

# THE SUPREME COURT



## CLIFFORD W. TAYLOR, CHIEF JUSTICE

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Under the **territorial government** of Michigan established in 1805, the supreme court consisted of a chief judge and 2 associate judges appointed by the President of the United States. Under the “second” grade of territorial government established in 1824, the term of office was limited to 4 years.

### First Grade

Augustus B. Woodward . . . . . 1805-1824	James Witherell . . . . . 1805-1824
Frederick Bates . . . . . 1805-1808	John Griffin . . . . . 1806-1824

### Second Grade

James Witherell . . . . . 1824-1828	William Woodbridge . . . . . 1828-1832
John Hunt . . . . . 1824-1827	George Morrell . . . . . 1832-1837
Solomon Sibley . . . . . 1824-1837	Ross Wilkins . . . . . 1832-1837
Henry Chipman . . . . . 1827-1832	

The **Constitution of 1835** provided for a supreme court, the judges of which were appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, for 7-year terms. In 1836 the legislature provided for a chief justice and 2 associate justices. The state was then divided into 3 circuits and the supreme court was required to hold an annual term in each circuit. The Revised Statutes of 1838 provided for a chief justice and 3 associate justices.

The **Constitution of 1850** provided for a term of 6 years and that the judges of the 5 circuit courts be judges of the supreme court. In 1857, the legislature reorganized the supreme court to consist of a chief justice and 3 associate justices to be elected for 8-year terms. The number of justices was increased to 5 by the legislature in 1887. Act 250 of 1903 increased the number of justices to 8.

The **Constitution of 1908** provided for the nomination of the justices at partisan conventions and election at nonpartisan elections.

The **Constitution of 1963** provides that “the judicial power of the state is vested exclusively in one court of justice which shall be divided into one supreme court, one court of appeals, one trial court of general jurisdiction known as the circuit court, one probate court, and the courts of limited jurisdiction that the legislature may establish by a two-thirds vote of the members elected to and serving in each house.” Const. 1963, art. 6, § 1.

“The supreme court shall consist of seven justices elected at nonpartisan elections as provided by law. The term of office shall be eight years and not more than two terms of office shall expire at the same time.” Const. 1963, art. 6, § 2.

“One justice of the supreme court shall be selected by the court as its chief justice as provided by rules of the court. He shall perform duties required by the court. The supreme court shall

appoint an administrator of the courts and other assistants of the supreme court as may be necessary to aid in the administration of the courts of this state. The administrator shall perform administrative duties assigned by the court.” Const. 1963, art. 6, § 1.

The Michigan Supreme Court is the highest court in the state, hearing cases appealed to it from other state courts. Applications for “**leave to appeal**” are filed with the supreme court and the court decides whether to grant them. If an application is granted, the supreme court will hear the case; if denied, the decision of the lower court stands.

In addition to its judicial duties, the supreme court is charged with general administrative supervision of all courts in the state. This is referred to in the state constitution as “**general superintending control**.” The supreme court is responsible for establishing rules for practice and procedure in all courts.

The supreme court consists of 7 justices. One justice is selected every 2 years by the court as chief justice. Two justices are elected every 2 years (one in the eighth year) in the November election. Although nominated by political parties, the justices are elected on a nonpartisan ballot, separate from the ballot for other elective offices. Candidates for the supreme court must be qualified electors, licensed to practice law in Michigan, and, at the time of election, must be under 70 years of age. The salary of the justices is fixed by the State Officers Compensation Commission and paid by the state.

**Caseload**

During 2004, 2,255 new cases were filed with the Michigan Supreme Court. There were 2,215 cases completed in 2004. At the close of the year, 1,073 cases were pending before the court.

The majority of the new cases filed (98%) were applications for leave to appeal. Of the new cases filed, 35% were civil cases and 65% were criminal cases. Of the 2,215 cases disposed of during 2004, 1,978 (89%) were disposed of by denial of leave to appeal, 123 (6%) by final orders without opinions, 76 (3%) by opinions, and 38 (2%) by dismissals and withdrawals.

