

# Delaney to run for probate judge

James P. Delaney, an assistant state attorney general who lives in Beverly Hills, will run for probate judge this year.

He is the third candidate seeking the seat of the retiring Norman R. Barnard. Oakland has four probate judges.

A member of Frank J. Kelley's staff since 1978, Delaney is a senior level attorney representing the state in both trial and appellate courts. From 1978-86 he was assigned to the state public administrator, doing extensive probate court work in wills, trusts and guardianships.

In March of 1986 Delaney was elected to his village council and earlier served on the planning board. He earned a bachelor of arts degree with honors from the University of Detroit in 1972 and a law degree from Detroit College of Law in 1977. He is active in probate and juvenile court matters in the state and Oakland bar associations.

A \$50 per person reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, in the Ramada Hotel, 28225 Telegraph, Southfield. Tickets may be ordered from Edward W. Pugh Jr. at 644-7222.



James P. Delaney  
Judicial candidate

# Patterson to bow out Jan. 1

By Tim Richard  
staff writer

L. Brooks Patterson, "the crime victim's attorney" won't run for a fifth term as Oakland County prosecutor and will support his chief deputy, Richard Thompson, for the fourth-year post.

"It's time to move on," said Patterson, announcing that on Jan. 1 he will join the Birmingham law office of Barbier, Petersmark, Tolleson, Mead, Paige & Carlin.

Although he will continue to manage George Bush's Republican presidential campaign in Michigan, Patterson, 49, ruled out a job in Washington if Bush wins.

PETER BARBIER, head of the 44-lawyer firm, said Patterson brings it a reputation — "not just a big name" — as a top trial lawyer.

The firm does defense work in medical malpractice cases and corporate work.

"There's little difference" between prosecuting and private practice in courtroom and appellate work, Barbier said.

Patterson, his voice sometimes choking with emotion, announced at a Wednesday news conference, attended by supporters and GOP officials, that Barbier wanted him to leave office before his term was up and join the firm immediately.

"But I want the public to pick my successor. If I resigned, the courts would pick my successor," said Patterson, a frequent vocal critic of judges.

He said he would work hard for Thompson but acknowledged "three or four other candidates" were good. He said Thompson has been "at the heart and soul of my programs and has taken some hits for me."



L. Brooks Patterson  
"crime victim's attorney"

said, 'Hey, I want a jury to hear this case.'

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