



MICHIGAN JUDGES ASSOCIATION

Hilda Gage Judicial Excellence Award Nomination – Instructions

The Michigan Judges Association (MJA) is accepting nominations for the Hilda Gage Judicial Excellence Award. The award is named in honor of the late Judge Hilda Gage. Judge Gage served on the Oakland Circuit Bench and the Court of Appeals before passing away in 2010. Renowned for her courage, scholarship, and public service, Judge Gage was the first female President of MJA and the first female chairperson of both the Judicial Tenure Commission and the National Conference of State Trial Judges of the American Bar Association.

The Hilda Gage Judicial Excellence Award recognizes a sitting or retired circuit or court of appeals judge that has demonstrated:

- Competence in docket and trial management;
- Contributions to the legal profession;
- Contributions through legal scholarship;
- Dedication to community service.

Nominees must have been a member in good standing with MJA at the time of their service on the bench.

Past Recipients of the Hilda Gage Judicial Excellence Award:

Hon. Jon VanAllsburg 2025
Hon. Kathleen Brickley 2024
Hon. David Allen 2023
Hon. Colleen O'Brien 2022
Hon. Laura Baird 2021
Hon. Christopher Yates 2019
Hon. Thomas Solka 2018

Hon. James Alexander 2017
Hon. Alton (Tom) Davis 2016
Hon. Timothy Connors 2015
Hon. Joan Young 2014
Hon. Barry Howard 2013
Hon. James Kingsley 2012
Hon. James Ryan 2011
Hon. J. Richardson Johnson 2010

The nominations will be evaluated by a blue-ribbon committee consisting of attorneys, as well as current and former judges. Nomination packages should include the completed nomination form, the nominee's curriculum vitae (if available), and any letters of support or other information/documentation. Please ensure to submit all materials together.

Please submit all of requested materials to: Hon. Daniel A. Damman at ddamman@stclaircounty.org

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS IS TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2026 AT 4:30 PM



HILDA GAGE NOMINATION FORM

Nominee Name: _____

Years of Judicial Service: _____

County/Counties of Judicial Service: _____

Nominee Address: _____

Nominee Email Address: _____

Nominee Phone Number: _____

Nominating Party's Name: _____

Nominating Party's Email Address: _____

Nominating Party's Phone Number: _____

Please Attach:

1. Curriculum Vitae of Nominee (if CV is not readily available, use your best efforts to provide information that would be contained on the same)
2. Letters of Support for Nominee
3. Any other documentation that you believe is important for the Committee to consider

The Nominee is aware that I have nominated him/her ____ Yes ____ No