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**Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.**

### **The Detroit News: Judge orders oral arguments in dispute over DPS control between Roberts, school board**

"[Wayne County Circuit Judge Annette J. Berry] has set a hearing for Feb. 20 to hear oral arguments in a long-simmering dispute between the Detroit Board of Education and Emergency Manager Roy Roberts over who controls academic and financial matters in the district."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Detroit Free Press: Judge orders Detroit school board, emergency financial manager back to court**

[Full story](#)

### **The Detroit News: Judge orders competency evaluation for Detroit mom accused of killing daughter, 8**

"A judge on Wednesday approved a competency evaluation for a mother charged in the fatal stabbing of her 8-year-old daughter. Semeria Greene, 26, of Detroit is facing life in prison if convicted of felony murder and child abuse in the Dec. 30 killing of Tamera Greene."

[Full story](#)

### **The Daily Tribune: Macomb County judge probed for possible child neglect**

"Macomb County Judge Richard Caretti is under investigation for possible civil child neglect for allowing a female companion to drive drunk early Sunday morning while his two minor children occupied the vehicle.... Caretti's actions are being reviewed by Child Protective Services regarding his role as the custodial parent of the two children at the time, according to Caretti's ex-wife and mother of the two children, Lori Conway."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Macomb Daily and the Oakland Press.**

### **The Daily Tribune: Woman claims Warren city elevator broke her hip**

"A Warren woman on crutches is suing the city, claiming a door on a district court elevator fractured her hip. In a lawsuit filed recently in Macomb County Circuit Court, Marilyn Jordan claims city officials knew the elevator was defective before she was injured."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Macomb Daily and the Oakland Press.**

### **Flint Journal: No prison for man convicted of 2007 Flint shooting death of Timothy Cooke**

"A 20-year-old man who was 14 years old when he killed a man on Flint's south side in 2007 will go free without serving time in prison, a judge ruled today Judge Joseph J. Farah ordered on Tuesday, Jan. 15, that the case against 20-year-old Demorraia D. Henry is over after Henry lived up to the terms of his 'blended sentence.' "

[Full story](#)

### **Grand Rapids Legal News: Attorney volunteers needed (second article)**

"Volunteer attorneys are needed to serve as judges and bailiffs for the 2013 Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament, presented by the State Bar of Michigan and the Michigan Center for Civic Education, state finals March 23 in Lansing. The Tournament requires 180 volunteer judges and bailiff/timekeepers."

[Full story](#)

### **Grand Rapids Press: Judge to teen who raped GVSU student: 'This is the worst offense I have seen'**

"Marco Vasquez, a 14-year-old who earlier pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting and robbing a Grand Valley State University student near John Ball Park this fall may remain in a juvenile detention center in Grayling until he turns 19. If he commits a serious crime before he turns 19, a judge has the option of sentencing him as an adult, up to life in prison, according to the sentence meted out on Tuesday, Jan. 15, in Kent County Family Court."

[Full story](#)

### **Hometown Life Newspapers: Registration under way for MU programs**

"Registration is open for the medical certificate and Michigan court Spanish interpreter programs, two of the most popular short-term job training programs offered by Madonna University's Office of Continuing Education. Class start dates range from late January to early February."

[Full story](#)

### **Macomb County Legal News: Appeals court: No jury oath, no conviction**

"A jury's pledge to justly hear a criminal case is a mandatory part of any trial, the Michigan appeals court said recently as it threw out a conviction in Jackson County because jurors were not given the oath."

[Full story](#)

### **The MiLW Blog: Who's going to replace Hathaway?**

"It's been a little over a week since the Judicial Tenure Commission dropped the bomb, i.e. its report about Justice Diane Hathaway and her attempt to obtain a short sale by allegedly hiding other her other real estate properties from the bank. In that time, not a peep has come out of the governor's office about who will replace Hathaway when she steps aside Jan. 21."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **SBM Blog: Michigan Supreme Court Vacancy: Has The Game of Dominoes Changed?**

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: Woman who fell into pit at oil shop loses case**

"The pit below the floor at an oil-change shop is an obvious hazard, the Michigan appeals court said in dismissing a lawsuit from an elderly woman who stepped over the edge and fell."

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: Governor names Mertz to 46th Circuit Court**

"Gov. Rick Snyder on Monday appointed Gaylord resident George Mertz to the 46th Circuit Court, serving Kalkaska, Crawford, and Otsego counties. The appointment fills the vacancy created by the death of Judge Dennis Murphy."

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: Court staff gives back**

"Presenting Christmas gifts they collected for the Boys & Girls Club of South Oakland County to Brett Tillander, chief professional officer of the Boys & Girls Clubs of South Oakland County, on Friday, Dec. 21, were Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Leo Bowman's staff, Candace Yono, Vicky King, Ranae Reynolds, and Christol Elam."

[Full story](#)

## **Oakland County Legal News: Judge honored for commitment to reducing domestic violence**

"If 15th District Court Judge Elizabeth Hines looks just a bit tired on this late afternoon in her chambers overlooking downtown Ann Arbor, it's understandable. Hines was up past midnight preparing for 36 cases on that day's domestic violence docket."

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **SBM Blog: Governor Seeks Applicants For Eaton County Circuit Court Vacancy**

"The Governor is seeking applications from qualified members of the bar for judgeship in the 56th Circuit Court, Eaton County. The retiring judge is Hon. Calvin E. Osterhaven. The application deadline is February 13, 2013."

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **Traverse City Record-Eagle: Paperless system to save court time, money**

"Millions of pieces of paper are stuffed in thousands of files within the 13th Circuit Court's three courthouses. State law requires court workers to maintain those files for several years, and court clerks have to wander into rooms with shelves stacked to the ceiling to retrieve files for attorneys or local citizens."

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