**TYPES OF SUPREME COURT CASE FILINGS, 2004**

<b>Filings</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Applications for Leave . . . . .	2,205	(98%)
Applications Prior to Court of Appeals Decision . . . . .	13	} (2%)
Mandamus/Superintending Control — Attorney Grievance Commission/ Board of Law Examiners . . . . .	30	
Judicial Tenure Commission Cases . . . . .	5	
Certified Questions from Federal Courts . . . . .	1	
Miscellaneous . . . . .	2	
TOTAL . . . . .	2,255	

**DISTRIBUTION OF SUPREME COURT CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES, 2004**

<b>Cases</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Civil Cases Filed . . . . .	800	(35%)
Criminal Cases Filed . . . . .	1,455	(65%)
TOTAL . . . . .	2,255	(100%)

**SUPREME COURT CASE DISPOSITION, BY TYPE, 2004**

<b>Dispositions</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Completed by Opinions . . . . .	76	(3%)
Completed by Final Orders Without Opinions . . . . .	123	(6%)
Completed by Denial of Leave to Appeal . . . . .	1,978	(89%)
Completed by Dismissals and Withdrawals . . . . .	38	(2%)
TOTAL . . . . .	2,215	(100%)

## ***Administrative Functions***

In addition to serving as the state's highest court, the Michigan Supreme Court administers the state court system. The State Court Administrative Office is the Court's administrative agency and manages Michigan's trial courts under the Supreme Court's direction.

The Court's administrative activities include:

- drafting and promulgating state court rules, rules of evidence, and administrative orders;
- providing continuing education for state judges and court staff;
- overseeing courts' management of their caseloads, including tracking how long courts take to dispose of cases;
- informing the public about the justice system and the judiciary through the Court's Annual Report, the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center, press releases, and educational events;
- monitoring courts' handling of child welfare cases, including addressing barriers to permanent placements for children;
- overseeing Michigan's friend of the court offices, which enforce court orders regarding child support, parenting time, and child custody;
- providing technological assistance to trial courts that request it;
- developing statewide court networks and databases for tracking case information;
- overseeing drug treatment courts throughout the state;
- improving collections of court-imposed fines, costs, and fees;
- maintaining the "One Court of Justice" website, which links to sites for the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, State Court Administrative Office, Michigan trial courts, Michigan Court Rules, and other sites of interest;
- supporting community centers that provide mediation services and other alternatives to litigation; and
- proposing legislation to improve the administration of justice.

## JUSTICES OF THE MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT

*Term expires*

CLIFFORD W. TAYLOR, Chief Justice . . . . .	Jan. 1, 2009
MICHAEL F. CAVANAGH . . . . .	Jan. 1, 2007
ELIZABETH A. WEAVER . . . . .	Jan. 1, 2011
MARILYN J. KELLY . . . . .	Jan. 1, 2013
MAURA D. CORRIGAN . . . . .	Jan. 1, 2007
ROBERT P. YOUNG, JR. . . . .	Jan. 1, 2011
STEPHEN J. MARKMAN, Mason . . . . .	Jan. 1, 2013

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF JUSTICES



**CHIEF JUSTICE  
CLIFFORD W. TAYLOR**

Term expires January 1, 2009

Chief Justice Clifford W. Taylor, a native of Flint, was appointed to the Michigan Supreme Court in August 1997 by Governor John Engler to fill the seat vacated by retiring Justice Dorothy Comstock Riley. In 1998, Justice Taylor ran and was elected to fill the balance of Justice Riley's term. Justice Taylor was reelected to a full eight-year term in 2000. In January 2005, he was elected by his colleagues to serve as Chief Justice of the Court. Chief Justice Taylor received his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and his law degree from George Washington University. After three years in the U.S. Navy as a line officer, he returned to Michigan and served as an assistant prosecuting attorney in Ingham County. In 1972, he joined the Lansing law firm of Denfield, Timmer and Seelye, which later became Denfield, Timmer & Taylor when he became a partner in the firm. He remained in private practice for 20 years, receiving the highest ratings for competence and character by lawyer rating organizations. In 1992, Governor Engler appointed him to the Michigan Court of Appeals where he served until his appointment to the Michigan Supreme Court. Chief Justice Taylor's professional activities include serving on the Michigan State Board of Law Examiners, of which he was president from 1995 to 1996. He served on the Michigan Legislature's Commission on the Courts in the 21st Century and on the Michigan State Bar's Standing Committee on Character and Fitness. A fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation, he is also a member of the Catholic Lawyers Guild and the Federalist Society's Michigan Chapter. His community activities include having served on the Board of Directors of Chief Okemos Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and he currently is on Board of Directors for the Michigan Dyslexia Institute.



