



JUSTICE

ELIZABETH A. WEAVER

Term expires January 1, 2011

Justice Weaver, of Glen Arbor, attended undergraduate school at H. Sophie Newcomb College, receiving her bachelor's degree, Phi Beta Kappa, in 1962. She earned her law degree from Tulane University in 1965, served as an editor of the *Tulane Law Review*, received the Order of the Coif, and served as a law clerk for a Louisiana District Judge. Justice Weaver began her law practice in Louisiana, then in Michigan. Elected Leelanau County probate/juvenile judge in November 1974, she was reelected to 6-year terms in 1976 and 1982, serving through January 1, 1987. In 1986, Justice Weaver was elected to the Michigan Court of Appeals, 3rd District, for a 6-year term, and was reelected in 1992. She was elected to the Michigan Supreme Court in 1994 and served as Chief Justice from 1999-2000. She was reelected in 2002. Justice Weaver's term expires January 1, 2011.

Justice Weaver was appointed to the Michigan Commission on Criminal Justice by Governor William G. Milliken; to the Michigan Committee on Juvenile Justice by Governors James J. Blanchard, John M. Engler, and Jennifer M. Granholm. She was also appointed to chair the Governor's Task Force for Children's Justice and the Trial Court Assessment Commission by Governors Engler and Granholm. She has served as chair of the State Bar of Michigan Juvenile Law Committee and as president of the Top of Michigan Probate and Juvenile Judges Association. In addition, Justice Weaver has served as secretary of the Probate and Juvenile Judges Association of Michigan. Justice Weaver's honors and awards include being selected as one of 5 "Outstanding Young Women in Michigan" by the Michigan Jaycees and as one of "Thirty Outstanding Women in Michigan" by the Michigan Womens' Commission. In 1999, she was named "Jurist of the Year" by the Police Officers Association of Michigan. In 2000, she received the "Michigan Champions in Childhood Injury Prevention: Lifetime Dedication to Children Award"; also in 2000, Justice Weaver was honored by Governor Engler and the Family Independence Agency for outstanding service to the children and families of Michigan. The Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals honored her in February 2002 for her exceptional service to and support of Michigan's drug courts. In 2003, she was recognized as an "Outstanding Woman in Leadership and Learning" by Ferris State University. In 2005, Justice Weaver was inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame and was recognized by Newcomb College as the Alumna of the Year. In 2006, she received the Mid-Michigan Women Lawyers Association of Michigan "Judge of the Year" award for her dedicated service to Michigan's judicial system. Justice Weaver has also been featured in *People* magazine and on ABC's "Good Morning America" on juvenile justice issues.