

# Hand challenged by Goldstein

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judicial record. According to the judge, he has had only two of his decisions overturned during his career.

Although Hand admits the state's stiffer drunk-driving laws have added to the court's caseload, he believes he has done well in keeping the docket up to date.

Regarding the relatively new drunk-driving laws, Hand said he feels they have created more cases, but not necessarily an improvement in handling the drunk-driving problem.

Although jail is an option for the chronic drunk driver, Hand doesn't necessarily believe that type of sentencing does anything to improve the problem driver.

Under Hand, the 47th District Court's hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., five days a week. Hand also holds night court starting at 6 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month.

IN ADDITION to night court, Hand said the court has used pretrial conferences to cut down on trial time. Use of mediators in small claims has also helped cut down court time, he said.

While Hand said he would like more people to attend court, "all I can do is encourage the people to come over and see the court in operation."

Hand received his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Detroit. If elected as judge, Goldstein plans to make community service mandatory on all alcohol-related offenses.

The Sterling Heights attorney would set up a program through the probation department in which alcohol-related offenders would be required to work a certain number of hours in the community.

Offenders would work in area senior citizen programs, local churches and perhaps parks and recreation, Goldstein said.

Although Michigan's drunk-driving laws have been strengthened, Goldstein said, "the law still puts the drunk driver out on the street." Goldstein's policy is that "repeat offenders are facing jail."

In his first campaign for public office, Goldstein said he has always wanted to be a judge.

"IT IS the peak of a practicing attorney to become a judge, to continue in the law, not in an adversary position, but a judicial position," said Goldstein, who has been a trial lawyer in civil and criminal cases for 25 years.

The 33-year-old Farmington Hills resident received both his bachelor's and law degrees from Wayne State University.

If elected, Goldstein promises that the court will not be "a cake walk" with most cases being rubber stamped.

Holding to his belief that a district judge should be more involved with the local community, Goldstein wants to go to the schools to discuss both drinking laws and rules of the road to those students in drivers training.

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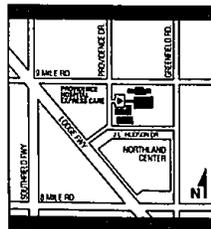


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