



**Sandra Bulger, Esq.**, an attorney, most recently was Tax Counsel for General Motors North America Region. In this role she was responsible for corporate tax planning initiatives and rendering tax legal advice to GM regarding business transactions and tax controversy. Ms. Bulger was previously the Executive Director of General Motors Washington Office, responsible for coordinating GM's federal government lobbying and advocacy activities from 1997-1999. Prior to her Washington assignment, she was General Director of Federal Tax Audits for General Motors and Assistant

General Tax Counsel. Ms. Bulger is also a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and worked for the CPA firm of Arthur Andersen before joining GM. Ms. Bulger resigned from GM in June, 2007 in order to pursue entrepreneurial and venture capital opportunities. Sandra Bulger is a native Detroitter, graduate of Cass Technical High School and Michigan State University with a degree in Accounting and Finance. Ms. Bulger obtained her Juris Doctorate Degree from the University of Michigan and admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in 1984. Ms. Bulger is married to Harold W. Bulger, also an attorney, who is a graduate of both the University of Michigan's Business and Law Schools, as well as a graduate of Michigan State University College of Engineering. Mr. & Mrs. Bulger have one son, Harold (Tres') Bulger, III who is a 2005 honors graduate of the University of Michigan's Stephen M. Ross School of Business, and formerly a Manager working in New York for American Express and currently a student at Fordham University Law school in New York City. Ms. Bulger's volunteer and philanthropic efforts are focused on education, children, and the elderly. Her hobbies are reading, golfing, and interior and architectural design.



The **Honorable Maura D. Corrigan** was first elected to the Michigan Supreme Court in 1998 and reelected in 2006. She served two terms as Chief Justice from 2001-2004. She graduated from Marygrove College in 1969 and from the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law in 1973. She served as a law clerk to Michigan Court of Appeals Judge John Gillis and became a Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor in 1974. In 1979, she became an Assistant United States Attorney, serving as Chief of Appeals and later Chief Assistant United States Attorney. In 1989, Justice Corrigan became a partner at

the Detroit law firm of Plunkett & Cooney. In 1992, Governor John Engler appointed her to the Michigan Court of Appeals where she served seven years. The Supreme Court appointed her Chief Judge from 1997-1998. Justice Corrigan participates in various community and professional activities. She is a past-President of the American Inns of Court at MSU-DCL Law School, and a member of the Pew Commission investigating foster care issues in the U.S. She served as vice-president of the Conference of Chief Justices, a member of the Michigan Law Revision Commission, 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. Justice Corrigan is the widow of Wayne State University Distinguished Professor of Law Joseph D. Grano; mother of Daniel, a graduate of Wayne State University Law School and member of Grosse Pointe Park City Council; his wife, Marianne, a Presbyterian minister; Megan, a professional comedian and comedy writer and her husband, Michael Canale, business manager of Chicago's Annoyance Theater.

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**Julia Donovan Darlow, J.D.** is an American attorney and member of the University of Michigan Board of Regents. Darlow's many involvements have included serving as: The first woman president of the State Bar of Michigan, 1986-1987; Michigan Chair of the American Bar Foundation Fellows, 1991-1996; Chair of the Michigan Supreme Court Task Force on Gender Issues in the Courts; and President of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan. Regent Darlow, a Democrat from Ann Arbor, received her B.A. degree from Vassar College in 1963 and her J.D. degree from Wayne State

University Law School in 1971. Prior to becoming a Regent, she practiced law for 33 years with Dickinson Wright PLLC in Detroit, where she focused on international and domestic business transactions and corporate governance, and for two years with Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett LLP in Novi, where she focused on nonprofit organizations. Regent Darlow has served in leadership positions on many for profit and nonprofit governing boards and on the founding boards of several institutions serving women and girls. She served as president of the State Bar of Michigan (the first woman elected to this position), as chair of the board of Hutzel Women's Hospital and on the boards and executive committees of the Detroit Medical Center and Marygrove College. She also served on the Michigan Bilateral Trade Team for Germany, on the State Officers' Compensation Commission, and on the International Women's Forum Global Affairs Committee. Among her current positions, she is a member of the Michigan Opera Theatre Board of Directors and the Detroit Bar Foundation Board of Trustees. She was elected to the Board of Regents in 2006.



The **Honorable Anna Diggs Taylor** was born Anna Katherine Johnston, 1932, Washington, D.C. is a United States District Judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. She graduated from Barnard College in 1954 and Yale Law School in 1957, and worked in the Office of Solicitor for the United States Department of Labor. In 1960, she married U.S. Representative Charles Diggs; they divorced in 1971. She married S. Martin Taylor, a regent of the University of Michigan, in 1976. In 1979, President Jimmy Carter appointed Anna Diggs Taylor to the federal bench, becoming

the first African American woman in Michigan to be awarded such a judgeship. She became Chief Judge of the court in 1997, and took senior status in 1998. Almost two decades later, this Yale alumnus and civil rights activist achieved yet another milestone when she became chief judge for the District in January of 1997. This event marked the first time in American judicial history that an African American chief judge succeeded another on a federal court. During her three years as a Washington attorney, Taylor met Charles Diggs Jr., at the time a Democrat representing Detroit in the U.S. House of Representatives. They wed in 1960, and she moved with him to Detroit. In 1984, Taylor criticized the chief judge on the Federal Court in Eastern Michigan, John Feikens, for controversial statements he made concerning African Americans. Feikens had remarked to the Detroit Free Press that African Americans "will not understand how to run government. Some will not understand leadership." Taylor wrote Feikens a letter that was later released to the press. She chastised him for his insensitivity and called his remarks, "an extraordinary insult to all black professionals and/or administrators," and an act that "destroys, for blacks, the hope that they will obtain an impartial hearing in any litigation which may come before you," according to the Detroit Free Press.

