

## **PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY OF** **THE HONORABLE SALEM A. SALAMEY**

Sam Salamey was born in Beirut-Lebanon on September 2, 1959 and immigrated to the United States in July of 1974 at the age of 15 to settle in the city of Dearborn where he immediately sought work to support himself and to assist his family's financial needs.

Over the next 11 years, Sam pursued full time course of employment and study and graduated with The Degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1985.

Shortly after passing the bar examination, Sam joined, as an associate attorney, the prestigious law firm of Berry, Hopson, Francis, Mack & Seifman, and within three (3) years was promoted to a full partner position.

Sam served as a prosecuting attorney for the cities of Garden City and Romulus for a number of years and in 1993 was appointed to the bench of the 19<sup>th</sup> District Court of Dearborn as a Judicial Magistrate and served in that capacity until 2006.

In 2012, Sam ran for the position of Dearborn District Court Judge and won a landslide victory and became the first Arab-American Judge in Dearborn's history.

Immediately upon assuming the duties of office, Sam was appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court as the Chief Judge of the Court and has since served as the Court's Chief Judge.

Before starting his law career, Sam served as a community relations officer with the Dearborn Police Department and taught two (2) years at Fordson High School.

Sam has an extensive record of community activism and service. Sam served as a chairman or board member of numerous civic, charitable, business and social organizations, including:

- Chairman of the Dearborn Board of Ethics,
- ACCESS ( Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services)
- ADC (American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee)
- Chairman, Congress of Arab American Organizations
- President, Lebanese American Heritage Club
- Dearborn Chamber of Commerce

Sam has been recognized by all of the organizations he served and he is the recipient of many civic awards and recognitions including:

- The National Young Leadership award by ADC
- The Community Activist of the Year Award by the Lebanese American Heritage Club
- Community Leadership Award by AAPAC (Arab-American Public Action Committee)
- Recognized and Awarded by President John Fahd and the Lebanese High Council of Justice

Sam is also a full-fledged member of many professional organizations, including:

- The United States of America Eastern District of Michigan
- The American Bar Association
- The Michigan Bar Association
- The Dearborn Bar Association