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Please see below. One of our fellow MADCM members and former board member Millicent Sherman was just appointed to the 36th District court bench. Congratulations Millicent this was well deserved.

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Governor Whitmer Makes Appointments to the Bench

Lansing, Mich. — Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced the appointments of Sean B. Perkins and Millicent D. Sherman to the 36th District Court of the City of Detroit and Lora E. Greene to the Montmorency County Probate Court.

"I am pleased to appoint Sean, Millicent, and Lora, three accomplished legal professionals, to state courts," said Governor Whitmer. "Sean graduated from law school in Michigan, just like me, and I know they will bring a wealth of experience and serve our citizens honorably."

District Court – City of Detroit

Sean B. Perkins is an attorney with the Perkins Law Group, PLLC where he handles a wide range of cases including felonies and misdemeanors, personal injury and no-fault civil cases, and bankruptcy cases. Perkins is also a benefits attorney for the UAW Local 387 at Woodhaven Stamping. Prior to attending law school, he worked at Woodhaven Stamping as an assembly line worker, Hi-Lo driver, Journeyman, and Pipefitter.

Sean holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Wayne State University and earned his Juris Doctor degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. He is a member of the Wayne County Defense Bar Association, Oakland County Bar Association, and the Black Women Lawyers Association of Michigan. Sean lives in Detroit with his wife, LaTrice.

"It is an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of this great city, my hometown, the city that I have loved since birth, is a euphoric moment for me," said **Perkins**. "I promise to be hard-working, studious, and compassionate. I am grateful for the love and support of my children, my parents, and my family and I am humbled by the trust of the Governor and her staff. Thank you, I will make the most of this opportunity."

Appointment was made to fill a partial term, which expires at twelve o'clock noon on January 1, 2023, after the passing of Judge Pennie Millender. If Perkins wishes to seek a full six-year term, he would be required to run for reelection in November 2022.

D. Sherman currently serves as the chief magistrate with the 36th District Court. As a magistrate, Sherman presides over preliminary hearings, felony and misdemeanor arraignments, search and arrest warrant approval, accepts pleas on in-custody misdemeanor traffic cases, small claims, parking violations, and weddings. Prior to her time with the court, she was a sole practitioner attorney with Millicent D. Sherman, P.C. and an associate attorney with Kitch, Drutchas, Wagner & Kenny.

She holds a Bachelor of Liberal Arts in Political Science from the University of Michigan and earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Law. She is a member of the Michigan Association of District Court Magistrates, a member of the Detroit Bar Association, Wolverine Bar Association, and Association of Black Judges of Michigan. Ms. Sherman is a resident of Detroit.

"I thank Governor Gretchen Whitmer for the honor of this appointment to the bench at the 36th District Court," said **Sherman**. "In 2006, I joined the 36th District Court as a magistrate, and now, almost 15 years to the date, I get to serve the citizens of Detroit in this new capacity. I want to thank the best group of people with whom I've ever had the pleasure of working: my fellow magistrates, members of the bench, and the entire 36th District Court family as I continue on in this new chapter with the citizens of Detroit."

Appointment was made to fill a partial term, which expires at twelve o'clock noon on January 1, 2023, after Judge Narissa Blount stepped down effective February 23, 2021. If Sherman wishes to serve the remainder of Judge Blount's term, expiring January 1, 2027, she would be required to run for reelection in November of 2022.

Montmorency County Probate Court

Lora E. Greene is an attorney and the owner of the Law Office of Lora E. Greene, PLLC. Her practice includes an emphasis on probate law, real estate, and business law. She also serves as the public administrator for Alpena County and as an estate and case evaluator for family and civil matters. Prior to creating her private practice in 2003, Greene was an attorney with Wenzel, Wenzel, Kowalski and Greene, P.C., a partner with Anderson-Smith & Greene, P.C. and Zawideh & Greene, P.C., and an attorney with Collins, Blaha & Slatkin, P.C.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Business from Michigan State University and earned her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Michigan Law School. She is a member of the 26th Judicial Circuit Court Bar Association, League of Women Voters, and the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan Women's Giving Circle Committee. Lora lives in Atlanta.

"I honored to accept this appointment. As a private attorney for over 30 years, I know the importance our local court plays in ensuring safety and harmony in the community," said **Greene**. "As Montmorency County Probate Judge, I pledge to provide fair and independent administration of justice so that each participant is treated with dignity and respect in the application of the law."

Appointment was made to fill a partial term, which expires at twelve o'clock noon on January 1, 2023, after Judge Ben Bolser stepped down effective May 1, 2021. If Greene wishes to serve the remainder of Judge Bolser's term, expiring January 1, 2027, she would be required to run for reelection in November of 2022.

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