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Ingham County Bar Association Announces New Executive Director

LANSING, MI — August 25, 2026 — The Ingham County Bar Association (ICBA) is announcing a leadership transition. After 16 years of dedicated service, Madelyne C. Lawry has officially resigned as the Executive Director. At the August Board Meeting, Kate Pojeta, CAE, was named as ICBA's new Executive Director.

Over the past 16 years, Madelyne's leadership has been transformative for our association. When she first took on the ICBA, we faced significant financial challenges, limited reserves, and a lack of formal operational policies. Working hand-in-hand with our board and volunteer leaders, Madelyne helped establish sound financial practices, build healthy investment reserves, and implement the governance policies that secure our organization today.

"Watching the association move from financial uncertainty to a healthy, secure position is, without question, the accomplishment I am most proud of," said Lawry. "It was a team effort, and I will always be grateful to the many volunteer leaders who shared that vision and worked to make it a reality."

As the legal profession and our members' needs evolve, this transition presents an exciting opportunity to bring fresh energy, expanded technological expertise, and new member engagement strategies to the ICBA. Kate Pojeta steps into the Executive Director role bringing enthusiasm, innovative thinking, and a strong understanding of modern communication tools to build upon our solid foundation.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors and membership, I want to express our deepest gratitude to Madelyne for her 16 years of extraordinary service and dedication to the ICBA. Please join us in thanking Madelyne for her incredible legacy and welcoming Kate Pojeta to her new role.

Sincerely,

Jessica Zimbelman

President, Ingham County Bar Association

About

Founded in 1895, the Ingham County Bar Association continues its 130-year tradition of service to the legal profession and the greater Lansing community, bringing lawyers together to join in a strong organization that works to achieve objectives that transcend the individual. The ICBA is proud to provide programs and services designed to improve our local judicial system, foster & enhance the quality of legal services in our community, and provide educational and professional programs for our members.

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