

BOARD OF REGENTS
EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

SECTION: 14

DATE:

April 21, 2017

RECOMMENDATION

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

ACTION REQUESTED

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve former United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, Barbara L. McQuade, as Commencement Speaker at both of the Saturday, April 22, 2017 commencement ceremonies. In addition, it is recommended that the Board award an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree to Ms. McQuade.

SUMMARY

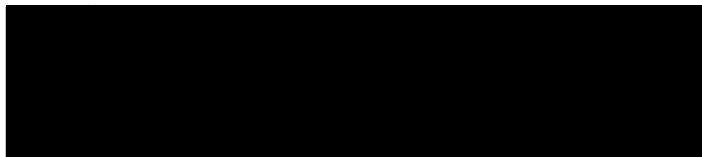
A biography for Ms. McQuade follows.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and it is recommended for Board approval.



University Executive Officer

3-30-17

Date

Former U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, Barbara McQuade

Barbara L. McQuade was the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan. She was appointed by President Barack Obama, and was asked to step down by President Donald Trump, effective March, 2017.

Ms. McQuade has sought to use the resources of the U.S. Attorney's Office to improve the quality of life for the people of Michigan. Upon taking office in January 2010, Ms. McQuade restructured the office for the first time in more than 35 years to align attorney resources with the priorities of the district: strengthening national security and countering violent crime, public corruption, civil rights and financial fraud, including mortgage fraud, health care fraud, and environmental crimes.

Significant case accomplishments during Ms. McQuade's tenure include the conviction of former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick on public corruption charges, the conviction and life sentence of an Al-Qaeda operative for attempting to blow up an airliner over Detroit on Christmas Day in 2009, the conviction of a former Michigan Supreme Court Justice on mortgage fraud charges, and the convictions of former employees for stealing trade secrets from Detroit automakers. Ms. McQuade also joined with other law enforcement leaders to launch Detroit One, a violence reduction strategy and community partnership.

Ms. McQuade served on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee, and served as co-chair of the Terrorism and National Security Subcommittee. She also served on subcommittees addressing civil rights and border security.

The first woman to serve as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, Ms. McQuade was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Detroit for 12 years. She served as Deputy Chief of the National Security Unit, where she prosecuted cases involving terrorism financing, foreign agents, export violations, and threats. During her career as a federal prosecutor, Ms. McQuade has also prosecuted cases involving violent crime, fraud and racketeering.

From 2003 to 2009, Ms. McQuade served as an adjunct law professor at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, teaching criminal law in the evenings.

Before joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, Ms. McQuade practiced law at the firm of Butzel Long in Detroit, and served as a law clerk to Hon. Bernard A. Friedman on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Born in Detroit, Ms. McQuade is a 1987 graduate of the University of Michigan and a 1991 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. She and her husband have four children.