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Chief Assistant. 18 years - private practice.

A) Educating the public is the only way to improve the perception of and confidence in the judicial system. This would be accomplished by taking the court to the citizenry. Sessions of court could be held at the high school, senior citizen complex and other public places.

B) When the probation department and I believe that a greater benefit to society would be derived if the defendant were not placed in a jail surrounding. Such sentences could be assisting community organizations, the elderly, charitable organizations and the City of Berkeley.

C) A district court judge could help prevent substance abuse by continually making themselves available for speaking engagements throughout the community. Further, the process from time of arrest to court appearance should be speeded up so that a drug offender does not forget what his purpose is for being in court.

DISTRICT 45B

Cities of Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge and Royal Oak Township.

Regular term ending 1/1/97 Vote for two.

MARVIN F. FRANKEL, Incumbent, 58, Huntington Woods. Born Detroit, Michigan 8/27/32. Graduated, Central High School 1950. B.A. Hillsdale College, 1955. LL.B. Wayne State, 1958. General Practice, 1958-1975. Oak Park Municipal Judge 1968-1975. 45-B District Judge 1975-present.

A) Making certain that important decisions that you make are written and articulated in language, easily understood by the public so that the average person on the street understands what you did and why you did it.

B) Jail is a sentence of last resort not first resort. It is only after other options available have failed, that one should resort to jail. When a judge sentences to jail, it is a statement of failure both as to the individual respondent as well as society itself.

C) Take advantage of the community resources available when sentencing a defendant in a substance abuse case. Then require the defendant to become self-reliant and productive often times through completion of basic education.

BENJAMIN J. FRIEDMAN, Incumbent, 59, Huntington Woods. 1960 graduate of Wayne State Law School. Elected Municipal Judge 1969. Appointed District Judge - 1975 and re-elected in 1978, and 1984.

A) My record speaks for itself - 21 years of judicial service. I will continue to allow litigants to have their say and listen patiently. District Court is the people's court and must continue to be so. Citizens must be encouraged to exercise their rights in Court and be comfortable doing so.

B) It is an option used for first offenders. Being caught, spending a few hours in jail before arraignment is usually sufficient deterrent. Hopefully, these defendants will not appear again. When employment loss could occur because of incarceration, alternative sentencing is possible - loss of job creates more problems than jail solves.

C) We must emphasize encouraging of therapy. First offender programs featur-

ing education and counseling, and dismissal upon a successful completion of probation. There is little we can do to prevent the initial abuse - our contacts occur afterwards and we must try to stop further abuse.

GIL WHITNEY McRIPLEY, Ferndale. Did not respond in time for publication.

DISTRICT 46

Cities of Lathrup Village, Southfield and Southfield Township.

Regular term ending 1/1/97 Vote for one.

BRYAN H. LEVY, Incumbent, 40, Birmingham. Education: J.D., University of Detroit School of Law, 1975. B.A., University of Michigan, 1972. Occupation: Judge, 46th District Court, 1987. Experience: Extensive trial experience at District and Circuit Court levels. Background: Trial attorney, 1976-1987.

A) Performance. In the civil area I have reduced the docket by one-third. In the criminal area I have imposed harsh sanctions for criminals, particularly drunk drivers. Perception. I have engaged in many community and charitable events, have published four articles, and speak publicly to groups whenever asked.

B) First offense non-violent crimes. Sentencing must, however, include serious sanction, i.e., community service, community work program, alcohol programs. Repeat offenders must, though, receive some jail time. The community must perceive that the judges will not give everyone the proverbial 'slap on the wrist.' Some jail time is important.

C) Harsh sanctions and bonds on sellers. Much less permissiveness with respect to users. Harsh sanctions with respect to drinking and driving offenses. No drug causes the amount of violent death and injury as does alcohol. I have consistently incarcerated repeat drunk drivers and will continue to do so. Education.

PERRY LEWIS, Lathrup Village. Did not respond in time for publication.

DISTRICT 47

Cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Regular term ending 1/1/97 Vote for one.

FREDERICK L. HARRIS, Incumbent, 60, Farmington Hills. 1952 Graduated, MSU, B.A. 1963 Graduated, WSU Law School, J.D. Presently, Judge of the 47th District Court. Retired from the U.S. Marine Corps with rank of Colonel. Former Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Wayne County (1963-1964).

A) The most significant contributions any judge can make to improving the public's perception of our judicial system is:

1) Be punctual and consistent. 2) Listen attentively to everyone. Litigants who know that their side of the case has been heard have greater confidence in our courts regardless of the outcome.