**JUSTICE  
MICHAEL E. CAVANAGH**

Term expires January 1, 2007

Justice Michael F. Cavanagh received a bachelor's degree from the University of Detroit in 1962 and his law degree from the University of Detroit Law School in 1966. He began his career as a law clerk for the Michigan Court of Appeals. In 1967, Justice Cavanagh was hired as an assistant city attorney for the City of Lansing and thereafter was appointed as Lansing City Attorney, serving until 1969. He then became a partner in the Lansing law firm of Farhat, Burns and Story, P.C. In 1971, he was elected judge of the 54-A District Court. Justice Cavanagh was then elected to the Michigan Court of Appeals, where he served from 1975 to 1982. At that time, he was the youngest person ever elected to the Michigan Court of Appeals. Justice Cavanagh was elected to the state Supreme Court in 1982 and was reelected in 1990 and 1998. He served as Chief Justice from 1991 to 1995. Justice Cavanagh's current term expires January 1, 2007. The son of a factory worker and a teacher who moved to Detroit from Canada, Justice Cavanagh worked on Great Lakes freighters during the summers to help pay his tuition at the University of Detroit. During his years in law school, he was employed as an insurance claims adjuster and also worked for the Wayne County Friend of the Court as an investigator. Justice Cavanagh has participated in numerous community and professional activities, including Chairman of the Board of the American Heart Association, Past President of the Incorporated Society of Irish/American Lawyers, Board of Directors of the Thomas M. Cooley Law School, and the Commission on the Future of the University of Detroit Mercy. He is a member of the Institute of Judicial Administration, New York University Law School. He has served as Vice President of the Conference of Chief Justices, Chair of the National Interbranch Conference of Funding the State Courts, and member of the National Center for State Courts Court Improvement Program. Other appointments include the Michigan Justice Project, Chairman of the Judicial Planning Committee, Michigan Crime Commission, Judicial Coordinating Committee, and Chair of the Sentencing Guidelines Committee. Justice Cavanagh is the Supervising Justice of the Michigan Judicial Institute. Justice Cavanagh was instrumental in the planning, design, construction and eventual completion of the Michigan Hall of Justice. He has served as Supreme Court Liaison, Michigan Indian Tribal Courts/Michigan State Courts since 1990, and has attended many national Indian Law conferences and participated in Federal Bar Association Tribal Court symposiums. Justice Cavanagh and his wife, Patricia, are the parents of three children, and have two grandsons. The Cavanagh family resides in East Lansing.



