

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
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Chief Judge Robert J. Jonker has announced the appointment of **Thomas L. Dorwin**, as **Clerk of Court** for the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, effective January 11, 2016.

Mr. Dorwin received his bachelors degree in Business Administration from Grand Valley State University in 1989; a law degree from the University of Detroit Mercy in 1993; and a masters in transnational law from Temple University in 2009. He has been a member of the State Bar of Michigan since 1993, serving as a member of the Michigan Military Appeals Tribunal (appointed by Governor Granholm) from 2010 - 2012, and as a member of the Character and Fitness Committee for the State Bar of Michigan.

Mr. Dorwin comes to the Court from the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. where he recently served as the Director for Administration and Management for the Fraud Section of the Criminal Division, and as a primary advisor to the Division's senior management. The Fraud Section is a 200 member cadre of prosecutors, paralegals, financial analysts and translators engaged in combating sophisticated economic crimes throughout the United States and internationally. Mr. Dorwin oversaw the Section's administrative and litigation support functions, and acted as a liaison with other departmental components, law enforcement and interagency stakeholders.

Mr. Dorwin had a distinguished military career as a U.S. Navy JAG Corps Officer from 1993 - 2009 prior to his tenure at the Department of Justice. Commander Dorwin received numerous awards and personal decorations for his military service throughout the world - including service at sea aboard the nuclear aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68) from 2000 - 2002; Iraq from 2005 to 2006 and Japan from 2006 to 2009. Following his Navy retirement, Mr. Dorwin served as General Counsel to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians for about 18 months prior to accepting a Trial Attorney position with the Department of Justice in 2011.

A Merit Selection Committee, chaired by Magistrate Judge Timothy P. Greeley, interviewed a considerable number of qualified candidates for the position. The Committee recommended two finalists to the District Judges who unanimously selected Mr. Dorwin as the new Clerk.

"Mr. Dorwin is obviously very well-credentialed for the job. It's not easy to work through a selection process like this and wind up as a unanimous first choice candidate. But Tom did, and I think you're going to like him every bit as much as the selection committee and the District Judges," Chief Judge Robert J. Jonker stated in an email announcement to staff shortly after the selection.

Mr. Dorwin is married to the former Cheryl Anne Zilch of Stanton. The Dorwin's have three children and all are looking forward to moving back home to Michigan!