

Undaunted '94 loser again runs against incumbent judges

[This is the third in a series profiling each of the six candidates running for five seats on the Oakland Circuit Court in the Nov. 5th general election. A 1996 circuit judge's salary is \$109,267. The term is six years. Clipping and saving these stories may help you in your decision-making.]

rently trying to retain their seats, has chosen to run against them rather than go for the vacancy that is available.

"In a democratic process, it's always better to have more than one choice," Logan says. "It wasn't such an awful experience in 1994. And I think I would be a very good judge."

"When I went to law school, Oakland County was the epitome. Our reputation has begun to decline." She cites parochialness and callous treatment of litigants. "As a judge, you don't have the right to disrupt everybody's life," she says. "And I think you should be on time. You need to show some concern, some consideration."

However she's not aiming at any particular incumbent judge. "In an equal opportunity opponent, I don't care who I upset."

Two years ago, she refused to go before the Oakland County Bar's rating committee. This year she did and received a "Qualified" rating although she said, "They seemed preoccupied that I hadn't participated in 1994. But then I didn't think I could get a fair rating."



Leslie Logan

At that time, she says they were giving out too many outstanding ratings to sitting judges and failing to give challengers any chance. "I think they have made some strides to make it better. I think they're trying."

Still, she refused to fully answer a 14-page questionnaire that she says "was overreaching

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Leslie Anne Logan is making her second run for a seat on the Oakland Circuit Court once again the only opponent of sitting judges.

Two years ago, she ran 22,000 votes behind the judge with the least number of votes — Francis O'Brien. She had received a higher rating than he had from the now defunct Oakland Citizens League division of Civic Searchlight.

But that was then and this is now. And Logan, much to the discomfort of the five judges cur-

CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHY

Name: Leslie Anne Logan. Age: 40 Hometown: Bloomfield Hills. Education: B.A., Valparaiso University (1978); J.D., University of Detroit (1982). Experience: Principal in Logan & Associates, a general practice firm in Bingham Farms (1991 to present); part-time City Attorney, 52-4 District Court, Troy (1986-89); partner, Small & Logan, Birmingham (1986-91); attorney in law office, Robert Mouradian (1984) and Garian & Garian (1983-84). Judicial/legal leadership: President, Women Lawyers Association of Michigan (1996-97); held other offices Women Lawyers Association of Michigan (1991-96); Oakland Circuit Court Mediator; Better Business Bureau Binding Arbitrator for consumer disputes Community contributions: Advisory Board, Parents of Murdered Children; Volunteer speaker in Community Adult Education (seven years); Pro Bono representation. Family: Married to Michael J. Garzoni; two children, Nick, 5 and Gabrielle, 20 months.

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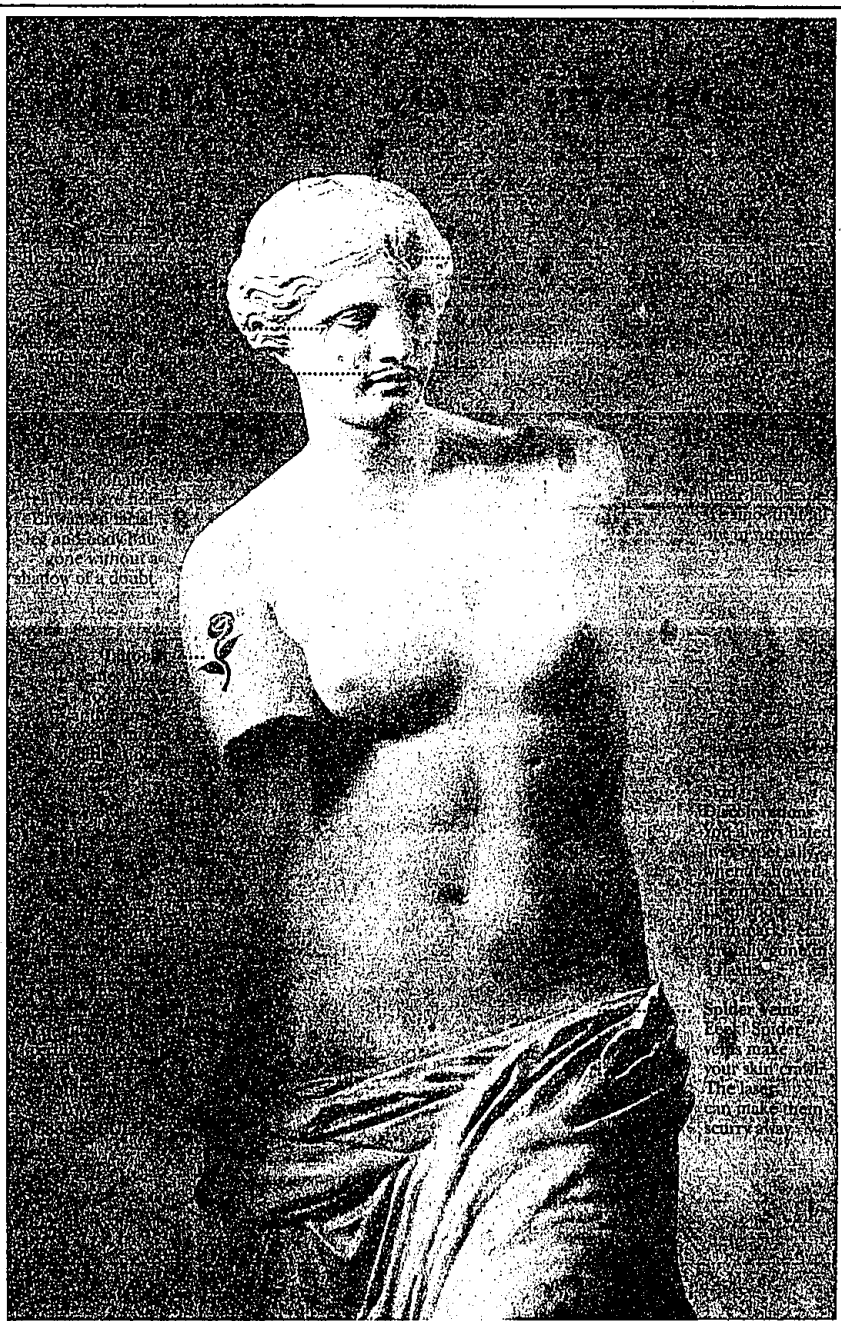
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