



Emmet County News Release

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Judge Johnson Appoints Kanine to County Clerk

Emmet County Circuit Judge Charles W. Johnson has announced his selection of Suzanne R. Kanine to fill the vacant position of Emmet County Clerk.

Kanine is a 2007 graduate of Central Michigan University with a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Arts. She also pursued further education in accounting through North Central Michigan College.

She and her husband, Jacob Kanine, have three children ages 10, nine and six. They have lived in the Petoskey area for eight years and are members of St. Francis Xavier Parish.



"This is a very exciting opportunity for me and my family," Kanine said in a statement following the announcement. "I am thankful to be in this position and looking forward to the challenges it will bring. The mission of the clerk's office is to provide exceptional service to the public and I intend to make that my number one priority."

Kanine has worked in the Emmet County Clerk's Office since March 2015. During that time, she has become familiar with the various functions and duties of the office and has gained the respect and support of her co-workers in the office as well as other county staff. When the clerk's staff member primarily responsible for elections resigned unexpectedly on the eve of the November 5 election this year, Kanine and the other staff members acted promptly and diligently to assure the election duties of the office were properly fulfilled.

In addition to having prior management experience in the private sector, Kanine has served her country as a member of the Air National Guard since 2002, where she currently holds the rank of Tech Sergeant, E-6. She was deployed to Iraq in connection with Operation Iraqi Freedom from January to June of 2004.

"On behalf of the court, I am very pleased to appoint Suzanne R. Kanine to this important position," Judge Johnson stated. "I know she possesses the skills, willingness to learn and service philosophy that will assure continued excellence in the Office of Emmet County Clerk."

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