



## **Judge Leo Bowman**

Judge Leo Bowman is a native of Pontiac, Michigan. He received his early education in the Pontiac public school system. He was the first in his family to graduate from high school and college, and went on to earn his JD from the University of Detroit Law School in 1981.

Judge Bowman was elected to the bench in 1988, and was re-elected in 1994, 2000, and 2006. He served as Chief Judge of the 50<sup>th</sup> District Court for eight years.

On January 16, 2007, Gov. Granholm appointed Judge Bowman to the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court, Oakland County. Judge Bowman is the first African American male to serve as a permanent member of the Oakland County Circuit Court.

Active in both his community and the bar, Judge Bowman, in conjunction with Pontiac Central High School, initiated a conflict resolution program and also currently serves on the board of directors of the American Judges Association Board of Governors and Oakland County Bar Association.

During his time on the bench, Judge Bowman has been the recipient of numerous awards: Pontiac Urban League “*Ronald H. Brown Excellence in Leadership Award*”, Northern Oakland NAACP “*Community Treasurer’s Award*”, Minority Women’s Network, “*Judge of the Year*”, Oakland County Bar Association’s “*Leon H. Hubbard Award*”, Oakland County Democratic Commissioner’s “*Alex Perinoff Award, Elected Official of the Year 1977*”, “*Pontiac Central High School Distinguished Alumni Award*”, and the “*Coach of the Year*” award from the “Rulers” championship baseball team.