

# Appeals Court race attracts 4 for new seats

Rarely are incumbent judges beaten, or even challenged. That's why there is a big race for two new state Court of Appeals judgeships in the 2nd District.

Two incumbent judges — William R. Beasley, 69, of Birmingham, and Michael J. Kelly, 59, of Bloomfield Hills — have free rides as they seek new six-year terms.

But four candidates are beating the bushes for votes for the new new seats in a race that has been called a "name" contest. And it has partisan overtones.

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**IN GENERAL.** Republicans are plunking for one candidate — Oakland Circuit Judge Richard D. Kuhn. Democrats have endorsed two women — Macomb Circuit Judge Kathleen Jansen and Marilyn Kelly, a former member of the state Board of Education. Running independently is the man

who led the 13-candidate field in the primary — Mark J. Cavanagh, of Rochester Hills. He is the son of the late Detroit Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh and nephew of Justice Michael F. Cavanagh, a former appeals court judge.

The Court of Appeals is Michigan's second highest. It will consist of 24 judges elected from three districts. The entire court doesn't hear cases; rather, cases are assigned to panels of three judges. The 2nd District includes Oakland and 14 other counties, mainly around Michigan's Thumb.

**YOU MAY VOTE** for two candidates for the contested seats. Here, in alphabetical order, are their profiles:

• Mark J. Cavanagh, 35 — general practitioner since 1985 and a special assistant attorney general handling workers comp cases since 1986. He has worked for the Wayne County friend of the court office and was an assistant Wayne County prosecutor. He has degrees from the University of Michigan and Detroit College of Law.

• Kathleen Jansen, 39 — circuit judge in Macomb County. After pri-

vate practice from 1979-82, she was a probate judge for two years and circuit judge since 1985. She has a bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University and juris doctor degree from the University of Detroit Law School. Jansen, of Mount Clemens, belongs to the Women Lawyers Association, National Association of Women Judges, Michigan Women's Campaign Fund and other bar groups.

• Marilyn J. Kelly, 50 — general practitioner in Birmingham for 18 years. A one-time languages teacher, she was elected twice to the state

Board of Education as a Democrat and later became a lawyer. She gained prominence as co-chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the Oakland Bar, a group which has studied methods of handling cases outside the court structure. Kelly of Bloomfield Hills is a member of the state Supreme Court's attorney discipline board and arbitrator of construction claims for the American Arbitration Association. She has a BA from Eastern Michigan University, MA from Middlebury (Vt.) College and JD with honors from Wayne State University.

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