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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: Michigan Supreme Court justice pleads guilty to bank fraud charge

"U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade says her office will pursue prison time for former state Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway, who pleaded guilty Tuesday to a felony bank fraud charge stemming from personal real estate transactions."

Full story

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway pleads guilty to felony bank fraud

Full story

Associated Press: Ex-Mich. Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway pleads guilty to bank fraud

Full story

Associated Press: Hathaway lawyer: Probation appropriate, not prison

Full story

Associated Press: Feds dropping lawsuit over Hathaway's Fla. Home

Full story

ABA Journal/Chicago, IL: Former state Supreme Court justice takes plea in bank fraud case

Full story

Gongwer News Service Blog: For Hathaway, Finally Nowhere To Hide

Full story

MLive.com: Former Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway faces up to 18 months prison, \$90,000 restitution after bank fraud plea

Full story

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway pleads guilty to bank fraud

Full story

The MiLW Blog: Hathaway pleads guilty to bank fraud

Full story

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice pleads guilty

Full story

WDIV-TV(7)/Detroit: Former Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway pleads guilty to bank fraud

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WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway pleads guilty to bank fraud

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Note: Versions of the Associated Press article also ran in several news outlets including the Ann Arbor.com, the Battle Creek Enquirer, the Crain's Detroit Business, the Daily Tribune, the Lansing State Journal, the Macomb Daily, the Midland Daily News, the Morning Sun, the Oakland Press, and the Times Herald/Port Huron.

Detroit Free Press: Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder puts right-to-work law before high court, making other challenges moot

“Opponents of the state's new right-to-work law promised a challenge of the controversial bill that passed the lame-duck Legislature in December. But those challenges may become a moot point since Gov. Rick Snyder asked the Michigan Supreme Court on Monday to review the bill and determine whether it passes constitutional muster.”

Full story

Also see:

The Detroit News: Gov. Snyder asks Supreme Court to rule on right to work

Full story

Associated Press: Snyder asks for court ruling on right-to-work law

Full story

Crain's Detroit Business: Snyder asks state's high court to rule on right-to-work law's constitutionality

Full story

Lansing State Journal: Snyder asks Supreme Court to rule on whether right-to-work law applies to state workers

Full story

MLive.com: Gov. Rick Snyder asks Michigan Supreme Court to decide on constitutionality of right-to-work law

Full story

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Michigan's governor asks the state supreme court to decide if 'Right to Work' law is legal

Full story

WKAR News/East Lansing: Snyder Asks MI Supreme Court To Rule On 'Right-To-Work'

Full story

Note: Versions of the Associated Press article also ran in several news outlets including the Battle Creek Enquirer, the Daily Tribune, the Macomb Daily, the Midland Daily News, the Morning Sun, the Oakland Press, the Times Herald/Port Huron, the Traverse City Record-Eagle, WJBK-TV(2), WDIV-TV(4) and WXYZ-TV(7).

Detroit Free Press: Macomb County court referee resigns amid investigation

“A Macomb County juvenile court referee has resigned, just a few weeks after he was placed on paid administrative leave pending an internal investigation about possible misconduct. John Kennedy, an attorney who was hired as a referee in May 2004, resigned effective Jan. 22. He was placed on administrative leave with pay Jan. 3, Macomb County Circuit Chief Judge David Viviano said Monday.”

Full story

Detroit Free Press: Deputy's conduct taints Oakland County drug cases

“Oakland County prosecutors have dropped 16 drug cases in recent months -- including one involving a large-scale marijuana bust -- after an investigation determined a deputy on the county's narcotics enforcement team falsified a search warrant and lied under oath.... Under state and federal laws, police officers must go before a magistrate or judge and present probable cause before they are allowed to search things such as packages, cars, homes or businesses.”

Full story

The Detroit News: Entertainment attorney Mike Novak dies at 57

"Mike Novak, one of Detroit's top entertainment attorneys, died Sunday of a heart attack at his Grosse Pointe Shores home. He was 57. Novak was Bob Seger's attorney for decades, and the singer was hit hard by the loss."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Entertainment attorney Michael Novak, who represented many Detroit stars including Kid Rock and Bob Seger, dies at 57

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Beware jury duty scam phone calls, e-mails, Schmucker warns

"It may sound official – and intimidating: you receive a phone call or e-mail claiming to be from a local court and telling you that you missed jury duty. There is a bench warrant out for your arrest and you face 30 days in jail, but the so-called 'court' offers you a way out: pay \$500 by credit card."

[Full story](#)

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

Also see:

WILX-TV(10)/Lansing: Jury Duty Scam in Michigan

[Full story](#)

Beware jury duty scam phone calls, e-mails, State Court Administrator warns

[Press release](#)

The Daily Tribune: Ferndale moves on court, police station projects

"A \$2 million proposal to upgrade the city's courthouse and police station took another step forward this week with the hiring of consultants to oversee the project's planning. The City Council on Monday voted to hire Plante Moran CRESA for the job."

[Full story](#)

Gaylord Herald Times: Gaylord Herald Times: Gov. names Mertz to 46th Circuit Court bench

"George J. Mertz has been appointed 46th Circuit Court Judge by Gov. Rick Snyder's office.... Mertz will fill the vacancy left by Judge Dennis Murphy's death last June."

[Full story](#)

Lansing State Journal: Ingham judge orders business to pay fine in fired juror case

"About a week before Christmas, Maria Cruson was offered back the job she lost in a dispute over her jury service."

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**** The article is available by subscription only.**

Lansing State Journal: Ingham County's road kill cleanup team a success, sheriff says

"Ingham County's program for sentencing some nonviolent offenders to pick up animal carcasses on city and county roads has been a success, Sheriff Gene Wrigglesworth announced [Monday.]... It's part of sentencing for offenders mandated to perform community service in 55th District Court [known as D.A.R.T. or the Dead Animal Recovery Team.]"

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The Macomb Daily: Judge Caretti's daughter 'scared for my life' during ride

"Judge Richard Caretti's teenage daughter says she was 'scared for my life' due to the 'beyond dangerous' driving by her father's companion, who was arrested minutes later for drunken driving."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland Press.

Muskegon Chronicle: Attorney General: no appeal, no comment on Oceana County judge's 'cold case' murder defendant's acquittal

"The murder case against Mark Anthony Coulier is forever dead. The Michigan Attorney General's office confirmed Monday afternoon, Jan. 28, that there's no way to revive the case against Coulier, who had been charged with killing his estranged wife, Joyce Douglas-Coulier, in the summer of 2000."

[Full story](#)

SBM Blog: Making Michigan Courts Better: On "Good Measurement And A Commitment To Follow The Data"

"The Governor, Chief Justice, and the State Court Administrator are advancing easily accessible and understandable performance measures as a means to improve the delivery of services to the public."

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