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### **MAJ Announces Staff Updates**

*Jane Bailey retires after 26 years of leadership, Steve Pontoni named Executive Director*

LANSING — The Michigan Association for Justice (MAJ) today announced the promotion of Director of Communications **Stephen V. Pontoni** to Executive Director and named **Nathan S. Pilon** the organization's new Director of Communications, both effective immediately.

Pontoni will take the reins from **Jane R. Bailey**, who recently retired after leading the MAJ, formerly the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, beginning in 1990. Bailey started with the organization in 1987 as MAJ's PAC coordinator. Bailey was instrumental in building a strong and fiscally stable organization, as well as making MAJ an influential and respected organization in Lansing. She was known for developing productive relationships with lawmakers from both parties.

Pontoni will manage the overall operations of the association including budget, staffing, membership, as well as coordinating and implementing legislative and public policy strategic initiatives. As Director of Communications, he revitalized and redesigned the association's social media accounts, website and Journal, and established new member email communications to utilize the latest technology. Before joining MAJ in 2013, Pontoni served as Campaign Director for America Votes. He has a bachelor's in political science from the University of Michigan.

Pilon has been charged with developing public relations, marketing, membership communications, web, and social media strategies. Before joining MAJ, he began a 10-year career at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in 2005, most recently serving as Communications Director. He was a Senior Communications Specialist on the House Democratic Central Staff in the Michigan House of Representatives and a Communications Representative for the Michigan State Medical Society. Pilon has a bachelor's in English from Western Michigan University.

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