

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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CINDY L. CAMERON,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

v

STATE OF MICHIGAN, MICHIGAN SUPREME  
COURT, STATE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE  
OFFICE and MICHIGAN STATE TREASURER,

Defendants-Appellants,

and

COUNTY OF MONROE,

Defendant-Appellee.

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No. 207829

Monroe Circuit Court

LC No. 96-005125-CZ;

96-016026-CM

Before: Wilder, P.J., and Bandstra and Cavanagh, JJ.

CAVANAGH, J. (*dissenting*).

I respectfully dissent. The majority concludes that former Judge James Seitz is not entitled to indemnification in this action because he did not make a request for representation by the Attorney General. I cannot agree. Seitz requested representation by the Attorney General in the prior federal action, and the Monroe County action was merely a continuation of that case. The office of the Attorney General was on notice that, as the federal district court declined to exercise jurisdiction over the remaining state law claim, the action would be pursued in Monroe Circuit Court. In my opinion, the majority exalts form over substance by concluding that “the Monroe County action was a new action commenced by plaintiff after her federal case had been dismissed.”

I would affirm the trial court.

/s/ Mark J. Cavanagh