**JUSTICE  
ELIZABETH A. WEAVER**

Term expires January 1, 2011

Justice Elizabeth A. Weaver, of Glen Arbor, attended undergraduate school at H. Sophie Newcomb College, receiving her bachelor's degree, Phi Beta Kappa, in 1962. She earned her law degree from Tulane University in 1965, served as an editor of the Tulane Law Review, received the Order of the Coif, and served as law clerk for Judge Oliver P. Carriere of the Louisiana Civil District Court. Justice Weaver began her law practice in Louisiana, and came to Michigan in 1973. Elected Leelanau County probate/juvenile judge in November 1974, she was reelected to six-year terms in 1976 and 1982, serving through January 1, 1987. In 1986, Justice Weaver was elected to the Michigan Court of Appeals, 3rd District, for a six-year term, and was reelected in 1992. She was elected to the Michigan Supreme Court in 1994 and served as Chief Justice from 1999 to 2000. She was reelected in 2002. Justice Weaver's term expires January 1, 2011. Justice Weaver was appointed to the Michigan Commission on Criminal Justice by Governor William Milliken; to the Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice by Governors James Blanchard, John Engler, and Jennifer Granholm. She was also appointed to chair the Governor's Task Force for Children's Justice and the Trial Court Assessment Commission by Governors Engler and Granholm. She has served as chair of the State Bar of Michigan Juvenile Law Committee and as president of the Top of Michigan Probate and Juvenile Judges Association. In addition, Justice Weaver has served on the National Council of Juvenile and Family Judges and as secretary of the Probate and Juvenile Judges Association of Michigan. Justice Weaver's honors and awards include being selected as one of five "Outstanding Young Women in Michigan" by the Michigan Jaycees and as one of "Thirty Outstanding Women in Michigan" by the Michigan Women's Commission. In 1999, she was named "Jurist of the Year" by the Police Officers Association of Michigan. In 2000, she received the "Michigan Champions in Childhood Injury Prevention: Lifetime Dedication to Children Award"; also in 2000, Justice Weaver was honored by Governor Engler and the Family Independence Agency for outstanding service to the children and families of Michigan. The Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals honored her in February 2002 for her exceptional service to and support of Michigan's drug courts. In 2003, she was recognized as an "Outstanding Woman in Leadership and Learning" by Ferris State University. She has been featured in *People* magazine and on ABC's "Good Morning America" on juvenile justice issues.



**JUSTICE  
MARILYN KELLY**

Term expires January 1, 2013

Before taking the bench, Justice Marilyn Kelly was a courtroom attorney for seventeen years in Michigan. Her practice was diverse in subject matter and geographic area. In 1988, she was elected to the Michigan Court of Appeals for a six-year term and reelected in 1994. She was elected to the Michigan Supreme Court for an eight-year term in 1996, and reelected in 2004 for an eight-year term which expires January 1, 2013. Justice Kelly was raised in Detroit and graduated from Mackenzie High School. She earned a B.A. degree from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. After a year's graduate study at LaSorbonne, University of Paris, France, she received her master's degree from Middlebury College in Vermont. She taught French language and literature in the Grosse Pointe Public Schools, at Albion College and Eastern Michigan University before attending law school at Wayne State University. She was awarded a law degree with honors and serves the law school now on its Board of Visitors. Justice Kelly is a member of the 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. She has been an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association and a panel member of the State Attorney Discipline Board. She is editor of the 6th Edition of Michigan Family Law published by ICLE. In 2003, Justice Kelly became a Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation. She was elected statewide to the Michigan State Board of Education in 1964 and again in 1968, and served twelve years on the Board, the last two as its President. She has been President, in addition, of the Women's Bar Association and of the Women Lawyers' Association of Michigan. She has been a member of the State Bar Representative Assembly and the Family Law Council for the State Bar of Michigan. From 1999 through 2003, Justice Kelly was co-chair of the Open Justice Commission, an organization of the State Bar devoted to making justice available to all, regardless of factors of race, color, creed or disability. Justice Kelly is on the governing board of the National Consortium for Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts. Her community service has included Board Member of Channel 56-Public Television in Detroit, board member of the Women's Survival Center in Pontiac, Vice President of the Board of the Detroit Institute of Technology, Development Committee member of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac, and member of the citizens advisory committee of the Detroit Public Schools, Wayne County Community College, and Oakland County Community College. Justice Kelly has been awarded an honorary doctorate from Eastern Michigan University and the Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan Education Association. She has been selected by *Corp!* magazine as one of Michigan's 95 most powerful women. In June 2003, Justice Kelly received the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award from the State of Israel Bonds Attorney Division. The State Bar of Michigan presented Justice Kelly with its Michael Franck Award for her outstanding contribution to the legal profession at its annual meeting in September 2003. In 2005, she was honored by Wayne State University as one of the university's outstanding alumni.



