

Commissioner Lumberg Re-appointed to 3-Year Term

On July 3, 2008, Governor Granholm re-appointed Eugene Lumberg to a 3-year term as a Commissioner on the Michigan Employment Relations Commission.

Commissioner Lumberg, an attorney in private practice, has represented both employers and labor organizations in the public sector. He represented the Cities of Southfield and Clawson in labor matters and was the attorney for public safety units in various municipalities. He has served on MERC's panel of neutrals in Act 312 and Fact Finding matters and is an arbitrator, as well as a mediator and facilitator in the Oakland and Wayne County Circuit Courts.

Commissioner Lumberg is currently and has been the long-time City Prosecutor for Oak Park and Huntington Woods. He also worked in the Oakland County Prosecutor's office. Prior to practicing law, Commissioner Lumberg was a teacher in the Oak Park Public Schools and was a member of the Michigan Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers.

Commissioner Lumberg's appointment expires on June 30, 2011.

MERC Welcomes Miles Cameron to Lansing Mediation Staff

Miles Cameron joined the Lansing office of the MERC mediation staff in early July. Many of you are acquainted with Miles from his good and hard work as a representative of the United Steel Workers of America.

Miles joined the USW at the age of 18 and since that time, has dedicated himself to working collaboratively to resolve labor issues. Since joining the Union's staff in 1995, his goal has been to assist members to better their employment environment by the amicable resolution of labor disputes.

Miles and his wife, Janet, have been married for more than 30 years. He has two children, Alex and Emily, and one grandchild, Mallory. In his free time, Miles enjoys farming, hunting, fishing, political news, and old Westerns. He resides in the city of Coleman, located in the center of the "mitten" - not far from Clare and Mt. Pleasant.

MERC welcomes Miles to our staff; he may be reached at (989) 465-6347.

Jim Amar is Appointed Lansing Mediation Supervisor

Jim Amar, a long-time mediator in the Detroit office of the Bureau of Employment Relations, has been appointed to serve as the Departmental Administrator and Supervisor of the mediation staff in the Bureau's Lansing

office. In this capacity, Jim will be responsible for the efficient operation of and for managing, planning and directing mediation functions for that office. He also will be responsible for handling a case load for mediating collective bargaining and grievance disputes, often of a high profile nature.

Jim background and experience in various capacities/locales of the Bureau will serve him well. He has worked as a mediator in both the Bureau's Detroit and Lansing office and served as Executive Assistant to the previous Bureau Director. Jim will complete his active Detroit-area cases, while he transitions into his new responsibilities in the Lansing office.