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The **Honorable Shelia Johnson** was elected Judge of the 46th District Court in November 2002 that serves the communities of Southfield, Lathrup Village, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Franklin and Southfield Township, Michigan. She is the first African American to serve as Judge in the 46th District and the first African American female District Court Judge in Oakland County, Michigan. Judge Johnson currently serves as Chief Judge Pro Tem of the Court. In 1984, Judge Johnson graduated from the University of Michigan Law School; is a graduate of Dartmouth College. While

at Dartmouth, she studied abroad in Bourges, France and had a fluent command of the French language. Judge Johnson was born and raised in Detroit, and has been a resident of Southfield for 21 years. Judge Johnson was an attorney, with over eighteen years of legal experience in both State and Federal Courts. Judge Johnson was in private practice in Southfield where she specialized in both civil and criminal litigation. Prior to going into private practice, Judge Johnson was a practicing attorney at the prominent Detroit law firm of Jaffe, Snider, Raitt & Heuer where she specialized in commercial litigation. Judge Johnson served as a law clerk to the Honorable Benjamin F. Gibson, United States District Court, Western District of Michigan. She further served as a legal analyst on the radio talk show program "Speaking of Sports," where she addressed legal issues concerning athletes in professional sports. Judge Johnson is actively involved in civic, community, and professional organizations. After her election to the Court, Judge Johnson spearheaded the establishment of a "Court In Schools" program, where actual court sessions are held at local high schools and middle schools with the goal of deterring youth from criminal behavior and inspiring them towards positive career choices.



**Nicole Y. Lamb-Hale** is a savvy business lawyer with over 17 years of experience representing a wide range of corporate clients and significant influence in the community that inures to the benefit of her clients. She is a graduate of Harvard Law School, University of Michigan, Leadership Detroit, Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation and the American Bar Foundation. She is the managing partner of Foley & Lardner's LLP Detroit office. Ms. Lamb-Hale counsels corporate clients on significant business transactions and legal issues, including bankruptcy. She has served as counsel

for Chapter 11 debtors, secured lenders, creditors' committees and equity holders. She also regularly represents significant Tier 1 automotive suppliers and customers in troubled supplier workouts and bankruptcy proceedings. Ms. Lamb-Hale has served as both bond and underwriters' counsel in multi-million dollar public finance transactions for bond issuers, including, the Michigan Strategic Fund, the City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, the Detroit Public Schools and the Wayne County Airport Authority. Her numerous community and civic involvement includes serving as vice-chair of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority, appointed by Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm; member of the Board of Trustees of Leadership Detroit; and a member of the Board of Trustees for the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts. She is also a life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; a member of The Links Incorporated; a member of Jack & Jill of America, Inc.; and the Women Presidents Organization.

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The **Honorable Denise Langford Morris**, Oakland County's first African American Circuit Court judge, was appointed to the County Circuit Court in August of 1992 by Gov. John Engler, elected in 1994, re-elected in 2000 and 2006. Judge Langford Morris received her Master of Arts cum laude in Guidance and Counseling from Wayne State University in 1978 and spent several years working for the State's Department of Social Services as a protective services worker. She received her Juris Doctor from the University Of Detroit Mercy School Of Law. Judge Langford

Morris has extensive trial experience, including civil and criminal, State and Federal, as a private practitioner; assistant Oakland County prosecutor and assistant United States attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan. Judge Langford Morris is active in many law-related organizations. She is a member of the National Bar Association, the National Bar Association Judicial Council and Board of Governors and the American Bar Association. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society and immediate past President of the Association of Black Judges of Michigan and former member of the Michigan Supreme Court Access to Justice Committee. Judge Langford Morris is a member of the Advisory Board for Parents of Murdered Children. She also formerly served on the Board of Directors for HAVEN, a domestic violence shelter for abused women and children. Judge Langford Morris makes numerous speeches and participates in panel discussions, youth mentoring and church speeches throughout Oakland County and the State of Michigan and participates in many other community functions too numerous to list. Judge Langford Morris enjoys participating in many charitable golf outings and has earned a reputation as a "long ball hitter".



