

January 14, 2019

Dear Mr. Sunderman – Cass County Auditor, Chairman Baier, Members of the Board of Supervisors, and Residents of Cass County:

RE: RESIGNATION OF OFFICE – EFFECTIVE JANUARY 31, 2019

Today I submit my letter of resignation with mixed emotions. On Friday, January 11, 2019, Governor Kim Reynolds appointed me as a district court judge in the Fourth Judicial District. I am honored by this appointment and I am determined to do my duty and serve the State in my new role with humility and respect while upholding the rule of law.

Last January when you appointed me Cass County Attorney I had no intentions of leaving the office so soon. I have truly enjoyed my time as county attorney and since the day I was sworn in I came to work every day intent on strengthening the office, supporting the work of law enforcement, and doing justice. I believe each of those goals were met day in and day out.

So I leave here with mixed emotions. I am excited about my new appointment and look forward to facing the challenges head on that come along with taking on my new role as judge. I am also saddened by my departure from the county attorney's office. I will miss my staff who supported me with unwavering conviction. Their dedication to service was never bound to office hours and they understand the value of what we do.

I want to personally thank the Board of Supervisors, including those members who have recently left, and those who have replaced them. You took a chance on me a year ago when you gave me this position that I am now leaving. I think it is fair to say that none of us expected my time here to be so short. I hope I leave you with no regrets; I know I have none. I ask instead that you focus on what we have accomplished in such a short time and the high standard that has been set for moving forward.

I am particularly grateful to those that risk their life day and night protecting us. I have had no greater honor than to serve alongside the great men and women in our law enforcement. They wake up every day willing to protect us, willing to serve us, and striving for justice. We should never forget to thank them and we should always have their back.

And to the people of Cass County, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. You have not only provided me this career opportunity, but you have also opened your arms and accepted my family into the community. We have found our home, and we love it. We will continue to live here in Cass County and my judicial office will be located at the courthouse in Atlantic. Our County has not had a judge appointed since 1974. I am honored to be a part of a community that has given so much to me. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Michael Hooper