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and we had no business being involved and he has a right to refuse medical treatment."

Gage was quick to point out the difference between refusing medical treatment and assisting suicide.

She will also remember some of the more horrific crimes such as her first rape case involving a young man accused of assaulting a 79-year-old and several murder cases in which sons killed their mothers. One of these cases involved a man using his artificial arm "like a battering ram" to kill his mother.

In circuit court and at the appellate level, her colleagues think highly of Gage.

Chief Appellate Judge Martin Doctoroff, of Birmingham, and Oakland County Circuit Judge Edward Sosnick, of Bloomfield Township, describe Gage as a close friend, a well-rounded

judge and a fighter.

"She had to overcome and she never let it (MS) stand in her way of doing anything," Judge Sosnick said. "Hilda had all the qualities you would want in a judge — intelligent, hard working. Everybody walked away thinking, win or lose, they got a fair deal."

Doctoroff got to know Gage when she ran for circuit judge in 1978. He also established a law firm with her ex-husband.

Doctoroff said Gage is the "perfect person" for an appellate judge position because she is "bright," has 18 years of experience and compassion for people.

"As an appellate judge, I rarely had a case of hers on appeal because she's such a good judge," Doctoroff said. "She's courageous because of what she's been through. I'm so impressed with her I can't tell you."

Adults offered free counseling for jobs

The Pontiac Adult Career Counseling Center offers free career guidance services to area residents. The facility is sponsored jointly by Oakland Community College and Oakland University to serve adults who are considering career changes, interested in assessing their strengths and potentials, and reviewing career options. It does not provide job placement services.

After first meeting with a career counselor, clients will develop an individualized plan to utilize center resources. PACCC offers DISCOVER for Adults — a computer assisted guidance program and MOIS — the Michigan Occupational Information Sys-

tem. MOIS provides detailed information on hundreds of careers, including pay rates, demand and number of job openings throughout the state. Additional career assessment aids are also available.

These programs, combined with individual counselor assistance, aid clients to zero in on education and training options, gather career information, and develop an action plan to attain desired goals. Referral information on additional career counseling and training programs is also available.

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