**JUSTICE**  
**MAURA D. CORRIGAN**

Term expires January 1, 2007

Justice Maura D. Corrigan was elected to the Michigan Supreme Court in 1998 for an eight-year term. She served two terms as Chief Justice from 2001 to 2004. Justice Corrigan 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. While in that post, she supervised the work of 75 assistant United States attorneys. 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 receiving the nomination of her colleagues, the Supreme Court appointed her as Chief Judge of the 28-judge appeals court and its 250 employees in 1997. She served two years as Chief Judge before commencing her term as Supreme Court Justice. Justice Corrigan has participated in numerous community and professional activities. Currently, she serves on the Board of Vista Maria, as a counselor to the American Inns of Court at MSU Law School, and as a member of the Board of the International Center for Healing and the Law of the Fetzer Institute, and as a member of the Pew Commission investigating foster care issues in the U.S. She served as 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 for Law and Organizational Economics at the University of Kansas Law School. She was a member of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit Attorney Advisory Committee and the local rules committee of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. She also served on the board of Boysville of Michigan. Justice Corrigan is a past vice-president of the Conference of Chief Justices (CCJ) and past chair of the CCJ Problem-Solving Courts Committee. She is a past president of the Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers and the Federal Bar Association, Detroit Chapter. Justice Corrigan has won many awards for her professional achievements, including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Office of Child Support) Award for significant improvements to Michigan's Child Support Enforcement Program and the Federal Bar Association's Leonard Gilman Award as the 1989 Outstanding Practitioner of Criminal Law. She holds honorary doctorates of laws from four Michigan universities: Eastern Michigan University, Michigan State University/Detroit College of Law, Northern Michigan University, and University of Detroit-Mercy. She has been chosen as the Outstanding Alumna of UD-Mercy Law School and Marygrove College. Justice Corrigan has co-authored a treatise on civil procedure and has published articles in professional journals and books, including Wayne Law Review and the University of Toledo Law Review. She has taught as an adjunct professor at Wayne State University of Law. Justice Corrigan has also taught at programs of the Michigan Judicial Institute, the American Bar Association Appellate Practice Institute, the Federal Bar Association, and the U.S. Department of Justice Attorney General's Advocacy Institute. Justice Corrigan is the widow of Wayne State University Distinguished Professor of Law Joseph D. Grano and is the mother of Megan Grano Canale, a professional comedian and Daniel Grano, a law student.



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

Term expires January 1, 2011

Justice Robert P. Young, Jr. has been a member of the Michigan Supreme Court since 1999; he was elected in 2002 to a term that will expire on January 1, 2011. Before joining the Supreme Court, Justice Young served as a judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals, to which he was appointed in 1995 and elected in 1996. Justice Young graduated in 1974 from Harvard College with honors and from Harvard Law School in 1977. In 1978, he joined the law firm of Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen & Freeman, becoming a partner in the firm in 1982. From 1992, until he joined the Court of Appeals, Justice Young was the vice president, corporate secretary, and general counsel of AAA Michigan. Justice Young's community activities include service as a member of the Advisory Board of the United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit and Vista Maria. He has also served as a trustee of charitable and civic organizations devoted to children's interests, such as the Detroit Institute of Children, The Detroit Historical Society, and the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice Concerning Child Abuse and Neglect. Justice Young is also a former commissioner of the Michigan Civil Service Commission, a former trustee of Central Michigan University, University Liggett School, Grosse Pointe Academy and a former chair of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce Leadership Detroit program. He has served on the boards of many other civic and business organizations. Justice Young has been an adjunct professor at Wayne State University Law School for a number of years and is a co-editor of *Michigan Civil Procedure During Trial, 2d Ed.* (Michigan Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 1989) and *Michigan Civil Procedure* (Michigan Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 1999). In 2001 and 1999, Justice Young was awarded honorary degrees respectively from Michigan State University and Central Michigan University. In 1999, Justice Young was named Detroit Country Day School's Alumnus of the Year.



