## Judge shares ups and down of courtroom

Teacher, attorney, legislator, judge. Rudy Nichols as been then all.

This day in his courtroom it's time for closing arguments in a civil suit resulting from injuries received in a car accident. "I'd appreciate if you'd keep your arguments to 16 to 20 minutes." Nichols instructs both attorneys. He allows a little leeway as plaint itiffs attorney requeste a few extra minutes. And he has little

Nichols says he didn't neces-sarily think of becoming a judge, when in his high school govern-ment, class it dawned on him that he wanted to become an attorney. But, when he was just out of law school and clerking for a judge, he observed first-hand the challenges as well as the frustrations.

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## **CANDIDATE'S BIOGRAPHY**

Name: Rudy J. Nichols. Age: 51. Hometown: Clarkaton. Education: B.A.. Michigan State University (1967); J.D. Detroit College of Law (1974). Experience: Oakland Circuit Judge (1991 to present); Representative and Senator, including Judiciary chairperson, Michigan State Legislature (1983 to 1990); Attorney in private and municipal law (1974 to 1982). Judicial/legal leadership: Michigan State Bar; Oakland County Bar; Michigan Judges Association; author of several legal articles including Domestic Violence (Laches 2/96), Professionalism (Laches 1/94) and Rules of Evidence (State Bar Journal, 6/92). Community contributions: Associate legal counsel U. S. Jaycess (1981), Member, Waterford Optimists, Waterford Eagles, Pontiac Urban League, Community Activities Inc. Family; Married to Gali; two children: Jason, 23, and Jodic, 21

should observe the same legal system as I do," he says. In Michols says he wouldn't run alongside a judge "if it's my professional opinion that he's my professional opinion that he's new feed people to work out more in fessional opinion that he's new feed people to work out more in fessional opinion that he's new feed people to work out more in feusified proposals is unifair anyway," he says. "It wayers, he says, need to keep in mind the public service comjeves her (in this case non-incumbent Leslie Anne Logan) five shots at my seat." He considers the Oakland County bench "a



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Rudy Nichols judicial candidate

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