Marc E. Curtis

I am proud to announce my candidacy



for the 60th District Court for Muskegon County. Having established myself in the Muskegon community as a devoted family man, an avid outdoorsman, and a valued member of the legal community, I reside

in Fruitport Township with my wife, Christa Schaeffer-Curtis and our children, Aubrey, Gavin, Emily and Maya.

I've spent my career working to assure individuals' rights are protected. I'm a veteran of the U.S. Army. First, deployed to Iraq as a Military Police Officer and later certified as a K-9 handler. Upon leaving the Army, I attended Michigan State University and Cooley Law School. During my time there, I clerked for Michigan Attorney General Emeritus, Frank J. Kelly. I chose moving to Muskegon to begin working at the Muskegon County Prosecutor's Office. I'm now a private attorney specializing in criminal law. Also, I serve law enforcement as the Fraternal Order of Police Staff Attorney and Muskegon Lodge #99 Executive Trustee.

My work as a U.S. Army veteran, experience in the Muskegon County Prosecutor's Office, and as a criminal defense attorney brings a unique set of skills, experience, and knowledge to the bench. Passion for Justice and Compassion for People. **CURTISFORJUDGE.COM**



Matthew R. KacelCandidate for 60th District Court Judge

I was born and raised in Michigan and spent my childhood camping, boating, fishing, and hiking the pristine forests and lakes of this great state. My grandfather was a union laborer for General Motors for over 30 years and my grandmother was a Michigan State University graduate and teacher who taught school in the Detroit area. My father was an engineer who worked for Delphi and General Motors and my mother was a registered nurse.

After graduating high school, I attended Michigan State and received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. After graduating from MSU, I began attending law school at the MSU College of Law.

After graduating from law school, I migrated to west Michigan and entered private practice. For over ten years, it has been my privilege to represent the citizens of Muskegon County in the areas of divorce, custody, parenting time, and misdemeanor and felony criminal defense.

I am a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the Muskegon County Bar Association, and a parishioner at St. Francis Catholic Church in Muskegon. I have been married to my wife, Rachel Kacel, for 7 years and am the father of three beautiful daughters, ages 4, 7, and 14.

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Paula Baker Mathes

Candidate for 60th District Court Judge

After graduating with honors from Cooley Law School (Western Michigan University), Paula Baker Mathes began helping indigent clients with



civil cases. In 2000, Paula began working the Muskegon County Prosecutor's Office where she tried thousands of cases, supervised the family division, became chief narcotics assistant prosecutor, and joined Sobriety Court Probation team. private practice, she

continued her litigation practice in divorce, child custody, landlord-tenant, and criminal matters. Her passion for helping indigent clients led her to join the Muskegon County Public Defender's Office in 2014 where she continues to work today. She is in court every day handling every type of criminal matter from arraignment to trial and sentence.

Paula Baker Mathes is not only a dedicated public servant she also volunteers with community organizations like the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, the PTO, and the Muskegon Bar Association. She and her husband Brian have two children.

Being a part of both Muskegon County's Public Defender Office as a well as the Prosecutor's Office, where she has handled both Felony and Misdemeanor trials, has given Paula a foundation of experience that makes her uniquely qualified for District Court Judge.

VOTE JASON KOLKEMA DISTRICT COURT JUDGE AUGUST 4, 2020

Born in Muskegon and raised in the Vil-



lage of Fruitport, Jason Kolkema is running as a candidate for Judge of the 60th District Court. After graduating from Fruitport High School in 1989, Mr. Kolkema studied Anthropology and Political Science at Michi-

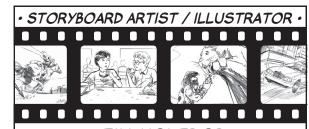
gan State University. He then attended law school at the University of Detroit-Mercy.

Since 1996, Mr. Kolkema has worked handling all types of cases within the jurisdiction of the District Court, as well as more complex cases defending municipal clients in civil litigation. He has a total of 23 years experience as attorney. His professional activities include service on the Village Council and Planning Commission for the Village of Fruitport.

Jason is the only candidate who has conducted jury trials in the federal courts and who has argued cases before the Michigan Court of Appeals and Sixth Circuit. As a former special education hearing officer, he is the only candidate with prior judicial experience, receiving appointments from the Michigan Department of Education in disputes between parents and school districts. Finally, he is the only candidate from Muskegon and is most familiar with the culture, common values, and standards of the people.



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by Woody Guthrie (1945)

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From the Redwood Forest
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This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway
I saw above me that endless skyway
I saw below me that golden valley
This land was made for you and me.

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May 25Memorial Day
June 14Flag Day
June 21Father's Day
July 4Independence Day
September 2VJ Day
September 7 Labor Day
September 11 Patriot Day
October 12 Columbus Day
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