorbonne, University of Paris, France; Master's degree, Middlebury College, Vermont; taught French language and literature in the Grosse Pointe Public Schools, Albion College, and at Eastern Michigan University; J.D., with honors, Wayne State University, 1971. Justice Kelly was a trial lawyer in Wayne County for six years and in Oakland County for 11 years where she formed the law firm of Marilyn Kelly and Associates. Currently co-chair of the Open Justice Commission of the State Bar of Michigan. Former member and president, Michigan State Board of Education; former president, Women's Bar Association and Women Lawyers Association of Michigan; former member, State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly, Family Law Council and Communications Committee, Detroit Bar Association, and American Bar Association. Member, Women Lawyers Association, and Oakland County Bar Association where she has been active as chair of the Family Law Committee and committee co-chair of the President's Task Force on Improved Dispute Resolution; former panel member, Attorney Discipline Board; former board member, *Colleague* magazine, Michigan Judicial Institute; community service: former board member, Women's Survival Center, Oakland County, Channel 56 public television in Detroit; former vice president of the board, Detroit Institute of Technology; former member, Development Committee, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac; former member, citizens' advisory committees, Detroit Public Schools, Wayne County Community College, and Oakland County Community College; recipient of an honorary doctorate from Eastern Michigan University and Distinguished Service Award from Michigan Education Association; married to Dr. Donald Newman; elected to the Court of Appeals, 2nd District, in 1988; reelected for a six-year term in 1994; elected to the Supreme Court in 1996.



**JUSTICE
CLIFFORD W. TAYLOR**

Term expires January 1, 2009

Justice Taylor, of Laingsburg, was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1964 and received his law degree from George Washington University in 1967. Following service in the U.S. Navy, he returned to Michigan and served as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Ingham County. He later became a partner in a Lansing litigation law firm, Denfield, Timmer, & Taylor, where he remained for 20 years. Justice Taylor was a member of the 21st Century Commission on the Courts in 1990 and served on the Michigan State Board of Law Examiners from 1991 to 1997. Justice Taylor is the co-author of a three-volume book from West Publishing entitled *Torts*. In 1992, Justice Taylor was appointed, then elected for a six-year term, to the Michigan Court of Appeals. Governor John Engler appointed Justice Taylor to the Michigan Supreme Court on September 1, 1997, to fill the vacancy left by Justice Dorothy Comstock Riley, who resigned from the Court on that date. He was elected to serve the remainder of that term in November 1998. He was elected to a full term in 2000.



**JUSTICE
ROBERT P. YOUNG, JR.**

Term expires January 1, 2003

Justice Young was appointed to the Court in January 1999. In 2000, he was elected to serve the remainder of the term in office, which expires in 2003. He received his baccalaureate degree from Harvard College in 1974 and his Juris Doctorate degree from Harvard Law School in 1977.

He was a partner in the firm of Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen & Freeman where he practiced for 15 years. In 1992, he was named vice-president, general counsel and secretary of AAA Michigan. In 1995, he was appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals and in 1996 was elected to a full term. Justice Young has had significant involvement in professional, civic and charitable activities during his career. In 2000, the Police Officers Association of Michigan named him Jurist of the Year. That same year, he also received the Gold Star Award from the Oakland County Deputy Sheriff's Association. Justice Young served on the Michigan Board of Law Examiners from 1989 to 1998, and served as its President in 1993 and 1998. Justice Young has been a faculty member of the Institute of Continuing Legal Education and is currently an Adjunct Law Professor at Wayne State University. Justice Young is a past chairman of the Character and Fitness Committee of the Michigan Bar Association as well as a past member of the Michigan Bar Association's Constitutional Law Committee. Justice Young is currently serving on the Board of Trustees at Vista Maria, the Detroit Institute for Children, the Grosse Pointe Academy and the Plymouth United Church of Christ. He also serves on the Community Leaders Council of United Way Community Services. Justice Young previously served on the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice concerning child abuse and neglect. He is a past trustee for Central Michigan University and a past member of the United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit Advisory Board. Justice Young previously served as a Commissioner for the Michigan Civil Service Commission and as a trustee for the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce. Justice Young published in the Michigan Institute of Continuing Legal Education publications *Michigan Civil Procedure* as well as *Michigan Civil Procedure During Trial, 2d Ed.* He received an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree from Central Michigan University and an honorary LLD from Michigan State University - Detroit College of Law. Justice Young is married to Dr. Linda Hotchkiss and is the father of two sons.



**JUSTICE
STEPHEN J. MARKMAN**

Term expires January 1, 2005

Of Mason; born June 4, 1949, in Detroit; B.A., Duke University, 1971; J.D., University of Cincinnati Law School, 1974; legislative assistant, U.S. Rep. Edward Hutchinson of Michigan, ranking member, House Committee on Judiciary, 1975-1976; legislative assistant, U.S. Rep. Thomas Hagedorn of Minnesota, 1976-1978; Chief Counsel, U.S. Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution, 1978-1985; Deputy Chief Counsel, U.S. Senate Committee on Judiciary, 1984; nominated by President Ronald Reagan and confirmed by U.S. Senate as Assistant Attorney General of the United States for Legal Policy, 1985-1989; nominated by President George Bush and confirmed by U.S. Senate as United States Attorney, Eastern District of Michigan, 1989-1993; coordinating prosecutor, Great Lakes Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force; law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, 1993-1994; Fellow, Michigan State Bar Foundation; Master of Bench, American Inns of Court; Alliance for Safe Streets in Detroit; Urban League Save Our Streets Campaign; Southwest Detroit Anti-Gang Coalition; New Detroit; authored numerous law review articles on constitutional and criminal justice topics in such journals as the *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform*, *Detroit College of Law Review*, *Stanford Law Review*, *University of Chicago Law Review*, *Rutgers Law Journal*, *American Criminal Justice Law Review*, *Barrister's Law Journal* and *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*; former Contributing Editor, *National Review* magazine; professor of constitutional law, Hillsdale College; Michigan, U.S. Supreme Court, U.S. Court of Claims, Sixth Circuit Bars; wife Mary Kathleen; two sons, James and Charles; appointed to Michigan Court of Appeals by Governor John Engler, effective January 1, 1995; elected to the Court of Appeals in November 1996 and reelected in November 1998. He was appointed to the Supreme Court by Governor John Engler effective October 1, 1999, and elected in November 2000.