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TO: Michigan Electronic Court Reporters Association

RE: Nomination of the 2010 Court Reporter of the Year
Susan A. Himmel, CER #4038

I respectfully nominate Susan Himmel for the 2010 "Court Reporter of the Year" award. Susan is my Court Reporter/Judicial Aide for the 9th Circuit Court in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She has been in this position and a member of the Michigan Electronic Court Reporters for the past 22 years.

She is extremely prompt and professional. She takes her career seriously, is always prepared, conducts her job with skill, and has excellent courtroom demeanor. Susan has a friendly disposition, easy to work with, and is a self-starter. She is keenly aware of the issues relating to her position. The transcripts that she has produced are impeccable.

Susan has a personal commitment to MECRA and its members. She served on the MECRA Board for four years in the positions of 1st Vice President, Conference Chairperson, Co-chairperson, and has assisted with workshops.

She has trained court staff interested in becoming court reporters, of which they have passed their CER exams. She also gives my student interns the opportunity to sit in court with her, and explains courtroom procedures so they have a better understanding of courtroom protocol and decorum.

Susan earned her Professional Reporter Advanced (PR-A) Certificate of Achievement in 1992, by going above and beyond her normal duties, which included researching and writing articles for "The Transcript" publication, and attending continuing education, workshops, and seminars.

I believe that, with Susan's past years of dedication to you as members of MECRA, she is a true reflection of what the Michigan Electronic Court Reporter Association represents, and deserves the honor of being elected as "Court Reporter of the Year".

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen D. Gorsalitz", written over a large, stylized flourish.

Stephen D. Gorsalitz
Chief Judge