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Local judges are welcoming Michael J. Beale, appointed to be Midland County's newest circuit court judge, with open arms and a collective sigh of relief.

Monday will be his first day on the bench, as well as the day of his private swearing in ceremony.

"He'll hit the ground running," said Circuit Court Judge Jonathan E. Lauderbach. "It's going to be great," he added.

The appointment was made in October by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to fill a vacancy on the bench left when Circuit Judge Paul J. Clulo retired in August. Beale will primarily hear cases involving felonies, civil matters involving damages exceeding \$25,000, family law cases, injunctive type matters and appeals from district and probate courts, a county press release states. He will be finishing the remainder of Clulo's term, which ends Dec. 31, 2008, said Trial Court Administrator Jerome M.P. Kole.

For Beale, Monday will be emotional as he is sworn in as a judge in the courtroom where his father, the late Judge Thomas Beale, decided cases. It also is the same room in which Beale's father swore him in as an attorney.

"I think his presence will be felt," the younger Beale said.

Beale said he plans on following the models set for him by his father and Michigan Supreme Court Justice James Brickley, for whom he clerked. He said Brickley rose above political issues, and his goal is to emulate that approach.

Beale also said he believes in entering a case with a fair mind, looking at all the evidence and rendering a decision based on the facts and the law. "It's a pretty straight forward approach," he said.

Lauderbach and Probate Judge Dorene S. Allen have worked to see that the circuit court docket was handled without the help of a visiting judge between Clulo's departure and Monday, which Allen called pretty amazing. She pointed out this is the second time recently that judges have rallied to cover the circuit court docket without the help of a visiting judge, and that staff members have helped collaborate to make it happen.

Allen said she's very pleased the docket will be back to normal. She also said she's anticipating Beale will be a good addition to the bench after seeing him practice in front of her, taking his time with his clients.

Lauderbach said Beale will be a pleasure to work with. The pair have already met to talk about transitioning cases to Beale's docket, a mix of half the criminal and civil matters before the circuit court, as well as some family cases.


For Lauderbach, the nicest part of having Beale on the bench will be getting back to quality work by having the ability to spend more time on each case, rather than worry about the case volume and flow.

A formal investiture ceremony, which is open to the public, is planned for 4 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Little Theater in the Midland Center for the Arts.

Beale is from Midland, and lives here with his wife of 17 years, Elizabeth, and their son, Matthew, 13. Beale graduated from Midland High School in 1982, received his undergraduate degree from Michigan State University and a law degree from the University of Detroit Mercy in 1990.

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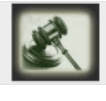
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