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Hon. Kevin Elsenheimer was appointed Circuit Judge in 2017 to replace retired Judge Phil Rodgers.

Kevin is a native of Traverse City, and now owns the same East Bay Township farm where four generations of his family have lived. He attended Traverse City Senior High School (now Central) and received undergraduate degrees from Northwestern Michigan College and Michigan State University. He attended law school at Wayne State University. He served as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Antrim County before forming the firm of Young, Graham, Elsenheimer & Wendling, P.C., based in Bellaire. After five years as a trustee on the Bellaire School Board, Kevin served in the Michigan House of Representatives for six years, where he was elected Assistant Speaker Pro Tem, Assistant Minority leader, and Minority Leader. He chaired a Standing Committee on Tort Reform and served on the Judiciary Committee. He served in Gov. Rick Snyder's cabinet as Executive Director of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). He was named NMC's outstanding alumni in 2017. Judge Elsenheimer is married and has three children.

Hon. Charles Hamlyn was elected to the bench in 2022 after running unopposed and started on the bench on January 1, 2023. Judge Hamlyn is a native of Traverse City, having attended Traverse City Central High School. He later received degrees in Economics and Political Science from the University of Michigan. Judge Hamlyn then joined the United States Marine Corps, serving for approximately five years. He attained the rank of Captain and deployed to Iraq twice during his service. Judge Hamlyn then attended the Michigan State University College of Law before beginning his career as a prosecutor. He worked in Jackson County before joining the Grand Traverse County Prosecuting Attorney's Office in 2013. Judge Hamlyn is a member of the Traverse City Rotary Club and a member of the Board of Directors for Veterans in Crisis. He is married and has rescue dogs.