

Press Release:

Stupak: A Time to Serve

After twenty-four years counseling clients and litigating their cases, Attorney Trenton M. Stupak is seeking to be elected the next Delta County District Court Judge. “My twenty-four year career has provided sufficient time to learn, time to counsel, time to litigate, and time to fully appreciate the role of a judge in our judicial process. Now is my time to serve.” Trent stated.

The current Delta County District Court Judge is the Honorable Steven C. Parks. After first serving ten years as Prosecuting Attorney, Judge Parks went on to serve two terms as District Court Judge. During his time on the bench, he implemented the first Sobriety Court in Delta County. If elected, Stupak is firmly committed to putting in the work to continue the success of Judge Parks’s Sobriety Court.

Stupak has practiced law primarily in Delta County’s District, Circuit, and Probate Courts. He has also appeared for clients in thirteen of the fifteen Upper Peninsula counties, federal court in both the Western and Eastern District of Michigan, Michigan Appellate Courts, several Tribal Courts in the Upper Peninsula, and the State of Wisconsin.

Throughout his career, Trent has handled countless jury and bench trials, as well as preliminary examinations, pleas, and sentencings. His trial experience includes criminal cases for clients charged with life felonies, civil cases involving significant personal injury and wrongful death, divorce cases involving the custody of children and substantial financial outcomes, and disputes involving real estate and other property rights. On behalf of his clients, Trent has participated in various forms of alternative dispute resolution including facilitative mediation, case evaluation, and arbitration.

Trent was born and raised in Delta County by his parents Frank and Penny Stupak. Trent graduated from Escanaba Area High School in 1994. He earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science-Pre-Law with Honor from Michigan State University in 1998. Trent continued on to earn his law degree from Michigan State University-Detroit College of Law. On November 9, 2001, Trent was admitted to practice law by the State Bar of Michigan and sworn in by the Honorable Stephen T. Davis, the former Delta County Circuit Court Judge.

Trent married Amy Schulkins in 2003. Amy has been a teacher in the Escanaba Public Schools system since 2003 and has taught for twenty-five years. Trent and Amy reside in Escanaba with their two children Spencer, 15, and Camryn, 12. Outside the courtroom, Trent spends his leisure time cheering for his children in their athletic

endeavors. The Stupaks are members of All Saints Catholic Church where Spencer and Camryn are altar servers.

Trent's entire family is long rooted in Delta County. His grandfather, Frank A. Stupak, Sr., was Chairman of the Delta County Board of Commissioners, Mayor of Gladstone, and Superintendent of Big Bay de Noc Schools. Trent's law practice is shared with his father Frank who has been practicing law in Delta County for the past fifty-four years, and Trent's uncle Bart Stupak served as a State Legislator and a United States Congressman for twenty years.

Trent has participated as a member of the Escanaba Elks Club, Knights of Columbus, U.P. Whitetails Association, Wildlife Unlimited, Bay de Noc Great Lakes Sports Fisherman, and the YMCA. He has twice Co-Chaired the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign. Trent has been the local director of the Escanaba Elks Hoop Shoot Contest for the past several years and has sponsored and assisted coaching in various youth travel sports. Trent has been nominated and elected Delta County Bar Association President, and he has been a member of the Upper Michigan Legal Institute Committee and the U.P. Trial Skills Workshop Committee.

Trent Stupak stated "The legal knowledge and trial experience gained over the past twenty-four years, personal involvement in the Delta County community and family history of service will be an asset to Delta County in rendering judgement on the important legal matters that come before the District Court. I ask for your vote as your next Delta County District Court Judge. I'm ready to serve."