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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.

Detroit Free Press: Michigan Supreme Court refuses to oust DPS emergency financial manager

"The Michigan Supreme Court today rejected a lawsuit that sought to remove the state-appointed emergency financial manager for Detroit Public Schools. The court denied a motion filed by Robert Davis, a union activist and school board member in Highland Park."

Full story

Also see:

The Detroit News: Supreme Court rejects effort to remove DPS' Roy Roberts

Full story

The Detroit News: 4 charged in brawl in courtroom that injured 2 (third article)

"Three adults and one juvenile have been charged in a courtroom brawl that injured two people during a murder hearing Wednesday. Harper Woods Police Chief Jim Burke said Thursday that the adults, whom he declined to name pending arraignments, are each charged with misdemeanor counts of assault and battery and disorderly conduct."

Full story

The Alpena News: Judges, sheriff to approach county about jail

"The need for a new jail in Alpena County is not a new issue. The old facility has served its purpose and now is approaching the end of its useful life. In a letter to the Alpena County Board of Commissioners, Judges Tom LaCross, Michael Mack, Theodore Johnson and Sheriff Steve Kieliszewski are going to ask that an ad hoc committee be set up to explore options for not only a new jail, but also a new annex building."

Full story

The Daily Telegram/Adrian: Trial halted in fired dispatch director suit

"An appeal is in the way of a jury settling a complicated dispute over the union status and termination of a Lenawee County emergency dispatch director. A final settlement conference before a March 13 trial was canceled Monday because of a Michigan Court of Appeals order. Former dispatch director Jay Gliwa is suing Lenawee County officials involved in his 2011 termination."

Full story

The Daily Tribune: Judge Meinecke receives oath of office

"Derek Meinecke, who won election Nov. 6, receives the oath of office for the 44th District Court by retired Judge Daniel Sawicki. Meinecke, who clerked for Judge Sawicki, is now replacing him."

Full story

Detroit Legal News: Praiseworthy: New Circuit Court judge receives a royal salute

"Karen McDonald, as the new judge with the Oakland County Circuit Court, knows she is walking in some big shoes, metaphorically speaking those left behind by the retired Edward Sosnick. Last Thursday at her investiture ceremony in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium, the newest member of the Circuit Court bench gave credit to Judge Sosnick for a sage piece of advice early in her career that very well could have set the stage for her eventual ascension to the judicial seat she now occupies."

Full story

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.

Detroit Legal News: Brennan transfers to Criminal Division at Third Circuit Court (second article)

"After serving seven years in the Family Division of the Wayne County Circuit Court, in both the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Sections, Judge Megan Maher Brennan has transferred to the Court's Criminal Division, effective January 2, 2013."

[*Full story*](#)

Detroit Metro Times: Last chance for Snyder; State supreme court appointment will show the gov's true colors

Jack Lessenberry writes "OK, eternal optimists. Is Gov. Rick Snyder in any way a principled, good-government moderate, or is he just a slightly different and tieless version of a partisan hack GOP politician?... But there's a final test coming up, one that ought to either give us new hope, or seal the verdict. Justice Diane Hathaway is due to 'retire' from the Michigan Supreme Court next week."

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Flint-Genesee County Legal News: George Mertz named to 46th circuit court

"Gov. Rick Snyder today 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."

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Holland Sentinel: Joshua Hambley's first-degree murder conviction affirmed; Jonathan Dargis, 18, was murdered on Feb. 24, 2011

"Joshua Hambley's first-degree murder conviction will stand, according to a ruling by Michigan Court of Appeals judges Elizabeth L. Gleicher, Peter D. O'Connell and Christopher M. Murray. Hambley, now 20, appealed the conviction on the basis that, while the trial proved he murdered 18-year-old Jonathan Dargis on Feb. 24, 2011, Hambley's attorney argued it was second-degree murder."

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Ionia Sentinel-Standard: Sobriety court graduate celebrated; Lanz completes program after 19 months

"After a long road through the 64-A Ionia Treatment and Sobriety Court (ITASC), Tim Lanz can call himself a graduate. Lanz was congratulated Thursday in Ionia County 64-A District Court for completing ITASC after 19 months."

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Kalamazoo Gazette: Junior Beebe Jr.'s convictions in murders of Amy Henslee, Tonya Howarth, upheld by court of appeals

"Junior Beebe Jr.'s murder convictions in the 2011 shooting deaths of his girlfriend, Tonya Howarth, and his cousin's wife, Amy Henslee, have been affirmed by the Michigan Court of Appeals. In a seven-page ruling handed down Thursday, judges Elizabeth L. Gleicher, Peter D. O'Connell and Christopher M. Markey, struck down Beebe's contention that former Van Buren County Prosecutor Juris Kaps failed to prove that Beebe killed Henslee and that Kaps failed to disprove Beebe's claim that he shot Howarth in self-defense."

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Oakland County Legal News: Cop in probe of stripper's death can sue bosses

"A former Detroit police officer who claims his career was harmed because he was investigating the death of a stripper will get a chance to press his case in court. The Michigan appeals court says high-ranking

officers are not immune to the lawsuit. The decision means Odell Godbold's case stays alive in Wayne County Circuit Court."

[Full story](#)

SBM Blog: First the U.S. Supreme Court Clerk, Now Michigan's

"On January 7th, the United States Supreme Court announced the impending retirement of its clerk of 22-years, William Suter. Now, the Michigan Supreme Court makes a similar announcement. Corbin Davis, clerk of the Court since 1974, is retiring. Chief Justice Robert P. Young saluted Davis's 40 years of dedicated service to the Court and expressed the Court's gratitude that Davis will give the Court the benefit of his experience during the transition period."

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Traverse City Record-Eagle: Leelanau County jury awards teen \$650K

"... [Colton] Brooks, 17 in the summer of 2011, was running a cherry catcher on July 21 in a grove operated by Stanton Orchards near Lake Leelanau.... A Leelanau County jury this week awarded Brooks about \$650,000 in a lawsuit against Terry, Greg and Todd Stanton, who run Stanton Orchards. It's one of the largest jury awards in the county's history."

[Full story](#)

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Caretti's daughter says judge, girlfriend were 'extremely drunk'

" 'I had only two or three drinks over the course of seven hours at the hall and was certainly not intoxicated at midnight when we arrived at my ex-wife's house,' Macomb County Circuit Judge Richard Caretti told Fox 2 on January 16. The judge adamantly denied being drunk and knowingly letting his drunk girlfriend drive with his kids in the car after a wedding reception Saturday night in Macomb."

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