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Commissioner Nelson and Chairman Woodward applaud Oakland County Circuit Judge Jarbou's appointment to federal court

Judge Jarbou to be first Chaldean American to serve on federal bench

September 11, 2020, OAKLAND COUNTY, MI. – Oakland County Commissioner **Kristen Nelson** (D-Waterford) and Board of Commissioners Chairman **David T. Woodward** (D-Royal Oak) are commending the recent U.S. Senate confirmation of [Oakland County Circuit Judge Hala Jarbou](#) to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan.

"My congratulations to Judge Jarbou and to the Chaldean American community on this landmark achievement," Nelson, who represents West Bloomfield, said. "Judge Jarbou's personal story is a testament to the tremendous hard work and accomplishments of so many Chaldean American immigrant families who have contributed to enriching our region and country."

Jarbou, a West Bloomfield resident, immigrated to the United States from Iraq as a child. She will be the first Chaldean American to serve as a federal judge when sworn into office.

"It's been an honor to have Judge Jarbou as a judge in Oakland County, and we extend our warmest congratulations on her U.S. Senate confirmation," Woodward said. "While America's gain is the loss of a great judge on the Oakland County bench, we're very proud that Judge Jarbou will continue to serve all of us and further justice at the federal level."

In 2015, Jarbou began her work as a judge in Oakland County's Civil/Criminal Division. She was also an assistant United States attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice and an assistant prosecuting attorney for Oakland County Prosecutor's Office. Jarbou earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan and graduated from Wayne State University's Law School.

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