



Haughton seeking third term as judge

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Judge Valeri Haughton Files for Re-election - Two-term Judge of the Monroe Circuit Court vows to continue work on behalf of the community

Valeri Haughton has filed her candidacy for a third term as a Monroe Circuit Court judge. In a new release, Haughton emphasized the importance of listening compassionately and ruling fairly while presiding over legal cases.

“When I first ran for office, I said I would be a judge for all the people in our community. I try every day to live up to that standard”, Haughton stated. “Of course I apply the law, but I also let the people who appear before me know I am listening to them and really hear them. I do my best to be fair and just.”

In her 12 years on the bench, Haughton presided over family law cases for 10 years then moved to criminal court, where she handles nearly all domestic violence and sexual assault cases filed in Monroe County.

Haughton served as the presiding judge of the Monroe County Board of Judges for two years. Prior to her election to the bench in 2008, she worked 14 years as a deputy prosecutor in Monroe and Marion counties.

Haughton also a member and former chairperson of the Bloomington Human Rights Commission and serves on the board of directors for the Monroe County Community Kitchen, the Bloomington Playwrights Project and My Sister’s Closet. She is a member of the Democratic Women’s Caucus, the NAACP, the Benevolent Order of Elks, the Monroe County Bar Association and the National Bar Association.

In 2015, Haughton was named Bloomington’s Woman of the Year and in 2018, she and her husband, Frank Motley, received the Living Legends award at that year’s Black History Month Gala.

Haughton vowed to continue serving the public interest in her third term as judge. “I think I make a difference by being on the bench and I would like the opportunity to continue to do so”, she said.