

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF JUSTICES¹



CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERT P. YOUNG, JR.

Term expires January 1, 2019

Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr. has been a member of the Michigan Supreme Court since 1999. Before joining the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Young served as a judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Chief 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, Chief Justice Young was the vice president, corporate secretary, and general counsel of AAA Michigan.

Chief Justice Young has had significant involvement in numerous civic and charitable activities during his career. In addition to his varied community activities, which include being a member of the Advisory Board of the United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit and a trustee of the Grosse Point Academy, University Liggett School and Cranbrook Schools, Chief Justice Young is most proud of his service as a trustee of charitable and civic organizations devoted to the interest of children such as the Detroit Institute of Children, Vista Maria, the Detroit Historical Society, and the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice Concerning Child Abuse and Neglect. Chief Justice Young is also a former commissioner of the Michigan Civil Service Commission, a former trustee of Central Michigan University, and a former chair of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce Leadership Detroit program. He has served on the boards of many other civic organizations.

Chief Justice Young is a frequent lecturer on judicial philosophy and the role of courts in our constitutional Republic. He has been an adjunct professor at Wayne State University Law School for more than 20 years and is a co-editor of *Michigan Civil Procedure During Trial*, 2d Ed. (Michigan Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 1989), *Michigan Civil Procedure*, (Michigan Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 1999) and is the author of a book chapter, "Active Liberty and the Problem of Judicial Oligarchy," in *The Supreme Court and the Idea of Constitutionalism* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2009), as well as "A Judicial Traditionalist Confronts Justice Brennan's School of Judicial Philosophy," in the *Oklahoma City University Law Review* (2008) and "A Judicial Traditionalist Confronts the Common Law," in the *Texas Review of Law & Politics* (2004).

In 2001 and 1999, Chief Justice Young was awarded honorary degrees respectively from Michigan State University and Central Michigan University. In 1999, Chief Justice Young was named Detroit Country Day School's Alumni of the Year.

Chief Justice Young has been married for more than 30 years to his college sweetheart and is the father of 2 adult sons.

¹ Source for biographies: <http://courts.michigan.gov/supremecourt/AboutCourt/biography.htm>



JUSTICE
MICHAEL F. CAVANAGH

Term expires January 1, 2015

Justice Michael F. Cavanagh received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Detroit Mercy in 1962 and a juris doctorate in 1966 from the University of Detroit Mercy Law School.

His initial legal employment was as a judicial law clerk for the Michigan Court of Appeals in 1966. He was chosen to represent the city of Lansing as City Attorney in 1967 and served in that position until 1969, when he entered private practice in Lansing. In 1973, he was elected District Judge of the 54-A Judicial District and served until January 1, 1975. He was elected to a ten-year term on the Court of Appeals beginning January 1, 1975.

After serving on the Court of Appeals for 8 years, Justice Cavanagh successfully ran for a seat on the Michigan Supreme Court. He assumed the office of Justice on January 1, 1983. He was elected Chief Justice on January 8, 1991, reelected Chief Justice on January 7, 1993, and served until January of 1995. Justice Cavanagh commenced his fourth 8-year term on the Court on January 1, 2007.

Justice Cavanagh and his wife, Patricia, are the parents of three children, and have three grandsons and two granddaughters. The Cavanagh family resides in East Lansing.

