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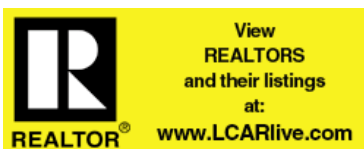
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Poer to replace Shaw

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The appointment to fill out the remainder of Irving Shaw's term was made by Lenawee County Circuit Court judges.

By Dennis Pelham

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ADRIAN — Assistant prosecutor Jonathan Poer was named Monday to replace Lenawee County Prosecuting Attorney Irving Shaw when he retires March 1.

The appointment to fill out the remainder of Shaw's term was made by the judges of Lenawee County Circuit Court, Harvey A. Koselka and Timothy P. Pickard. The term ends Dec. 31 and Poer had already filed as a candidate in this year's election to succeed Shaw.

"I'm gratified by the trust the circuit court judges have placed in me," Poer said. "Being a successor to Irv Shaw is going to be a real challenge. I'll do the best I can to live up to the expectations."

The two circuit judges gave Poer a vote of confidence in announcing the appointment.

"Mr. Poer is an exceptional attorney and has an outstanding knowledge of the law," said their announcement. "He has been an assistant prosecutor for 30 years, functioning in every facet of the office of prosecuting attorney. He is respected by peers and co-workers, and his appointment as prosecuting attorney has been supported by each and every attorney in the prosecutor's office," the statement added. "His reputation is that of an honest, hard-working prosecutor who is always prepared."

Shaw announced last month he would retire on March 1, ending a law career that began in the prosecutor's office when he was hired as an assistant in 1961.

Poer announced in November he is running for the office after Shaw decided not to seek another term. Shaw has led the office nearly 20 years, starting with an appointment after the resignation of Nathan Fairchild due to illness. Poer is the only candidate who has filed for the office to date.

Poer joined the county prosecutor's staff in 1978, a year after earning his juris doctor degree from the University of Detroit School of Law.

He graduated from the University of Michigan with an engineering degree in 1977. He was appointed chief appellate prosecutor in 1994 where he has been responsible for researching and handling appeals before the Michigan Supreme Court as well



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