

COUNTY NEWS

Probate judge keeps 'positive approach'



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"For the most part, the list of candidates and seats available for the Aug. 6 primary reads something like the Yellow Pages because it is so long.

Such is not the case with the single seat for Oakland County Probate Court judge. The sole applicant, and incumbent, Judge Barry M. Grant, appreciates that fact. "I am very gratified and humbled that I am unopposed," he said. "I will continue to do my job to the best of my ability."

Grant, confronted with 5,000 cases each year, said he stays in the "sometimes frustrating" position in the hope that he can help a family resolve its problems.

"I do it because I'm concerned about people," said the 60-year-old Bloomfield Township resi-

dent. "If the law permits, I try to resolve issues with the least amount of discord to families."

As probate judge, Grant hears three types of cases: estate, guardianship/mental health, and crimes by or against children. After 19 years on the bench in his current position, Grant is most affected in cases "when parents abandon their family responsibilities."

"That is most discouraging," he said. To combat the negative feelings, he "just tries to keep a positive approach on the world."

Grant graduated from Detroit Mumford High School before going on to Michigan State University and Wayne State University Law School. After obtaining his law degree, he completed postgraduate work at Northwestern University and Harvard.

The incumbent is chief probate judge of the Oakland County Probate Court, president-elect of the National College of Judges, secretary of the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission, past president of the Michigan Probate Judges Association and past president of the Oakland County Judges Association. He also serves on the Board of Directors at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

When he is not working, or serving on his various committees, he enjoys spending time with his family including wife of 36 years, Lisa; daughter, Nancy (who is running for an Oakland County Circuit Court judgeship); and sons Jim and Scott.

Grant is one of four judges who work Monday through Friday for the Probate Court.

A review of Circuit Court race contenders

Four candidates are competing for the Oakland County Circuit Court position of Judge Robert Templin, who is retiring due to age restrictions imposed by law. By its nature, it's a tough race. Rarely is a sitting judge opposed, so this opening is drawing special interest.

And, as in some elections, what may decide which two out of the four will face off for the November election may be name recognition.

Carol Hackett Garagiola, besides her own work record as an assistant Oakland County prosecutor, has two claims to fame: Her mother is federal court judge Barbara Hackett and her husband is sportscast-

er Steve Garagiola.

Susan Moiseov is counting on her 10 years of experience as a district court judge to help in her election effort, pointing out that she is the only one of the four who has judicial experience.

John N. O'Brien is following in the footsteps of his father, John N. O'Brien, who served as an Oakland County Circuit Court judge from 1973 to 1993.

And voters could have to ask which Grant they wish to speak to, upon dialing the court offices, if Nanci Grant were elected. Her father is a probate court judge.

The job, which has a six-year term, pays \$109,257 yearly.

New scholarship honors OU student, statistician

Mary Pannone of Oxford is the first recipient of the W. Edwards Deming Scholarship, awarded by the Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences. The scholarship was awarded in consultation with the Department of Mathematical Sciences June 17.

It was created in honor of Dr. Edwards Deming, a famous post-World War II statistician, who was instrumental in introducing quality control techniques into the automotive industry both in this country and in Japan.

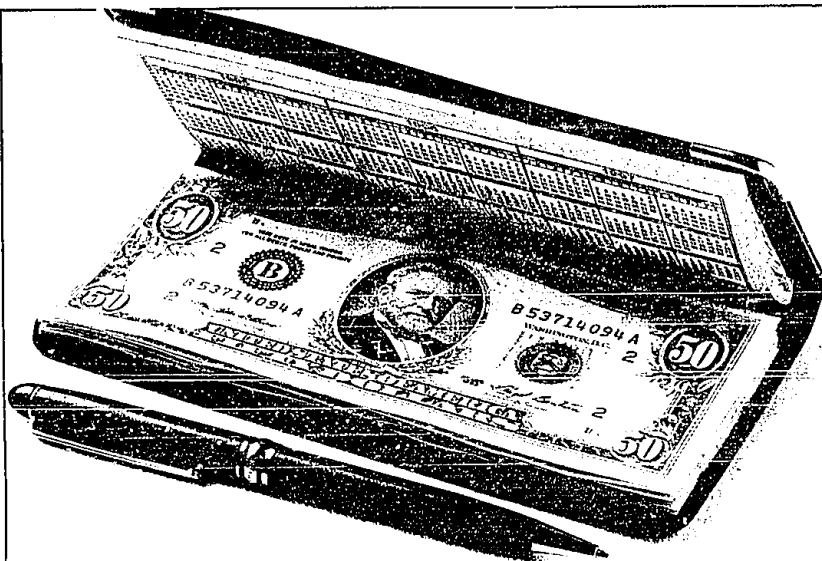
This scholarship was originally established by the American Society for Quality Control - Automotive Division. Subsequently, it has been supported by the Greater Detroit section of the American Society for Quality Control, Venture Industries and the Department of Mathematical Sciences, in particular Professor Emeritus Harvey Arnold.

The amount of the award was \$750. The stipend will be used to

help defray the cost of the fall semester.

Pannone is described by Associate Professor Rob Kushler, a member of the faculty teaching in the master of science in applied statistics program, as "the kind of student who is always ready with a question which goes a step beyond the lecture topic". She is characterized by another instructor, Dr. James Pan, as "a superb industrial statistician with deep insight and profound understanding. She was the most outstanding student in my class and demonstrated excellent understanding of the material".

She holds a bachelor of science in chemistry from Saint Mary's College and a master of science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Minnesota. Since 1992, she has been a product design engineer for Ford Motor Company. From 1990 to 1992, she was a product engineering manager for Wellman Machinery of Michigan.



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