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Attorney Kathy Viviano announces candidacy

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – Prominent Macomb County attorney Kathy Viviano announces that she has filed as a candidate for the open Macomb County Circuit Court judgeship.

Viviano, 41, is a resident of St. Clair Shores. She has practiced extensively in all three areas of responsibility for a Circuit Court judge – civil, criminal and family law – and brings impressive business management experience to the job.

“In this economy, everyone must do more with less. The court is no different. I feel that I can bring real world answers to our court’s fiscal issues. I have solid experience in the courtroom as well as in the private sector,” Viviano said.

Viviano outlined three main goals:

- Using technology to increase the court’s efficiency;
- Improving delivery of court services by encouraging discussion among stakeholders such as employees, litigants, attorneys and the public; and
- Engaging members of the bar to find ways to increase free legal services for those in need and to foster greater civility in the courtroom.

“There is great need in our community, and people want to see us working together to solve problems,” Viviano said. “I want people to have confidence that when they walk into court, they are going to be treated fairly and respectfully, and they are not going to suffer unnecessary delay and expense.”

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Viviano worked five years with the top Detroit law firm of Barris, Sott, Denn, & Driker before founding her own Mount Clemens firm, Viviano & Viviano PLLC, in 2004. In 2006, she was named City Attorney for Center Line, becoming the first woman in Macomb County history to hold such a position.

She has earned a reputation in Macomb County legal circles for her professionalism, ability, and service to the community. In 2008, she won the Macomb County Bar Association Pro Bono Award for her representation of indigent women in family law matters. She is a member of the Character and Fitness Committee of the State Bar of Michigan District D.

A lifelong resident of Macomb County, Viviano obtained a master's degree in Business Administration and her law degree from Wayne State University. Before attending law school, she was the operations manager of Viviano Flower Shop, where she supervised more than 100 employees.

Viviano already has received broad-based support for her Circuit Judge candidacy. Her early endorsements include Macomb County Sheriff Mark Hackel, Public Works Commissioner Anthony Marrocco, Treasurer Ted Wahby, State Senator Alan Sanborn, State Representative Peter Lund, State Representative Kim Meltzer, Warren Mayor James Fouts, Sterling Heights Mayor Richard Notte, Mount Clemens Mayor Barb Dempsey, Center Line Mayor David Hanselman, Clinton Township Supervisor Robert Cannon, Harrison Township Supervisor Anthony Forlini, Macomb Township Supervisor Mark Grabow, and community leader Joe Peters.

Viviano's Web site is www.vivianoforjudge.com. She plans to mount an energetic, grassroots campaign and will take her message directly to Macomb County voters.

(Photograph attached.)