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Dear Tax Tribunal Practitioner,

The Tribunal is pleased to announce the appointment of Kimbal R. Smith III as the Tribunal's new Chair. Judge Smith replaces Patricia L. Halm as Chair. Judge Halm is remaining with the Tribunal and the Tribunal extends its sincere gratitude to her for her dedication and hard work as Chair and her continuing future efforts on behalf of the Tribunal.

To facilitate the Tribunal's transition from Judge Halm to Judge Smith as Chair, the City of Novi through Glenn Lemmon, City Assessor, and the City of Grand Rapids through Bernard C. Schaefer, Assistant City Attorney, have graciously agreed to permit the conducting of a meeting in the Novi City Offices at 45175 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan on April 1, 2011, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm and a meeting in the Grand Rapids City Offices at 300 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan on April 8, 2011, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm to discuss with Judge Smith:

1. the impact of Governor Snyder's recent executive order (i.e., Executive Order 2011-5) transferring the Tribunal from the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth to the Michigan Administrative Hearings System;
2. Judge Smith's immediate and future vision for the Tribunal; and,
3. the Tribunal's current practice and procedure and any proposed revisions to otherwise streamline or improve that practice and procedure.

If you are interested in attending either meeting, please e-mail the Tribunal at wakleym1@michigan.gov to let us know of your interest. Additionally, if you have members, colleagues or acquaintances that would benefit from keeping up-to-date with Tribunal developments, simply send an e-mail message to Marijo Wakley at wakleym1@michigan.gov with "SUBSCRIBE" in the subject line. To unsubscribe, simply reply to this e-mail with the word "UNSUBSCRIBE" in the subject line.

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