**JUSTICE  
STEPHEN J. MARKMAN**

Term expires January 1, 2013

Justice Stephen J. Markman was appointed as the 103rd Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. Prior to that, he served as Judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals, having been reelected in 1996 and 1998 from his 60-county judicial district. Before being appointed to the Court, Justice Markman practiced law with the firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone in Detroit. From 1989 to 1993, he served as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan after being nominated to that position by President George Bush and confirmed by the United States Senate. Before serving as United States Attorney, Justice Markman served for four years as Assistant Attorney General of the United States after being nominated by President Ronald Reagan and confirmed by the United States Senate. In that position, he headed the Justice Department's Office of Legal Policy, which served as the principal policy development office within the Department and which coordinated the federal judicial selection process. Prior to this, he served as Chief Counsel of the United States Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution and as Deputy Chief Counsel of the United States Senate Judiciary Committee for seven years. Justice Markman has authored articles for the *Stanford Law Review*, the *University of Chicago Law Review*, the *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform*, the *American Criminal Justice Law Review*, the *Barrister's Law Journal*, the *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy* and the *Detroit College of Law Review*. He teaches constitutional law at Hillsdale College. He has traveled to the Ukraine on two occasions, on behalf of the State Department and the American Bar Association, to provide assistance in the development of that nation's new constitution. Justice Markman is a Fellow of the Michigan Bar Foundation, a Master of the Bench of the American Inns of Court, and a member of the One Hundred Club. Justice Markman has actively participated in and spoken before numerous youth and civic organizations in Detroit and throughout Michigan, and has coached Little League baseball and basketball teams. He lives with his wife, Mary Kathleen, and their two children, James and Charles, in Mason. Justice Markman was appointed to the Michigan Supreme Court by Governor John Engler, effective October 1, 1999, to fill the seat vacated by Justice James H. Brickley. In 2000, he was elected to complete the term, which expired January 1, 2005. In 2004, he was reelected to an eight-year term which expires January 1, 2013.

