



### **MERC CHAIR CHRISTINE A. DERDARIAN**

Christine A. Derdarian was appointed as Chair of the Michigan Employment Relations Commission on October 8, 2006.

Prior to her retirement from state service in 2002, Chair Derdarian supervised the labor section of the Michigan Attorney General's office. In this capacity, she managed a cadre of attorneys working in the area of labor law enforcement, including issues related to MERC, labor relations, wage claims, and disability concerns. During her 28 years at the AG's office, she provided expertise as a cabinet member to two attorneys general.

Besides her familiarity with labor matters, MERC Chair Derdarian has extensive experience in matters related to administrative law and governmental issues. Her background includes service as the Chief Legal Counsel to the transition team for Governor-Elect Granholm and as Special Legal Counsel to the Governor on the reorganization of State's largest department -- the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth -- a department which houses MERC and the Bureau of Employment Relations. Presently, Ms. Derdarian is in private practice specializing in government relations, professional licensing, negotiations, and corporate matters.

MERC Chair Derdarian's appointment is for a three-year term, expiring on June 30, 2009.

