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Druzinski to preside over Stephen Grant murder trial

A new judge has been selected to preside over the Stephen Grant trial.

Circuit Judge Diane M. Druzinski has been assigned to the case through a random draw. "After consulting with Judge John Foster (the Family Division judge presiding over the case involving the Grant children), we determined that assignment of the Grant case to the Family Division would not further the concept of `one judge-one family,'" said Macomb County Chief Judge Antonio Viviano. "As a result, the case will be handled by the Civil/Criminal Division and, according to established court procedure, was assigned by random draw to Judge Diane M. Druzinski."

Viviano had no further comment.

Druzinski was elected to the Macomb County Circuit Court in 2002, for a regular term beginning Jan. 1, 2003. She completed her undergraduate studies at Oakland University and received her Juris Doctor degree, Magna Cum Laude, from the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law. Prior to her election, Judge Druzinski practiced in the area of civil litigation at the St. Clair Shores lawfirm of Thomas, Garvey, Garvey & Sciotti, and served as a case evaluator in the circuit court. She is a member of the Macomb County Bar Association, Macomb County Bar Foundation, the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, the Macomb Women's Lawyers Association and the Polish Advocates Bar Association.

Druzinski has been married to her husband, Gerry, for 26 years, and they have three children<Mike, Julie and Scott.

An arraignment/pre-trial hearing for Grant has been scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 18.

DIANE M. DRUZINSKI

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