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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: Hathaway in court Jan. 29 in real estate transaction case

"Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway is scheduled to appear Jan. 29 in federal court on a bank fraud charge stemming from a real estate scandal that caused her to resign from the high court Monday. Hathaway is expected to enter a plea on the charge during a 10:30 a.m. appearance before Judge John Corbett O'Meara at the federal building in Ann Arbor."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Diane Hathaway due in court on bank fraud charge on January 29

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The Detroit News: Hathaway retires amid fraud case; Justice is first sitting Mich. Supreme Court judge charged with a crime since 1975

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Crain's Detroit Business: Snyder seeks names, advice to fill spot on Michigan Supreme Court

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Daily Press & Argus: Snyder weighs options for vacancy on Supreme Court

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Note: The article also appeared in several media outlets including the Battle Creek Enquirer, the Lansing State Journal, and the Times Herald/Port Huron.

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Hathaway resignation official; Snyder considers replacements for Supreme Court seat

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WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Hathaway will be back in court on the other side of the bench

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WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Michigan Justice Diane Hathaway retires amid bank fraud charges

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WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Hathaway retires from court, expected to face judge on Bank Fraud charge soon

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The Detroit News: Federal appeals court rejects bid to have marijuana reclassified

"A federal appeals court has rejected a petition to reclassify marijuana from its current status as a dangerous drug with no accepted medical use. The appeals court panel Tuesday turned away the bid from a medical marijuana group, Americans for Safe Access."

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Senators extend deadline to apply for Mich. federal court openings

"Michigan's two senators are extending a deadline until Feb. 1 for lawyers to apply for three federal court openings. Sens. Carl Levin, D-Detroit, and Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing, are giving applicants another week in the face of less than expected interest among applicants."

[Full story](#)

The Daily Tribune: 300 court files missing; ex-employee charged with embezzlement

"A fake receipt shown by an arrested man who insisted he had paid fines has led to criminal charges against a former Center Line district court employee after the discovery that more than 300 case files are missing and over \$50,000 went uncollected for the court. Embezzlement allegations against ex-clerk Kelli Rene Joiner have stunned other employees and officials of the 37th District Court, where she was well-liked and worked for 16 years."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Macomb Daily.

The Daily Tribune: Judge's \$1,500 birthday gift raises questions

"A surprise birthday party for Warren District Judge John Chmura, staged by his staff and financed in part by attorneys who appear in his courtroom, yielded a \$1,500 cash present for the judge, which he used to finance an upcoming trip to Las Vegas. The generous gift raises ethical questions and might amount to a violation of Michigan's Judicial Code of Conduct."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Macomb Daily.

Flint Journal: Genesee County judge, sheriff warn of reappearing phone scam

"County elder abuse officials are warning that a phone scam that targeted senior citizens one year ago may be back in business. Chief Probate Judge Jennie Barkey and Sheriff Robert Pickell said in a statement Friday, Jan. 18, that they believe 'the same phone scam is continuing.'"

[Full story](#)

Hometown Life Newspapers: Justice Kelly reflects on Michigan's top court

"'It's a wonderful job, but it's kind of lonely,' said former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly in her first public appearance after retiring from the bench on Jan. 1. She was speaking to a group of about 75 at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Township Sunday during a Brotherhood breakfast."

[Full story](#)

Hometown Life Newspapers: Students stage their own Congressional hearing

"In an era when many people do not understand government and many have disagreements over the role of it, Berkshire Middle School is taking innovative approaches to teach government, independent thinking and leadership.... The persons acting as member of Congress were Judge Elizabeth Gleicher, Detective Todd Anger, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Michael David Warren, Dandridge Floyd, director of human resources for the Birmingham Schools, school Superintendent Daniel Nerad, along with Lori-Kamleh and Babcock."

[Full story](#)

Legal Newsline: Mich. governor signs medical malpractice reform into law

"Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder last week signed into law a so-called Patients First Reform Package, aimed at restoring and improving tort reform measures passed in the state 20 years ago. The package, comprised of Senate Bills 1115 and 1118, was approved by both the House and Senate in the fall and signed into law by Snyder Jan. 9."

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Candidate sought to fill Eaton judgeship

"With Eaton County Circuit Court Judge Calvin Osterhaven recently announcing his retirement from the bench, Gov. Rick Snyder is seeking a candidate to fill the impending vacancy. The governor has set a Feb. 13 application deadline for the judgeship. Osterhaven's retirement date is Feb. 1."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

MLive.com: Gov. Snyder seeks applicants for Eaton County Circuit Court judgeship

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Michigan Supreme Court upholds law empowering DPS emergency financial manager

"Roy Roberts, the state-appointed emergency financial manager for Detroit Public Schools, will keep his job after the Michigan Supreme Court rejected a lawsuit attempting to remove him. The Supreme Court refused to overturn an earlier decision by the Court of Appeals ruling that Roberts' office remains in effect under Public Act 72—the state's emergency financial manager law of 1990."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

WKAR News/East Lansing: Court: Detroit Schools' Emergency Chief Can Stay

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Tim Skubick: Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association doesn't want to let the sun shine on its way of operating

"Well here's a shocker. One of the most secretive entities in state government has decided to appeal a court ruling that would have forced it to let a little sunshine into its house. It much rather prefers to keep the shades drawn."

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The Morning Sun: Court of appeals orders resentencing in Isabella drug conviction

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has ordered the resentencing of an Isabella County man convicted on three drug charges.... In an opinion released Friday, judges overturned the possession conviction and remanded [Rodney] Croton back to Isabella County Trial Court for resentencing."

[Full story](#)

Muskegon Chronicle: Oceana County's 'cold case' murder trial of Mark Coulier finally set to begin

"More than 12 years after the death of Joyce Douglas-Coulier, more than 3 ½ years after Mark Anthony Coulier was charged with her murder, his trial is finally set to begin.... On Thursday, Michigan Court of Appeals Presiding Judge Kirsten Frank Kelly ordered [Oceana County Circuit Judge Terrence R.] Thomas Thomas to allow the prosecution to tell jurors about statements allegedly made by Mark Coulier and by Joyce Douglas-Coulier to several witnesses."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: 94-year-old shoe shiner missed at Macomb Co. court

"He has shined the shoes of judges, lawyers, the county executive — and even boxer Thomas (Hitman) Hearns. White-haired, bespectacled Otis Hopson has been a fixture at the Macomb County Circuit Court for decades, perfectly polishing peds outside the Clerk's Office on the first floor."

[Full story](#)

Royal Oak Patch: Royal Oak Celebrates 'Big' as New Judge is Sworn In

"Dereck Meinecke, a 37-year-old former assistant prosecuting attorney for Oakland County, was sworn in Thursday night as the 44th District Court's newest judge. Retired Judge Daniel Sawicki administered the oath to his former law clerk in the Dondero Auditorium at Royal Oak Middle School."

[*Full story*](#)

Saginaw News: Saginaw County leaders receive awards at MLK luncheon

"... Saginaw County District Judge M.T. Thompson was presented with the Unity Award. Thompson's mentoring program Project Future is a collaborative effort led by Thompson and other Saginaw County educators, law enforcement officials, clergy members, and volunteers to keep at-risk youths out of gangs and off drugs."

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