

### **Justice Elizabeth M. Welch**

Justice Elizabeth M. Welch joined the Michigan Supreme Court on January 1, 2021. She currently serves as the Justice liaison to data gathering and transparency work and the Michigan Judicial Institute. She is a co-chair of the Diversity Equity & Inclusion Commission, co-chairs the Justice for All Commission's Data Workgroup, and serves on the Justice for All Commission's Resource and Communications Workgroups. She received her law degree from Ohio State University and her undergraduate degree from Penn State University.

Justice Welch has a long history of serving professional and nonprofit boards. She currently is Vice President of the Steelcase Foundation, a Trustee of the Grand Valley University Foundation, and an active member of the National Association of Women Judges. Prior to her joining the Court, Justice Welch was a trustee on her local school board and worked for more than 15 years on public education and voting rights policy.

Justice Welch has received several awards in recognition for her public school and other community work. She and her husband Brian Schwartz live in Grand Rapids and have four adult children.