**Denise J. Lewis, Esq.** has been recognized by Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, as top lawyer in the Real Estate field. Recognized by Michigan Super Lawyers 2006 through 2008, named as one of the Top 50 Women Michigan Super Lawyers. She concentrates in representing national and regional developers in complex transactions that include public-private partnerships, urban redevelopment and mixed-use development. We are recognizing her today not only for

her professional achievements but also for her strong involvement in the community. She is currently involved in the Detroit Zoological Society, as Board Member and Vice President, since 1989. She serves on the investment committee for the Detroit Investment fund, since 1993. Is a board member at the American Red Cross in S.E. Michigan and last but not least, serves the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy on the Finance and Investment Committee, since 2003. She has also dedicated her time to the Alzheimer Association, Detroit Medical Center, and was Elected to Wayne State University, Board of Governors, including service as Chair and Vice Chair of the Board. Denise also has two publications, she is Co-Author, "Tax and Other Inducements For the Development of Real Estate," American College of Real Estate Lawyers Annual Conference and the Author, "Incentives for Building Affordable Housing."

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The **Honorable Marci B. McIvor** was appointed as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan on March 14, 2003. She is a 1978 graduate of Harvard University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a 1982 graduate of Wayne State University Law School. She was in private practice until 1986 when she joined the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Michigan. At the Attorney General's Office her work consisted primarily of representing the Michigan Department of Treasury and other state agencies in bankruptcy matters. She served as an Assistant Attorney General until her appointment as Federal Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. Since her appointment she has frequently spoken on consumer bankruptcy issues at conferences sponsored by the American Bankruptcy Institute and the Consumer Bar Association. Judge McIvor is married and has three children.



**Kary L. Moss** has served as the Executive Director of the ACLU of Michigan since 1998. She oversees the entire operations including the legal, communications, development, legislative programs and serves as its chief spokesperson. She earned a Masters in International Affairs from Columbia University and is a 1987 graduate of CUNY Law School at Queen's College. Ms Moss began her career as a clerk for the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; served as staff attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union's Women's Rights Project in New York. Since joining the staff of the ACLU, Moss has spearheaded tremendous growth in the organization. The budget and membership have more than doubled; the legal docket has many high impact and important civil rights cases. The most significant cases include challenges to the government's effort to close immigration court proceedings to the public and the press, warrantless wiretapping by the National Security Administration, reform of the system of indigent defense representation to low-income defendants in Michigan, drug testing of welfare recipients, and a range of cases protecting the right to free speech. She has published three books, numerous law review articles and appeared on many television and radio shows including National Public Radio, CNN, Comcast Newsmaker Mitch Albom Show. She is a member of the Advisory Board of the Detroit News Editorial Page, the Arab-American Anti Discrimination Committee; and has served on the selection committee for the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. She is a founding member of Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust, Citizens United, and Michigan Coalition for Justice.

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The **Honorable Denise Page Hood** presently serves as United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. She was nominated by President Bill Clinton and confirmed by the Senate in 1994. Judge Hood presides over numerous criminal and civil matters. She has served on the state court benches of 36th District Court, Recorder's Court, and Wayne County Circuit Court and has worked as Assistant Corporation Counsel in the City of Detroit Law Department. Judge Hood is an active member of several professional organizations: Chair of the Michigan State Planning Board for legal services; the State Bar Pro Bono Initiatives Committee; and the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Foundation Board. She is past president of the Detroit Bar Association and the Association of Black Judges of Michigan. In addition, she serves as a volunteer in various community groups including; vice president of the Olivet College Board of Trustees; the Harper-Hutzel Hospital Board of Trustees; and the InsideOut Literary Arts Project Board. She was named one of UPN's 2006 Black History Month "Hometown Heroes." Her review, *Affirmative Action: Where Is It Coming From and Where Is It Going?*, was published in the University of Michigan's *Journal of Race & Law* (1998). Judge Hood has served as Moderator of the United Church of Christ ("UCC"), USA, and as the Moderator for the Michigan Conference of the UCC. She is a graduate of Yale University and Columbia University School of Law. She is married to Reverend Nicholas Hood, III, Senior Minister of Plymouth United Church of Christ in Detroit. They have two sons.



The **Honorable Kym L. Worthy** was sworn in as the chief law enforcement officer of Wayne County on January 6, 2004, in Detroit, Michigan. Surrounded by family and friends, it was a historic moment as Worthy became the first African-American, and the first woman, to become the Wayne County Prosecutor. The 63-member bench of the Wayne County Circuit Court appointed Worthy to the position. In November 2004 Worthy ran unopposed for reelection. Worthy earned her undergraduate degree in economics and political science from the University of Michigan and her law degree from the University of Notre Dame. Worthy began her career in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office in 1984, where she became the office's first African-American "Special Assignment" prosecutor. Worthy was elected judge of the Recorder's Court for the City of Detroit in 1994. She became a judge for the Wayne County Circuit Court in October 1997 when that court merged with the Recorder's Court. After nine years on the bench she retired from her position in 2003 to become a candidate for the Office of the Wayne County Prosecutor. Worthy's list of accomplishments is lengthy. A strong believer in community service, she is a frequent speaker for youth, civic and religious organizations. She has received numerous awards and honors for her role as community leader. Her church home is the Greater Grace Temple of Apostolic Faith in Detroit, Michigan. She is the mother of eleven-year-old Anastasia.

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