

Randy Kostrzewa

(Candidate for Judge of the 14th Circuit Court)



My name is Raymond "Randy" Kostrzewa and I am a candidate for Judge of the 14th Circuit Court. This campaign is not about me but rather what Muskegon expects and deserves in a Circuit Court Judge.

I have been married to my wife Linnea for 19 years. We have been blessed with two children, ages 17 and 15. I am a

graduate of Michigan State University and University of Detroit School of Law. I practiced with a large Detroit area law firm in the area of civil medical malpractice defense. I am currently employed as a Senior Assistant Prosecutor. In almost 20 years I have handled hundreds of cases in the very circuit courtroom I am asking to be elected. I have gained the experience necessary to make the right decisions.

I have served the United Way of the Lakeshore, and volunteered with the Muskegon Exchange Club speaking to area middle school students about the importance of making wise choices. I also volunteer at St. Francis de Sales church as a lector/reader and for many years mentored our area youth by coaching basketball, football and baseball.

My career has been dedicated to the safety of our community. With the heart of a servant I have a burning desire to bring my fairness, independence, integrity and compassion to work each day for Muskegon County as your next 14th Circuit Court Judge. Please remember to vote August 7, 2012, Raymond Kostrzewa for Circuit Court Judge. Thank you for your support.

David Wells

(Candidate for Circuit Court Judge)



Mr. Wells is a conservative family man with high integrity who has been practicing law in Muskegon County for 35 years. His professional experience includes 35 years' trial experience, 29 years' Circuit Court case evaluator, 15 years' private judge with the American Arbitration Association, 15 years' governmental attorney,

10 years' current Circuit Court mediator and three years' Fair Employment Practices Investigator.

He feels strongly that it is important for people to contribute to their community. Some of his community service and activities include Mercy General Health, Disability Awareness Center, White Lake Senior Center, Rotary, Boy Scouts, Foster Care, church service and volunteer, law educator, medical school accreditor and foundation director.

He has many awards and appointments including Muskegon Community College Distinguished Alumnus, BSA District Award of Merit, Commissioner on Osteopathic College Accreditation, Paul Harris Fellow; Who's Who Registry of Professional Business Leaders, president of numerous organizations, and Eagle Scout.

He believes that judges need to strictly follow the law as written and that people need to be held accountable for their actions. On the other hand, jail/prison overcrowding is a problem and judges need to look at alternatives such as a drug, mental health and veteran's courts.

For more information, see www.davidmwellsjd.com.

Karen Groenhout

(Candidate for Circuit Court Judge)



Karen Groenhout's bench experience, variety of knowledge, and passion for the Muskegon community make her uniquely qualified to serve as Circuit Court judge. Ms. Groenhout has a sincere respect for the legal process and the community members involved.

Karen has zealously represented the county as a Circuit Court referee, a guardian Ad Litem for minor children, represented teens in juvenile delinquency cases, represented persons in criminal defense, and currently represents families involved in abuse and neglect proceedings. In addition to these county roles, Ms. Groenhout has assisted people with family law issues, social security, landlord-tenant disputes, etc. Furthermore, Ms. Groenhout has worked alongside prosecution on numerous cases.

Ms. Groenhout understands the need to balance punitive measures with rehabilitative services, especially for first time non-violent offenders. Individuals with substance abuse problems need access to resources, along with accountability to the judicial system, to help them overcome their addictions. Ms. Groenhout is advocating the implementation of a drug court, which has proven to save counties money, restore families, and reduce crime. She will ensure that these individuals are held accountable while receiving necessary treatment to enable them to stay clean and out of the system in the future.

Annette Smedley

(Candidate for 14th Circuit Court Judge)



I am Annette Smedley. I am running for 14th Circuit Court Judge. I have the experience, fairness and dedication to justice that is required to be a circuit court judge. I worked in factories and restaurants and managed the house and family while attending law school. I worked for the U.S. Attorney's Office and

the Muskegon County Prosecutor's Office. I worked as a district and circuit court public defender. I have appeared as an attorney for both plaintiffs and defendants in civil, criminal and family law cases.

I have my own practice and have appeared in thousands of trials in Muskegon County. I have been married to Everett Smedley, U.S. Navy Veteran, for 32 years. We have six children and 10 grandchildren.

My experience as both prosecutor and defense attorney gives me the insight to look not only at penalties, but also solutions to help stop repeat offenders. I pledge to follow the law passed down by the legislature and the Supreme Court. I will constantly rule with swift and sure punishment of those convicted of a crime. My life and work experiences make me the most qualified candidate for the 14th Circuit Court judgeship.