Justice Cavanagh has participated in numerous community and professional activities, including Michigan Indian Tribal Courts/Michigan State Courts, *Supreme Court Liaison* (1990-present); the Hall of Justice Project, *Supervising Justice* (2001-present); Michigan Judicial Institute, *Supervising Justice* (1986-1994) and (2001-present); Supreme Court Sentencing Guidelines Committee, *Supervising Justice* (1983-1994); American Judicature Society; American Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Michigan Bar Association; Ingham County Bar Association; Institute of Judicial Administration, New York University Law School, *Member*; Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers (1970-present), *President* (1987-1988); Commission on the Future, University of Detroit Mercy (1995-1996); Conference of Chief Justices, *Second Vice President* (1992-1994); Conference of Chief Justices, Courts and Children Committee, *Chair* (1992-1994); National Interbranch Conference of Funding the State Courts, *Chair* (1994-1995); National Center for State Courts, Court Improvement Program, *Member* (1994-1995); Michigan Justice Conference (1994-1995); Michigan Justice Project (1994-1995); Michigan Court Reporting and Recording Board of Review, *Chairman* (1981-1982); Michigan Judicial Planning Committee, *Chairman*; Judicial Coordinating Committee; Committee on Statewide Funding of the Judicial System; Michigan Crime Commission; Michigan Legislative Commission on Courts; Felony-Sentencing Steering Committee; Court of Appeals Committee of State Bar of Michigan; Rules Committee, Michigan Court of Appeals; The Rotary Club of Lansing, *Honorary Member* (1993-1996); Thomas M. Cooley Law School, *Board of Directors* (1979-1988); and Lansing YMCA, *Board of Directors* (1977-1978).

With the American Heart Association of Michigan (1970-present), he has handled the following responsibilities: *Chairman of the Board* (1984-1985); *Member*, Administrative Council; *Member*, Legislative and Policy Committee; *Member*, Long Range Planning Committee; *Member*, Research Council; and *President*, Tri-County Heart Unit (1976-1977).

Justice Cavanagh has contributed to the following publications: *Michigan's Story: State and Tribal Courts Try To Do the Right Thing*; *University of Detroit Mercy Law Review*, Volume 76, page 709 (1999); *Appellate Courts*, *Michigan Bar Journal*, Volume 72, No. 9, page 892 (September 1993).



JUSTICE
DIANE M. HATHAWAY

Term expires January 1, 2017

Justice Diane Marie Hathaway was elected to the Michigan Supreme Court in 2008. Her term expires on January 1, 2017. Before joining the Supreme Court, Justice Hathaway served as a judge on the Wayne County Circuit Court for 16 years. She was first elected to the circuit court in 1992 and then reelected in 1998 and 2004. As a circuit judge, she presided over civil, criminal, family, and appellate matters, and she was a member of the court's executive committee. She was also appointed as a visiting judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals to help expedite the appeals process during a period of backlog in that court. Additionally, Justice Hathaway was involved with "Kids TALK," a child advocacy program that provides forensic interviews and mental health services to children who are victims of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse.

The daughter of a Detroit police officer, Justice Hathaway was born, raised, and educated in the city of Detroit. After graduating from high school, she attended Henry Ford Hospital School of Radiologic Technology and became an X-ray Technician. She also obtained her real estate broker's license and worked in both radiology and real estate while raising her children and attending college. Justice Hathaway graduated with honors from Madonna University and received a bachelor of science in allied health. She earned her law degree from the Detroit College of Law (now Michigan State University College of Law) in 1987. While in law school, she worked as a research clerk at the Wayne County Circuit Court and Detroit Recorder's Court. She also taught real estate law and continuing education classes to real estate brokers.

After private practice in probate and real estate law, Justice Hathaway served as a Macomb County assistant prosecuting attorney. Initially, she prosecuted cases in the trial division, but was soon promoted to chief of the Drug Forfeiture Division. In addition to prosecuting cases, she volunteered her time to visit high schools and police stations to educate students and law enforcement officers about forfeiture laws. She has been active in numerous professional organizations. Such organizations include the State Bar of Michigan, Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association, Macomb County Bar Association, Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, Women Lawyers Association, Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers, and the Michigan Judges Association.

Michigan State University College of Law awarded Justice Hathaway with the Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of her significant service to the college, the profession, and the community. She was also honored by the B'Nai B'Rith Barristers Bar Association for promoting the administration of justice regarding persons of minority ethnic backgrounds in the legal profession. Justice Hathaway was the Supreme Court liaison to the Michigan Bar Association and the Board of Law Examiners. Presently, she is the Supreme Court liaison to the Attorney Discipline Board and the Attorney Grievance Commission.

