

STATE OF MICHIGAN



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RE: Biography – 2026 Legal Summit: *The CASE for Leadership*

Chief Judge Jeremy Darnell Bowie is an accomplished jurist, attorney, and public servant whose career is defined by leadership, service, and a steadfast commitment to justice. A native of Pontiac, Michigan, he serves as Chief Judge of the 50th District Court, where he presides over civil, criminal, traffic, small claims, and landlord-tenant matters. Since joining the bench in January 2023, he has worked to advance fairness, accountability, accessibility, and public trust in the judicial system. He is the youngest person in 50th District Court's history to serve both as a Judge and as Chief Judge.

Before taking the bench, Chief Judge Bowie developed extensive courtroom experience in both prosecution and criminal defense. He served as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, litigating jury and bench trials and handling a substantial felony and misdemeanor caseload. He later practiced with The Perkins Law Group, PLLC, representing clients in state and federal criminal matters and leading the firm's legal writing team.

His commitment to public service began early, including service as a Correspondence Associate in The White House Office of Presidential Correspondence with the President Barack H. Obama II administration and as a Legislative Intern in the United States Senate for Senator Carl Levin.

Chief Judge Bowie earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science/Pre-Law from Michigan State University and his Juris Doctor from Cooley Law School. Beyond the courtroom, he is deeply committed to civic leadership, youth mentorship, education, and community development, serving with organizations including Pontiac Robotics, Pontiac Community Foundation, and E-Community Outreach Services.

His service and leadership have earned numerous honors, including Michigan Chronicle 40 Under 40, The National Black Lawyers Top 40 Under 40, and the Oakland Together 40 Under 40 Award.

Chief Judge Bowie continues to lead with integrity, purpose, and a belief that justice is strengthened when courts and communities are meaningfully connected.