## JUSTICES OF THE MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT, 1836-2005

Name	Residence	Term Years
William A. Fletcher	Ann Arbor	1836-1842
George Morrell	Detroit	1836-1843
Epaphroditus Ransom	Kalamazoo	1836-1848
Charles W. Whipple	Detroit	1839-1855
Daniel Goodwin	Detroit	1843-1850
Alpheus Felch	Monroe	1845-1852
Warner Wing	Monroe	1845-1856
George Miles	Ann Arbor	1846-1850
Sanford M. Green	Pontiac	1848-1857
Edward Mundy	Ann Arbor	1848-1851
Abner Pratt	Marshall	1850-1857
George Martin	Grand Rapids	1851-1867
Joseph T. Copeland	Port Huron	1852-1857
Samuel T. Douglass	Detroit	1852-1857
David Johnson	Jackson	1852-1857
Nathaniel Bacon	Niles	1855-1857
Edward H. C. Wilson	Hillsdale	1856-1857
Benjamin F. H. Witherell	Detroit	1857
Benjamin F. Graves	Battle Creek	1857, 1868-1881
Josiah Turner	Howell	1857
Edwin Lawrence	Ann Arbor	1857
Randolph Manning	Pontiac	1858-1869
James V. Campbell	Detroit	1858-1890
Thomas M. Cooley	Adrian-Ann Arbor	1863-1885
Isaac P. Christiancy	Monroe	1874-1881
Isaac Marston	Bay City-Detroit	1875-1889
Thomas R. Sherwood	Kalamazoo	1882-1889
John W. Champlin	Grand Rapids	1884-1891
Allen B. Morse	Ionia	1885-1893
Charles D. Long	Flint	1888-1907
Edward Cahill	Lansing	1890
Claudius B. Grant	Marquette	1890-1909
John W. McGrath	Detroit	1891-1895
Robert M. Montgomery	Grand Rapids	1892-1911
George H. Durand	Flint	1892
Frank A. Hooker	Charlotte	1894-1913
Joseph B. Moore <sup>1</sup>	Lapeer	1896-1926
William L. Carpenter	Detroit	1902-1908
Charles A. Blair <sup>2</sup>	Jackson	1905-1912
Russell C. Ostrander <sup>3</sup>	Lansing	1905-1919
Aaron V. McAlvay <sup>4</sup>	Manistee	1905-1915
Flavius L. Brooke <sup>5</sup>	Detroit	1908-1921
John W. Stone <sup>6</sup>	Marquette	1910-1922
John E. Bird <sup>7</sup>	Adrian	1910-1928
Joseph H. Steere <sup>8</sup>	Sault Ste. Marie	1911-1927
Franz C. Kuhn <sup>9</sup>	Mt. Clemens	1912-1919
Rollin H. Person	Lansing	1915-1916
Grant Fellows	Hudson	1916-1929
George M. Clark <sup>10</sup>	Bad Axe	1919-1933
Nelson Sharpe <sup>11</sup>	West Branch	1919-1935
Howard Wiest <sup>12</sup>	Lansing	1921-1945
John S. McDonald	Grand Rapids	1922-1933
Ernest A. Snow <sup>13</sup>	Saginaw	1926-1927
Richard H. Flannigan <sup>14</sup>	Norway	1927-1928
Louis H. Fead	Newberry	1928-1937
William W. Potter <sup>15</sup>	Hastings	1928-1940
Walter H. North <sup>16</sup>	Battle Creek	1928-1952
Henry M. Butzel	Detroit	1929-1955
Thomas A. E. Weadock	Detroit	1933
George E. Bushnell <sup>17</sup>	Detroit	1934-1957
Edward M. Sharpe	Bay City	1934-1957
Harry S. Toy	Detroit	1935-1936
Bert D. Chandler	Hudson	1936-1943
Thomas F. McAllister <sup>18</sup>	Grand Rapids	1938-1941
Emerson R. Boyles <sup>19</sup>	Charlotte	1940-1956
Raymond W. Starr <sup>20</sup>	Grand Rapids	1941-1946
Neil E. Reid <sup>21</sup>	Mt. Clemens	1944-1956
Leland W. Carr	Lansing	1945-1963
John R. Dethmers	Holland	1946-1971
Clark J. Adams	Pontiac	1952-1953

**JUSTICES OF THE MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT,  
1836-2005 (Cont.)**

Name	Residence	Years
Harry F. Kelly	Detroit	1954-1971
Talbot Smith <sup>22</sup>	Ann Arbor	1955-1961
Eugene F. Black	Port Huron	1956-1973
John D. Voelker <sup>23</sup>	Ishpeming	1957-1959
George Edwards <sup>24</sup>	Detroit	1957-1961
Thomas M. Kavanagh <sup>25</sup>	Carson City	1958-1975
Theodore Souris	Grosse Pointe Farms	1960-1968
Otis M. Smith	Flint	1961-1967
Paul L. Adams	Sault Ste. Marie	1962, 1964-1973
Michael D. O'Hara	Menominee	1963-1969
Thomas E. Brennan <sup>26</sup>	Detroit	1967-1973
Thomas Giles Kavanagh	Birmingham	1969-1985
John B. Swainson <sup>27</sup>	Manchester	1971-1975
G. Mennen Williams	Grosse Pointe Farms	1971-1987
Mary Stallings Coleman <sup>28</sup>	Battle Creek	1973-1982
Charles L. Levin	Detroit	1973-1997
John W. Fitzgerald	Grand Ledge	1974-1983
Lawrence B. Lindemer	Stockbridge	1975-1977
James L. Ryan <sup>29</sup>	Detroit	1975-1986
Blair Moody, Jr. <sup>30</sup>	Grosse Pointe Shores	1977-1982
Dorothy Comstock Riley <sup>31,34</sup>	Grosse Pointe Farms	1982-1983, 1985-1997
James H. Brickley <sup>32</sup>	Traverse City	1982-1999
Michael F. Cavanagh	East Lansing	1983-
Patricia J. Boyle	Detroit	1983-1998
Dennis W. Archer <sup>33</sup>	Detroit	1986-1990
Robert P. Griffin	Traverse City	1987-1995
Conrad L. Mallett, Jr. <sup>35</sup>	Detroit	1990-1999
Elizabeth A. Weaver	Glen Arbor	1995-
Marilyn Kelly	Bloomfield Hills	1997-
Clifford W. Taylor	Laingsburg	1997-
Maura D. Corrigan	Grosse Pointe Park	1998-
Robert P. Young, Jr.	Grosse Pointe Park	1998-
Stephen J. Markman	Mason	1999-

