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Martin B. Breighner, Circuit Judge for Charlevoix and Emmet Counties, has announced his candidacy for the office of Circuit Court Judge, which he has held since July, 1974.

"In the 10 years I have served as Circuit Court Judge for the 33rd Circuit Court, every effort has been made to discharge my judicial duties with honesty, competency and independence. The Court's docket is current. This Court enjoys a reputation for efficiency and integrity," said Judge Breighner.

"I have been invited to serve on the Michigan Court of Appeals six times, each assignment covering one month. Further, I have handled numerous assignments to Circuit Courts in Cheboygan, Otsego, Grand Traverse and other counties. I also served extensively on the Michigan Court of Claims in Lansing. Utilizing the experience gained through 22 years of law practice and 10 years on the bench, I want to continue to serve the people of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties as their Judge of the Circuit Court," said Judge Breighner.

Judge Breighner, a Navy veteran of World War II, graduated from the University of Michigan in 1949. He received his law degree from that University in 1952 and has lived in northern Michigan since 1957. Before moving to Northern Michigan he was a corporate officer and counsel for Argus Cameras in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Prior to assuming the bench, Judge Breighner had an active trial practice in Petoskey. He has been involved in many professional and community activities and is a past president of the Petoskey Regional Chamber of Commerce and past president and secretary of the Emmet-Charlevoix Bar Association. Judge Breighner is a former director and campaign chairman of the Petoskey Regional Community Chest, a founder of Petoskey Geriatric and Care Center and a former director of the State Bank and Trust Company of Petoskey.

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Judge Breighner has authored articles in many professional journals, including the Michigan Bar Journal, and has lectured at numerous civic and professional functions such as the 1983 Law Day, 1983 Legal Services Regional Meeting and the 1976 American Trial Lawyers Meeting plus many service club appearances and dozens of other lectures.

Judge Breighner has played a leading role in innovative offender programs. He has actively supported Volunteers in Probation, a local group seeking community involvement to provide prison alternatives. He recently supported funding for community group therapy services for criminal sexual offenders.

Judge Breighner, who is 58, lives in Petoskey with his wife Nancy. Judge Breighner's oldest son practices law in Harbor Springs and his two youngest children are college students.

Judge Breighner was originally appointed to the bench by Governor William G. Milliken and was then elected in 1974 and 1978. His present term expires December 31, 1984. The primary election is Tuesday, August 7th and the general election is Tuesday, November 6th.