Justice Hathaway resides in the Detroit area with her husband, attorney Michael Kingsley. She has 5 children and 3 grandchildren.



JUSTICE
MARILYN KELLY

Term expires January 1, 2013

Before taking the bench, Justice Marilyn Kelly was a courtroom attorney for 17 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 6-year term and reelected in 1994. She was elected to the Michigan Supreme Court for an 8-year term in 1996, and reelected in 2004 for an 8-year term which expires January 1, 2013. She served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from 2009 to 2011.

Justice Kelly was raised in Detroit and graduated from Mackenzie High School. She earned a bachelor's 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 earned 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 7th 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 12 years on the board, the last 2 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 like race, color, creed or disability. Justice Kelly is on the governing board of the National Consortium for Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts and has served as its president. She is co-chair of the Michigan Judicial Selection Task Force, which is studying improvements needed in the state's system for choosing Supreme Court Justices.

Justice Kelly's community activities have included serving as a board member of Channel 56-Public Television in Detroit, a 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. Wayne State University presented Justice Kelly with its Distinguished Alumni Award in 2010.

Justice Kelly has been awarded honorary doctor of law degrees by Eastern Michigan University, Michigan State University College of Law, and Wayne State University Law School. She was named one of Michigan's 95 most powerful women by *Corp!* magazine and is the recipient of the Michigan Education Association's Distinguished Service Award. 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. In 2009, she received the Guardian of Justice Award from the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee in recognition of her outstanding commitment and dedication to upholding civil rights.



JUSTICE

MARY BETH KELLY

Term expires January 1, 2019

Justice Mary Beth Kelly was elected to the Michigan Supreme Court in November 2010 and will serve a term that ends December 31, 2018. She served on the Wayne County Circuit Court for 11 years, having been appointed by Governor John Engler in 1999; she was elected to the court in 2000 and reelected in 2002 and 2008.

In 2002, the Michigan Supreme Court appointed her the chief judge of the Wayne Circuit Court, making her the first woman to lead that bench. She served as chief judge through 2007, focusing on budget deficit reduction, timely dockets, jail overcrowding, and the court's Family Division. Under her leadership, the Family Division doubled in size to devote more judicial resources to cases concerning children and families. She also led efforts to improve the racial diversity of the Wayne County jury system, working with the National Center for State Courts to gather data and recommend county-wide solutions. Her leadership on this issue has been recognized by the *Detroit News*. She has been praised as "one of the most effective chief judges in the history of the Michigan Court system" by then-Chief Justice Clifford Taylor.

Justice Kelly has received numerous honors for her judicial leadership, including the Arab American Anti-Discrimination Council's Distinguished Leadership Award. For her work on children's issues, she was named Vista Maria's Child Advocate of the Year and was also recognized by the Ennis Center for Children as Advocate of the Year. Justice Kelly serves as an advisor to Vista Maria and to the University of Michigan's Detroit Center for Family Advocacy. She is an adjunct law professor at the University of Detroit-Mercy Law School.

Before becoming a judge, Justice Kelly was a successful commercial litigation partner with the law firm Dickinson Wright, which she joined in 1987. She earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan at Dearborn and her law degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School.

Justice Kelly is an active member of Sacred Heart-Grosse Ile parish, where she has taught Catechism; she has also chaired the parish's Youth Commission and served on the pastoral council. Justice Kelly resides in Grosse Ile with her husband Kevin and their 13-year-old son Jackson. In addition to her professional and community achievements, Justice Kelly is an avid runner and continues to run competitively.



JUSTICE
STEPHEN J. MARKMAN

Term expires January 1, 2013

Stephen Markman was appointed as a justice of the Michigan Supreme Court on October 1, 1999. Before his appointment, he served as judge on the Michigan Court of Appeals from 1995-1999. Prior to this, he practiced law with the firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone in Detroit.