<sup>1</sup> Resigned; Ernest A. Snow appointed Jan. 1, 1926.  
<sup>2</sup> Deceased; Franz C. Kuhn appointed Sept. 6, 1912.  
<sup>3</sup> Deceased; Nelson Sharpe appointed Sept. 25, 1919.  
<sup>4</sup> Died before taking office; Rollin H. Person appointed July 16, 1915.  
<sup>5</sup> Deceased; Howard Wiest appointed Jan. 25, 1921.  
<sup>6</sup> Deceased; John S. McDonald appointed Mar. 29, 1922.  
<sup>7</sup> Deceased; William W. Potter appointed Feb. 14, 1928.  
<sup>8</sup> Resigned; Richard H. Flannigan appointed Sept. 29, 1927.  
<sup>9</sup> Resigned; George M. Clark appointed Dec. 30, 1919.  
<sup>10</sup> Resigned; Thomas A. E. Weadock appointed Aug. 10, 1933 to Dec. 31, 1933.  
<sup>11</sup> Deceased; Harry S. Toy appointed Oct. 24, 1935.  
<sup>12</sup> Deceased; Leland W. Carr appointed Sept. 24, 1945.  
<sup>13</sup> Deceased; Walter H. North appointed Oct. 24, 1927.  
<sup>14</sup> Deceased; Louis H. Fead appointed Feb. 21, 1928.  
<sup>15</sup> Deceased; Emerson R. Boyles appointed Aug. 8, 1940.  
<sup>16</sup> Deceased; Clark J. Adams appointed Aug. 14, 1952 to Aug. 31, 1953.  
<sup>17</sup> Resigned; Talbot Smith appointed Jan. 6, 1955.  
<sup>18</sup> Resigned; Raymond W. Starr appointed June 2, 1941.  
<sup>19</sup> Resigned; John D. Voelker appointed Dec. 31, 1956.  
<sup>20</sup> Resigned; John R. Dethmers appointed Aug. 15, 1946.  
<sup>21</sup> Deceased; George Edwards appointed May 15, 1956.  
<sup>22</sup> Resigned; Otis M. Smith appointed Oct. 10, 1961.  
<sup>23</sup> Resigned; Theodore Souris appointed Dec. 31, 1959.  
<sup>24</sup> Resigned; Paul L. Adams appointed Dec. 27, 1961.  
<sup>25</sup> Deceased; Lawrence B. Lindemer appointed May 5, 1975.  
<sup>26</sup> Resigned; John W. Fitzgerald appointed Jan. 1, 1974.  
<sup>27</sup> Resigned; James L. Ryan appointed Dec. 2, 1975.  
<sup>28</sup> Resigned; James H. Brickley appointed Dec. 27, 1982.  
<sup>29</sup> Resigned; Dennis W. Archer appointed Jan. 1, 1986.  
<sup>30</sup> Deceased; Dorothy Comstock Riley appointed Dec. 9, 1982.  
<sup>31</sup> Withdrawn; Patricia J. Boyle appointed April 20, 1983.  
<sup>32</sup> Resigned; Stephen J. Markman appointed Oct. 1, 1999.  
<sup>33</sup> Resigned; Conrad L. Mallett, Jr. appointed Dec. 27, 1990.  
<sup>34</sup> Resigned; Clifford W. Taylor appointed Aug. 21, 1997.  
<sup>35</sup> Resigned; Robert P. Young, Jr., appointed Dec. 30, 1998.