B) In misdemeanor controlled substance abuse cases, I will consider a disposition under the health code in lieu of jail for a first offender. Impose jail sentences to be served at the end of probation. Upon satisfactory completion of probation and community work, I will suspend the jail sentence.

C) Upon a finding of guilty, a judge's role is to impose a sentence that will deter the defendant from engaging in any further illegal conduct. Defendants placed on probation in drug cases have to submit to

urine screens regularly while drunk driving case defendants will receive some form (...)

FREDERICK O. KNAUER, 60, Farmington Hills. LLB/JD WSU 1953. Private practice (general) 36 years. Court mediator. State Bar: Representative Assembly (6 years, elected by peers), Civil Procedure (Chairperson), Citizenship (Chairperson), Constitutional Law, Law Day (essay judge), Public Relations, Advanced Technology.

A) I will strive to earn public respect and confidence by punctuality, preparedness, attentiveness, courtesy and (when appropriate) occasional humor. Decisiveness coupled with sensitivity, firmness with fairness, justice with mercy, and a constant awareness that the court 'belongs to' and exists for the public, not the judge, will be my aims.

B) Alternative sentencing, if available and appropriate, fills the gap between too lenient fines or probation, and potentially counterproductive jail terms. For example, a contrite first offender, as well as the community, may well benefit from enforced community service or educational endeavors. Conversely, jail may be the best answer for 'scoundrels'.

C) A judge must first teach by example; therefore, must never personally abuse drugs. Sentences should be remedial where possible, sufficiently punitive when necessary, and serve effectively to communicate an appropriate warning to other potential abusers. Courtrooms and judges should be available to schools and communities to educate against drug abuse.

DISTRICT 48

Cities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake and Sylvan Lake.

Regular term ending 1/1/97. Vote for one.

THOMAS W. BROOKOVER, Incumbent - Unopposed.

To fill vacancy term ending 1/1/93. Vote for one.

EDWARD AVADENKA, Incumbent - Unopposed.

DISTRICT 50

City of Pontiac. Regular term ending 1/1/97. Vote for two.

Christopher C. Brown, Incumbent - Unopposed.

William Waterman, Incumbent - Unopposed.

DISTRICT 51

Township of Waterford. Regular term ending 1/1/97. Vote for one.

Kenneth H. Hempstead, Incumbent - Unopposed.

DISTRICT 52

1st Division

Cities of Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom; Township of Commerce, Highland, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose and White Lake.

Regular term ending 1/1/97. Vote for one.

Brian W. MacKenzie, Incumbent - Unopposed.

DISTRICT 52

2nd Division

Townships of Brandon, Groveland, Holly, Independence, and Springfield. Regular term ending 1/1/97. Vote for one.

Gerald E. McNally, Incumbent - Unopposed.

DISTRICT 52

3rd Division

Cities of Auburn Hills, Lake Angelus, Rochester and Rochester Hills; Townships of Addison, Oakland, Orion, and Oxford. Regular term ending 1/1/97. Vote for one.

LAWRENCE P. CANYOCK, 46, Rochester. B.A. Oakland University 1965, Juris Doctorate, Wayne Law 1968; 22 years Trial practice throughout Michigan and nationally, President Parent Teacher League, President Homeowners Association, YMCA coach, committed to community service and family values.

A. As a candidate and as a judge I would hold the office I seek in a higher regard than my personal interests. I would conduct myself in public or in private in a manner that would bring respect and esteem to my office.

B. Punishment where possible should include a reasoned attempt to rehabilitate the criminal, reducing the odds of recurrent behavior. In crimes lacking in malicious intent and physical injury to victims I would expect better results.

C. A district court judge needs to treat all forms of substance abuse as potentially lethal conduct and embed that message in persons convicted of such crimes. He needs also to help educate the unwary of the risks involved in behaviors too often accepted as socially tolerable.

ROBERT L. SHIPPER, Incumbent, 66, Oxford. Only candidate qualified with over 20 years of experience and more than 50 weeks of judicial training at judges seminars. Rated in top 10% in judicial temperament. Lifetime Oakland resident. Outstanding contributions to church, schools (...)

A) Writings: Ask the Judge. Detroit News. June 15, 1990. Continuous contributions to 'Bench Marks' published articles in N.Y. Times and Wall Street Journal. Computerization of Dockets. Only Judge to hold evening and Saturday sessions for traffic.

B) Been using for years: Court Community Service Work, C.C.S. Garden, Electronic Tethering (Sentence and Bond)

C) Working with and for school and adult programs such as AA, NA, Alanon, Medical urinalysis, etc.

DISTRICT 52

4th Division

Cities of Clawson and Troy. Regular term ending 1/1/97. Vote for one.

William E. Bolle, Incumbent - Unopposed.