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DEPARTURE OF COURT'S PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan announces the departure of Public Information Officer David Ashenfelter. Mr. Ashenfelter has served as the Court's liaison with the media since September 1, 2016.

During his tenure with the Court, Mr. Ashenfelter was a staunch supporter of media and public access to the Court. He routinely handled media inquiries, issued news releases and advisories in high-profile court cases, and assisted with other media-related matters. He was a member of the Court's Reconstitution Committee during the COVID pandemic and was pivotal in assisting with access to the court during a time when the courthouses were closed to the public. He was also instrumental in handling the media and sharing information in several high-profile cases, including the recent Flint water case.

Mr. Ashenfelter came to the Court following a highly successful career in the media. He previously won Pulitzer Prizes at the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press during a news career that spanned four decades. Following his retirement from the Free Press in 2012, he was a freelance journalist prior to joining the Court.

Effective immediately, media and public information inquiries can be directed to media@mied.uscourts.gov or by contacting the Court Administrator's Office at 313-234-5051.