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## **ACC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2009 DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE**

The Honorable Michael G. Mack was awarded the 2009 Distinguished Graduate Award at the 56<sup>th</sup> Alpena Community College commencement ceremonies on May 7. Established in 1998 by the ACC Foundation, this award honors ACC graduates who have gone on to contribute to society through successful careers. Its recipients are examples of how a solid foundation from ACC can launch a lifetime of achievement.

Judge Mack serves the citizens of Alpena and Montmorency counties as a Chief Circuit Court Judge for the 26<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court. Before assuming the bench of the 26<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court earlier this year, Judge Mack has practiced before Circuit Courts throughout Michigan for approximately 28 years.

Judge Mack is a graduate of Alpena High School and earned his Associate of Arts degree from Alpena Community College in 1974. He went on to earn his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 1976, and a Juris Doctorate degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in 1980.

Following his admission to the State Bar of Michigan in 1980, Judge Mack established his private law practice in Alpena with the law firm of White, Werth, and Mack. He was appointed Special Assistant Attorney General by Frank J. Kelley in 1983 and handled defense of civil claims made against the State of Michigan.

In addition, Judge Mack was appointed Alpena County Public Administrator in 1991 and was responsible for cases involving escheated monies owed to the State. In 2003, he was appointed Montmorency County's Probate Judge and Family Court Judge by Governor Jennifer Granholm and served for three years before returning to private practice.

Judge Mack is extensively involved in the community, and has served as a board member for Child and Family Services and also the Community Mental Health Board. He has recently been appointed to serve on the Community Corrections Advisory Board. As a parent, he has coached children's soccer, baseball, basketball, football and hockey. Judge Mack is married to his wife, Cheryl and they have two children; John age 12, and Katie age 10.

Penny Boldrey, executive director of the Foundation said, "The ACC Foundation is proud to award the 2009 Distinguished Graduate Award to Judge Mack. It is truly an honor to recognize him for his distinguished career and professional accomplishments since his graduation from Alpena Community College."

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