



**NOTICE: RETIRED JUDGE APPOINTED  
AS COURT OMBUDSWOMAN**

Chief Judge Stephen J. Murphy, III announced that the Court has appointed retired federal Judge Victoria A. Roberts as Court Ombudswoman for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Judge Roberts (Ret.) served on the Eastern District of Michigan bench for 25 years. She currently is a Mediator, Arbitrator, Special Master/Referee, and Neutral Evaluator at JAMS.

According to Chief Judge Murphy, Judge Roberts will serve as an intermediary between judicial officers of the Eastern District of Michigan and the Bar. She will act on an informal basis to interface and address those matters lacking an institutional mechanism or forum for redress. Judge Roberts will serve as ombudswoman without compensation.

In making the appointment, Chief Judge Murphy said, “I was delighted, on behalf of our entire Court, that Judge Roberts accepted our invitation to serve in this important capacity. Judge Roberts brings a distinguished record of excellent judicial service and has earned the respect of colleagues across the bench for her unwavering professional neutrality and sound judgment. She will serve as an effective intermediary between the bench and our outstanding federal bar, facilitating the collaborative relationship that is essential to the administration of justice.”

“I thank Judge Roberts for her willingness to undertake these new responsibilities and welcome her back to the court in this different but equally vital role,” Chief Judge Murphy added.

Judge Roberts can be reached at (313) 402-7648 or [vroberts@jamsadr.com](mailto:vroberts@jamsadr.com).

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