

Office of Governor Rick Snyder
Governor of Michigan
Executive Office
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Dear Governor Snyder,

It is a great privilege to write this letter of support for the appointment of the Honorable David A. Hoort to the Michigan Court of Appeals. We are a group of attorneys from varying backgrounds and practice areas who regularly work with Judge Hoort.

First, Judge Hoort's small county experience would bring further balance to the Court of Appeals. Judge Hoort handles his courtroom in an exemplary manner by remaining on time and addressing each case with care. Judge Hoort is well respected by both attorneys and the community for his commitment to the rule of law and fairness for all who appear before him.

Second, Judge Hoort possesses excellent judicial temperament as well as the superior intellect required to analyze the discourse before him and provide sound legal scholarship. His position as a trial judge requires detailed and thorough analysis of the facts and law in each matter on his docket. Ultimately, Judge Hoort's commitment to justice will result in opinions that are filled with reason and are legally sound.

Third, Judge Hoort is always well-prepared when he takes the bench. When a brief or sentencing memorandum is submitted, Judge Hoort has read the document before the proceeding, as well as fully researched the applicable law. Judge Hoort's questions or comments during a proceeding are well crafted and necessary to fully explore the matter at hand. Through his scholarship, integrity and commitment to justice for all, Judge Hoort is an example for all practitioners who appear before him.

We enthusiastically support Judge Hoort's appointment to the Michigan Court of Appeals. You may contact any one of us if you have further questions or would like additional information:

Sincerely,

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