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SPEAKER PROFILE ~ LARRY GRIGGS

LARRY GRIGGS SERVES AS DISTRICT MANAGER OF THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY,

MR. GRIGGS HAS ACCUMULATED OVER 28 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS AN ASSESSOR, EQUALIZATION DIRECTOR AND THE LAST 10 YEARS AS DISTRICT MANAGER.

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SPEAKER PROFILE ~ PATRICIA HALM

JUDGE HALM WAS APPOINTED TO THE TAX TRIBUNAL IN 2003. PREVIOUSLY, SHE SERVED AS AN ECONOMIST AT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS; AS A POLICY ADVISOR AND ASSISTANT LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE MICHIGAN SENATE; AS AN ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY AND AS THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF MIDLAND; AND AS A TAX COUNSEL FOR THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, BUREAU OF TAX POLICY.

JUDGE HALM RECEIVED HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AND HER LAW DEGREE FROM THOMAS M. COOLEY LAW SCHOOL.

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SPEAKER PROFILE ~ ERIC LUPHER

ERIC LUPHER, DIRECTOR OF LOCAL AFFAIRS CITIZENS RESEARCH COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN.

THE CITIZENS RESEARCH COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN IS AN ORGANIZATION OF MICHIGAN CITIZENS FOUNDED IN 1916 TO DEVOTE CONTINUING ATTENTION TO STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS. FOR 90 YEARS, THE GOAL OF THE CITIZENS RESEARCH COUNCIL HAS BEEN TO PROVIDE TOOLS TO THE CITIZENS OF MICHIGAN TO SECURE GOOD STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT – GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PUBLIC, ADOPT SOUND PUBLIC POLICIES, AND MAKE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT USE OF RESOURCES IN CARRYING OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES. THROUGH ITS RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS, THE CITIZENS RESEARCH COUNCIL PROVIDES AN INDEPENDENT, NONPARTISAN AND OBJECTIVE SOURCE OF FACTUAL INFORMATION ON STATE AND LOCAL POLICY ISSUES.

ERIC LUPHER HAS BEEN WITH THE CITIZENS RESEARCH COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN SINCE 1987, THE FIRST TWO YEARS AS AN INTERN IN THE LENT UPSON-LOREN MILLER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, AND SINCE THEN AS A RESEARCH ASSOCIATE AND DIRECTOR OF LOCAL AFFAIRS. DURING THIS SPAN, HE HAS DONE STUDIES ON A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICY ISSUES. IN ADDITION TO HIS RESEARCH RESPONSIBILITIES, ERIC MANAGES THE CRC WEBSITE. AFTER SERVING AS TREASURER OF THE GOVERNMENTAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION FOR 15 YEARS, HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE ASSOCIATION'S VICE PRESIDENT. HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ADVISORY COUNCIL (GASAC), AN ADVISORY BODY FOR THE GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (GASB), REPRESENTING THE USER COMMUNITY ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENTAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION. HE ALSO IS AN EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBER FOR THE MICHIGAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT BENCHMARKING CONSORTIUM.

ERIC LUPHER RECEIVED A BACHELOR OF ARTS FROM JAMES MADISON COLLEGE IN MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AND A MASTERS OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FROM WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY.

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SPEAKER PROFILE ~ GREG PROST

GREG PROST IS THE CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER OF AMBASSADOR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, A MONEY MANAGEMENT FIRM SPECIALIZING IN FIXED INCOME AND LOCATED IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

HE HAS OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE INVESTING IN THE BOND MARKET AND PRIOR TO JOINING AMBASSADOR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, GREG WAS A PARTNER WITH MUNDER CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, WHERE HE SERVED AS A SENIOR PORTFOLIO MANAGER.

GREG HOLDS A BA DEGREE FROM KALAMAZOO COLLEGE AND AN MBA FROM WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY. HE HAS ALSO EARNED THE RIGHT TO USE THE CFA DESIGNATION AND IS A MEMBER OF THE INVESTMENT ANALYSTS SOCIETY OF DETROIT.

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SPEAKER PROFILE ~ PAUL WYZGOSKI

PAUL WYZGOSKI IS A MEMBER OF DICKINSON WRIGHT PLLC SPECIALIZING IN THE AREAS OF PUBLIC FINANCE AND MUNICIPAL LAW. HE HAS SERVED AS BOND COUNSEL ON NUMEROUS COUNTY DELINQUENT TAX NOTE ISSUES FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. HE ALSO REGULARLY SERVES AS BOND COUNSEL ON OTHER COUNTY BORROWINGS FOR A VARIETY OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND CASH FLOW PURPOSES. HE HAS ASSISTED NUMEROUS TOWNSHIPS, CITIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AND EDUCATIONAL ENTITIES AND AUTHORITIES IN FINANCING PUBLIC PROJECTS AND CASH FLOW BORROWINGS SINCE 1982 WHEN HE JOINED THE FIRM.

MR. WYZGOSKI IS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOND LAWYERS AS WELL AS SEVERAL STATE AND LOCAL MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATIONS.

MR. WYZGOSKI IS A 1979 *SUMMA CUM LAUDE* GRADUATE OF ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY WITH A DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, AND HE RECEIVED A JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE IN 1982 FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL.

NOTABLE AMONG HIS HONORS IS THE HONOR OF ORGANIZING THE ANNUAL MACT GOLF OUTING.