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**JUDGE HALM APPOINTED NEW CHAIRPERSON OF MTT
PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO TRIBUNAL RULES**

Patricia Halm Appointed New Chairperson of the Michigan Tax Tribunal

Current Tribunal member and former Chairperson, Patricia Halm, has been appointed Chairperson of the Michigan Tax Tribunal by Governor Whitmer effective February 1, 2023. Judge Halm will be replacing Chairperson Steven Bieda, who was appointed to the 37th District Court effective February 1, 2023.

Public Hearing for Proposed Changes to Tribunal Rules

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed changes to the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules Administrative Hearing Rules rule set on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 10:00 AM in Hearing Room B, 2nd floor, Ottawa Building, Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules, 611 W. Ottawa, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

The Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules' 19-part Uniform Hearing Rules set is comprised of general hearing rules in the first part and specific practice areas. Of specific interest to those who practice before the Tax Tribunal, the proposed changes update certain procedures to reflect current law and approved practices, such as the electronic payment of filing fees, the exclusion or redaction of personal identifying information, appeal by statutorily required petition, transfer of appeals from the small claims division to the entire tribunal, extensions and the default process, notice filing requirements, prehearing conferences, and mediation.

A previous hearing was held on November 16, 2022, but a publishing omission has necessitated that another public hearing be held. A synopsis of the proposed changes is available in the November 3, 2022 MTT Newsletter, 2022-12. All comments received at the November 16, 2022 hearing will be considered at the February 22, 2023 hearing, and do not need to be resubmitted.