For more information, visit www.votesmedley.com or Facebook.

Michael Walsh

(Candidate for Muskegon County 14th Circuit Judge)



The 2011-2012 president of the Muskegon County Bar Association and former *Muskegon Chronicle* investigative reporter is seeking election as Muskegon County 14th Circuit Judge.

Unlike his competitors, only Walsh has the broad experience needed for circuit court

service. He has served as an assistant prosecutor in another county and as a criminal defense attorney. He has represented divorcing clients, those facing parenting issues, and individuals with civil law matters. He has also represented children involved in the juvenile justice system. No other competitor has such wide-ranging credentials.

In addition, Walsh has no ties or obligations — political or otherwise — to any other office or official in the county building and local government. He is independent.

Walsh earned three degrees — bachelors, masters, and a doctorate in law. He was a Knight Foundation Fellow at the University of Maryland and seminar member at the U.S. Army War College. He is a three-time winner of the State Bar Association's Advancement of Justice Award.

Walsh is married to Patricia Walsh, a teacher at Mona Shores High School. They have five adult children, Christopher, Jessica, Sarah, Thomas, and Bridget.

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Max Riekse - Fruitport Memorial Day Parade



Lieutenant Colonel Max Riekse & President George Bush; Iraq 2003

MAX RIEKSE

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 91ST DISTRICT
REPUBLICAN PRIMARY - TUESDAY - AUGUST 7TH

- **Max Riekse: Senior Citizen on Social Security: All retirees over 62 should be excluded from paying property taxes on their primary homes or residences. GIVE THEM A BREAK.**
- **Remember, everyone gets to be a senior someday (unless Obama's death panel kills them off first with its Washington-based rationed & 'managed' health care.) WE NEED REAL CHANGE.**
- **Repeal the 16th Federal Income tax Amendment to the U.S. Constitution & abolish the IRS; replace it with a flat sales tax & bring back the tariff on all foreign imports, especially from third world countries, including Communist Vietnam & Red China. We had a tariff for over a hundred years. Bring it back. IT WORKED.**
- **Max Riekse Retired Michigan Public School Teacher. We need fully funded pre-school & all day kindergarten; along with both Adult & Alternative education. FOR MICHIGAN'S FUTURE.**
- **Repeal the 17th Amendment & go back to the original U.S. Constitutional requirement of having our state legislature elect U.S. Senators; thus ending corrupting Washington D.C. lobbyist & special interest influence over the U.S. Senate. Take back the U.S. Senate from Wall Street banksters & multi-national corporations and the military industrial complex, which has robbed millions of Americans of their homes, their jobs, and the lives of their sons and daughters in endless wars for the anti-Christian neo-con Trotskyite Communists who rule. END FREE UN-FAIR TRADE IN 2013.**
- **Max Riekse Retired Lieutenant Colonel; United States Army - 32 years; Vietnam & Iraq. If you are pro-war with Iran, you cannot be pro-life; that is an oxymoron. Or just moron. War with Iran will drive up the cost of gasoline & diesel fuel. END OIL SPECULATION.**
- **Repeal the recent Republican State legislative tax on pensions & seniors; this greatly hurts our present & future middle class. AX the TAX - VOTE for MAX. FOCUS ON JOBS, JOBS, JOBS.**
- **Repeal the 12th Amendment to the United States Constitution and go back to electing our President & Vice President separately as was done under the original U.S. Constitution. That way, more voters will be represented in Washington, D.C. VOTE FOR MAX.**
- **End Michigan's winner-take-all president electoral system & replace it with a proportional electoral system based on the top three candidates; i.e. Republican, Democrat, & Independent; then all voters are truly represented. Other states do it. WE CAN ALSO.**
- **Secure Michigan's border from illegal alien entry; all illegal aliens must be removed from Michigan to where they came from. Save our jobs and get them out of our schools in 2013.**
- **Remove Social Security & Medicare from control of Congress & stop the Congressional effort to reduce or kill these programs that many Americans need. MAX HAS A PLAN TO DO THIS.**
- **Max Riekse: BA & 2MA's; Life Member & past commander of Fruitport VFW Post, NRA Life Member - over 45 years; DAV Life Member, & American Legion Member; AMERICAN PATRIOT.**

YOU HAVE 2 CHOICES FOR STATE REP - PRO-TAX & ANTI-TAX; AX THE TAX - VOTE FOR MAX

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