

Greetings:

I am Retired Judge Edward Sosnick. I am asking for your vote to elect me to a second term on the OCBA Board of Directors.

I served 27 years on the Oakland County Circuit Court bench, with 4 years of that time as Chief Judge. This included overseeing the creation of the Family Division.

Along with attorney Richard Victor, we co-created Michigan's first divorce education program, SMILE (Start Making It Livable For Everyone). SMILE teaches divorcing parents to work together to minimize the impact of divorce on their children.

I was an early Board Member of HAVEN, Oakland County's only domestic violence shelter. In addition, I served for many years as Chair and Member of the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board.

For more than 10 years, I presided over the Juvenile Drug Court. This program uses a therapeutic jurisprudence model to help young offenders and their families recover from drug abuse and dependency. The JDC has literally saved lives and restored families.

I have been a long-term member of the OCBA. Most recently, myself and OCBA Past Present Judy Cunningham have co-chaired a new OCBA committee, LOCA (Lawyers Of A Certain Age). LOCA provides a vehicle for seasoned members to share social, educational and other activities. The OCBA also benefits from the wisdom and knowledge of this group.

In closing, I have a long-standing involvement with the workings at the OCBA and the County Justice System and will bring that institutional knowledge to the OCBA Board.

Thank you in advance for your vote.

Very Truly Yours,


Retired Judge Edward Sosnick