



MERC CHAIR CHRISTINE A. DERDARIAN

Christine A. Derdarian was appointed as Chair of the Michigan Employment Relations Commission on October 8, 2006 and was re-appointed on July 14, 2009. Prior to her retirement from state service in 2002, Chair 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, MERC Chair 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.

MERC Chair Derdarian's appointment is for a three-year term, expiring 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, 2010.

MERC COMMISSIONER EUGENE LUMBERG

Eugene Lumberg was first appointed as a Commissioner on the Michigan Employment Relations Commission on November 15, 2005 and was re-appointed on July 3, 2008.

Commissioner Lumberg, an attorney in private practice, has represented both employers and labor organizations in the public sector. He represented the Cities of Southfield and Clawson in labor matters and was the attorney for the public safety units in various municipalities. He has served on MERC's panel of neutrals in Act 312 and Fact Finding matters and is an arbitrator as well as a mediator and facilitator in the Oakland and Wayne County Circuit Courts.

Commissioner Lumberg has been the long-time City Prosecutor for Oak Park and Huntington Woods. He also worked in the Oakland County Prosecutor's office. Prior to practicing law, Commissioner Lumberg was a teacher in the Oak Park Public Schools and was a member of the Michigan Education Association and the American Federation of Teachers.

Commissioner Lumberg's appointment is for a three-year term, expiring on June 30, 2011.