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**News Release**

**December 16, 2022**

**Genesee County Probate Judge F. Kay Behm  
Sworn In As U.S. District Judge**

On Thursday, December 15, 2022, F. Kay Behm was sworn in as the newest U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Judge Behm, who was a Probate Judge assigned to the Genesee County Circuit Court, was sworn in at a ceremony in Detroit by Chief U.S. District Court Judge Sean F. Cox.

Judge Behm was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on December 6, and President Biden signed her commission on December 15.

Judge Behm was born and raised on a dairy farm in Alma, Michigan. After graduating *summa cum laude* from Albion College in 1991, she obtained her law degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1994.

Prior to serving as a Judge, she worked as an associate at Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner in Saginaw, Winegarten, Haley, Lindholm & Robertson in Flint, and as a solo practitioner. During this time, her work focused on business litigation and probate matters.

In 2009, she was appointed as a Probate Judge in Genesee County by Governor Jennifer Granholm. Judge Behm was subsequently reelected in 2010, 2012, and 2018. She spent nine years on the family court docket before being assigned to the civil and criminal divisions in 2018. Additionally, Judge Behm was appointed as a Business Court Judge in 2019.

Judge Behm also sits on the boards of several organizations, including Big Brothers Big Sisters of Flint and Genesee County and the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

Judge Behm fills the vacancy that arose when U.S. District Judge David M. Lawson assumed senior status in August 2021. Judge Behm will be based at the U.S. Courthouse in Flint, one of five federal courthouses in the Eastern District of Michigan.

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