

The Judicial Tenure Commission

Preserves public confidence in the courts. The Commission strives to hold state judges, magistrates, and referees accountable for their misconduct. The basis for Commission action is a violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct or Rules of Professional Conduct, which are published with the Michigan Rules of Court.

The commission consists of nine persons selected for three-year terms as follows: Four members shall be judges elected by the judges of the courts in which they serve. Three shall be members of the state bar who shall be elected by the members of the state bar of whom one shall be a judge and two shall not be judges. Two shall be appointed by the governor; the members appointed by the governor shall not be judges, retired judges or members of the state bar.

How much money do you think each of the members make per year?

Please do not be surprised when you receive no retribution when filing a complaint with the Judicial Tenure Commission. Do you really think that another judge or attorney will discipline a judge? Why do you think a lawyer will not sue another lawyer in the same state? Please continue to ask yourself what is wrong with this check and balance system. Maybe we need some citizens to be part of this committee who work in a different career field than the justice system.

Go to <http://www.redressinc.org> for more information about our courts.

Rate your judge

<http://www.ratethecourts.com/>

Rate your lawyer

<http://www.lawyerratingz.com/>

Deanna Klootra
Legal Domestic Abuse Specialist, for
Women

Po Box 52
Comstock Park MI 49321
Phone: 616-322-5279

E-mail: secretary@abusedswan.com

References

Oregon State Bar , Retrieved March 2007 from Google at <http://www.osbar.org/public/vote/JudicialSelection.htm>

Michigan Law Online, Retrieved March 2007 from Google at <http://www.icle.org/mlo/mcr/09/9.205.htm>

JUDGES



Judge Patricia Gardner

Judges and justice!

Our court system is designed to achieve justice for all through court procedures that honor constitutional rights.

Our legal system is based on the premise that all people are created equal and that the justice system must be open and fair to all.

A judge is personally responsible for their own behavior, for the proper conduct and administration of the court, and to achieve justice for all.

The roles of a judge make up an important part of this legal system that allows us to enjoy our constitutional rights as American citizens.

Does your judge put aside their personal views and emotions to be equal and fair?

What a judge does.

Ensure the rules of the law and to make decisions that are based on our laws, not on outside influences or public opinions.

Ensure that every citizen has their day in court and to mediate between parties and settle disputes.

Make sure both sides receive a fair hearing. Judges must remain impartial when deciding cases. Judges should not have a preference for one person over another. If this happens, judges would not be fair and impartial.

Research and apply laws to protect consumers. Judges spend their time hearing oral arguments, researching the law involved in a case, conferring about cases and writing opinions.



Who holds a judge accountable?

Citizens can vote at election time whether or not to retain a judge when their term is up.

The Judicial Tenure Commission investigates complaints of misconduct.

Commissioners

A higher court of appeal

Electing a judge

Judicial candidates do not "campaign" like other political candidates. **Once elected, judges decide what the law says, rather than ruling based on personal beliefs.**

Judges must remain impartial and can not run for office under any political party affiliation.

Limiting campaign speech ensures that judges are not bound to any special interest groups, or any previous statements.



Misconduct in office includes, but is not limited to:

Neglect in the timely performance of judicial duties.

Failure to treat persons fairly and courteously. Discourteously because of a person's race, gender, or other protected personal characteristic.

Conduct in violation of the Code of Judicial Conduct or the Rules of Professional Conduct.