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It is with great pleasure that the American Lawyers Alliance, an American Bar Association related organization, have selected Judge Ronald W. Lowe, Chief Judge Pro Tem, 35th District Court of Michigan, to receive the American Lawyers Alliance **Judicial Civic Education Award for 2018** at a breakfast at the University Club of Chicago, Illinois on Friday, August 3, 2018.

Founded in 1958, the ALA is a national charitable and educational non-profit organization. Its mission is to foster respect and understanding for the American legal system and to preserve the integrity of our legal heritage through citizen education. The ALA continues to sponsor programs for elementary, middle and high school teachers who incorporate Law-Related Education into their curriculum. The Judicial Civic Education Award was created in 2017 to recognize and honor a judge for their work in promoting civic education in their community and state.

Judge Lowe was nominated by Sue Patterson and Mary Ann Farris, members of the former Michigan Lawyers Auxiliary, and present members of ALA. Their nomination highlighted Judge Lowe's long time commitment to the Law Related Education committee of the State Bar of Michigan, including serving as chair of that committee, his work as President and Board Member of the Michigan Center for almost as long, and his service on the Michigan Judicial Institute and the Secondary Schools Civic Curriculum Project of the Open Justice Commission. Also mentioned was his promotion of Law Day activities at the court, his expansion of the court's outreach programs, the use of his storytelling talents to educate adults and children about the law, his dedication to bringing Abraham Lincoln to life with its emphasis on Lincoln's life as a lawyer, and his service among many other volunteer activities promoting law related-education.

The ALA believes that Judge Lowe's maxim, "Education leads to understanding, and understanding leads to appreciation. I cannot expect you to appreciate something if I am unwilling to take the time to teach you about it", sums up who he is and why we are recognizing him. He regularly and readily answers questions in the courtroom and has assisted in implementing educational programs for all levels (elementary, middle high school, college and law school). In addition we note that he serves as an adjunct professor for Thomas M. Cooley Law School, is past president of the Michigan District Judges Association and has served as Chief Judge for the 35th District Court in Plymouth, Michigan.

We at the ALA applaud his commitment and his accomplishments and are very pleased to present him with this award.