

### **MERC CHAIR EDWARD D. CALLAGHAN**

Edward D. Callaghan was appointed as Chair of the Michigan Employment Relations Commission on June 20, 2011. Dr. Callaghan has been a full time faculty member at Oakland Community College (OCC) since 2005. He previously served as President of OCC's Orchard Ridge campus and as Vice Chancellor for Human Resources and College Communications. Chair Callaghan has negotiated labor contracts in the public sector for more than 30 years representing public employers, including: the Dearborn Public Schools, Wayne County Community College, Henry Ford Community College and Oakland Community College.

Dr. Callaghan's extensive collective bargaining experience includes: handling MERC elections, unfair labor practice claims, and mediation cases. He has also served as an Act 312 arbitrator for police and fire municipal disputes and as a fact finder for governmental units in Michigan – both on behalf of the Michigan Employment Labor Relations Commission.

MERC Chair Callaghan's appointment is for a 3 year term, expiring on June 30, 2014.

### **MERC COMMISSIONER CHRISTINE A. DERDARIAN**

Christine A. Derdarian is a member of the Michigan Employment Relations Commission. She served as Chair of the Commission from her first appointment on October 8, 2006 until July 1, 2011. Prior to her retirement from state service in 2002, Commissioner Derdarian supervised the labor section of the Michigan Attorney General's office. In this capacity, she managed a cadre of attorneys working in the area of labor law enforcement, including issues related to MERC, labor relations, wage claims, and disability concerns. During her 28 years at the AG'S office, she provided expertise as a cabinet member to two attorneys general.

Besides her familiarity with labor matters, Commissioner Derdarian has extensive experience in matters related to administrative law and governmental issues. Her background includes service as the Chief Legal Counsel to the transition team for Governor-Elect Granholm and as Special Legal Counsel to the Governor on the reorganization of State's largest department -- the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth -- a department which houses MERC and the Bureau of Employment Relations. Presently, Ms. Derdarian is in private practice specializing in government relations, professional licensing, negotiations, and corporate matters.

Commissioner Derdarian's appointment will expire on June 30, 2012.

### **MERC COMMISSIONER NINO E. GREEN**

Nino E. Green of Escanaba was first appointed as a Commissioner on the Michigan Employment Relations Commission on July 1, 2004 and was re-appointed on July 20, 2007. He is MERC's first commissioner from the Upper Peninsula.

Commissioner Green was admitted to the practice of law in Michigan in 1964. He is the former executive director of U.P. Legal Services and the current chairperson of its successor organization, Legal Services of Northern Michigan. He has broad experience representing labor unions.

Commissioner Green has practiced before the NLRB and MERC and all of the district and circuit courts in the Upper Peninsula, as well as the United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan and the District of Minnesota. He has appellate court experience before the Michigan Court of Appeals, the Michigan Supreme Court, and the U.S. Sixth and Eighth Circuit Courts of Appeal. He is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

Commissioner Green's appointment is for a three-year term, expiring on June 30, 2013.