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# *Frank Szymanski 357 continues family tradition joining brother on bench*

Attorney Frank S. Szymanski has been elected to the Wayne County Probate Court to a six-year term beginning January 1, 2007.

"The theme of the campaign was 'Szymanski means Probate,'" John Hughes, campaign manager, said, "because of Frank's 25 years of probate experience and his family's long-standing tradition of probate court service."



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The newly elected Szymanski is the son of the late Judge Frank Szymanski who served as a probate judge for 28 years, and the brother of Wayne County Probate Court Judge David Szymanski who has served on the probate bench since 1991.

"Our father taught us what it means to be a dedicated public servant," Frank Szymanski said. "I look forward to joining my brother in carrying on the family tradition of service to the community as probate judge."

Szymanski graduated from the University of Notre Dame, earned his law degree from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, and has practiced law for 25 years, specializing in probate. He has served as a Probate Court Case Evaluator since the program's inception. Frank's peers recognized his expertise, personal integrity, and leadership ability when they elected him president of the Wayne County Probate Bar Association.

"Probate judge is a vitally important position in our community," Szymanski observed, "because the probate court impacts more people's lives than any other area of law." It is the probate court that has jurisdiction over decedent estates, guardianships, conservatorships, and mental health. Some probate judges also sit in the Family Division, Juvenile Court.

Szymanski has practiced in all of these areas and has represented thousands of clients from all over Wayne County.

"I am grateful to the voters for putting their trust in me," Szymanski said, "and I promise to serve the families of Wayne County as a probate judge with the principles of hard work, integrity and compassion."