Welcome to what promises to be a busy and challenging year. It is a privilege to serve all of you in 2025 as the President of the Michigan District Judges Association.

MDJA is an all volunteer association working to improve our judicial system by maintaining excellence on the bench, providing exceptional educational opportunities, fellowship and support as we adapt to what seems a constantly changing environment in which we serve.

As judges, we can find ourselves isolated, stressed and striving to stay current with changes in the law, procedures and social expectations. Active membership in the MDJA is a rewarding way to manage these challenges. Interaction with friendly and informed colleagues improves our service to our communities as well as providing opportunities to make a difference in the judicial system.

I invite you to become more involved in your Association. There may be topics you are interested in having the Association explore and support – please let us know. MDJA has a history of providing meaningful input on the changes in our judicial system. We want to continue to build that legacy and welcome more involvement from our fellow judges. Please consider joining a committee and getting to know more of your fellow jurists. You are welcome to contact any member of the Board for more information.

We look forward to a productive year.

Karen Quinlan Valvo

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