From 1989-93, Justice Markman served as United States Attorney, or federal prosecutor, in Michigan, after having been nominated by President George H. W. Bush and confirmed by the United States Senate. From 1985-1989, he served as Assistant Attorney General of the United States, after having been nominated by President Ronald Reagan and confirmed by the United States Senate. In that position, he headed the Department of Justice'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 for 7 years as Chief Counsel of the United States Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution, and as Deputy Chief Counsel of the United States Senate Judiciary Committee.

Justice Markman has authored articles for such publications as the *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform*, the *Detroit College of Law Review*, the *Stanford Law Review*, the *University of Chicago Law Review*, the *American Criminal Justice Law Review*, the *Barrister's Law Journal*, the *Harvard Journal of Law & Public Policy*, and the *American University Law Review*. He has also served as a contributing editor of *National Review* magazine, and has authored chapters in such books as "In the Name of Justice: The Aims of the Criminal Law," "Still the Law of the Land," and "Originalism: A Quarter Century of Debate."

Justice Markman has taught constitutional law at Hillsdale College since 1993. He has traveled to Ukraine on two occasions on behalf of the State Department, to provide assistance in the development of that nation's post-Soviet constitution. He is a Fellow of the Michigan Bar Foundation, a Master of the Bench of the Inns of Court, and a member of the One Hundred Club. He has spoken before hundreds of youth, civic, charitable, and legal groups throughout Michigan and nationally and has coached Little League baseball and basketball. He lives with his wife Mary Kathleen in Mason, and has two sons, James and Charles.

Justice Markman was reelected to the Supreme Court in 2000 and 2004. His present term expires January 1, 2013.



JUSTICE
BRIAN K. ZAHRA

Term expires January 1, 2015

Justice Brian K. Zahra was appointed to the Michigan Supreme Court on January 14, 2011, by Governor Rick Snyder.

Justice Zahra received his undergraduate degree in 1984 from Wayne State University. To finance his education, he opened and operated a small health and personal care retail store in downtown Detroit, later opening a grocery outlet, also in Detroit, with two partners. In 1987, he graduated with honors from the University of Detroit Law School, where he was a member of the Law Review. While in law school, he also served as Articles Editor of the State Bar of Michigan's *Corporation, Finance & Business Law Journal*. He then served as law clerk to Judge Lawrence P. Zatkoff of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan for 2 years before joining the law firm of Dickinson, Wright, Moon, Van Dusen & Freeman in 1989. In 1994, Governor John Engler appointed him to the Wayne County Circuit Court; he was elected to a 6-year term in 1996 and continued to serve on the circuit court until December 1998, when he was appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals by Governor Engler. He was elected to 6-year terms in 2000 and 2006. From December 2005 to January 2007, he served as the Court of Appeals' Chief Judge Pro Tem.

Justice Zahra, who has taught evidence as an adjunct professor at the University of Detroit-Mercy Law School, has served on many professional and legislative committees, including the Michigan Civil Jury Instructions Committee, the Circuit Court Appellate Rules Committee, the Domestic Violence Legislation Implementation Task Force, and the advisory committee for the Michigan Judicial Institute Domestic Violence Benchbook. He has also served on the Michigan Board of Law Examiners, which drafts and grades the examination that law school graduates must pass in order to become licensed attorneys.

Justice Zahra has been active in many civic and charitable organizations, including Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Kiwanis Club International, Leadership Detroit, the Knights of Columbus, the Maltese American Community Club, and the Maltese American Benevolent Society, of which he is a past officer. He is a board member and former officer of the Catholic Lawyers Society, and is a member of the Federalist Society, having served as secretary and vice-president of the Michigan chapter.

Justice Zahra resides in Northville Township with his wife Suzanne and their 2 children.