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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 Legal News: Volunteers at District Court are focus of new Court Stories video (third article)

"A husband-and-wife volunteer team who welcome, guide, and reassure visitors to Novi's 52-1 District Court are among those featured in the newest episode in Court Stories, the Michigan Supreme Court's online video series."

[Full story](#)

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

Also see:

Volunteers at Novi's 52-1 District Court are focus of new *Court Stories* video

[Press release](#)

Jackson County Legal News: State Supreme Court counsel named a 'Leader in the Law'; Saline resident honored by Michigan Lawyers Weekly

"... A former federal prosecutor, [Matthew] Schneider was honored for his role in reforms to Michigan's judicial branch, including advocating for, and helping to draft, legislation to eliminate 36 trial court judgeships that were no longer justified by those courts' workloads."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Matthew Schneider, Michigan Supreme Court Counsel and Chief of Staff, named a "Leader in the Law" by Michigan Lawyers Weekly

[Press release](#)

Detroit Free Press: Michigan's right-to-work law takes effect today, but impact may take a while to see

"... Right-to-work law challenges: Michigan's right-to-work law has incited a flurry of court action. Here's a rundown of the cases pending [in Ingham County, the state Court of Appeals, the Michigan Supreme Court and a federal court in Detroit.]"

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Michigan right-to-work law won't instantly end union memberships

[Full story](#)

The Daily Tribune: Michigan courts weigh suits against right-to-work law

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Holland Sentinel, the Midland Daily News, the Macomb Daily, and the Traverse City Record-Eagle.

Detroit Free Press: Tucker Cipriano pretrial hearing is moved back to open court

"An Oakland County circuit judge reconvened a pretrial hearing in open court Wednesday in the murder case involving Tucker Cipriano and Mitchell Young after holding the hearing behind closed doors the day before. Judge Shalina Kumar said that 'in the interest of transparency,' she was putting the information discussed with attorneys Tuesday in her chambers on the record."

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Worthy fights to bring back Prosecutor's Office staff at hearing

"Lawyers for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and the county squared off Thursday in a hearing held [before Wayne County Judge Wendy Baxter] over Prosecutor Kym Worthy's lawsuit against the recent pink slips in her office."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Wayne County prosecutor brings budget battle to courtroom today

[Full story](#)

Crain's Detroit Business: Retired state Supreme Court justice joins WSU faculty

"Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly is joining the faculty of Wayne State University Law School as its first 'distinguished jurist in residence,' the school announced this week."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Holland Sentinel: Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Kelly joins Wayne St. Law faculty

[Full story](#)

Legal Newline: Former Mich. SC justice joins Wayne State faculty

[Full story](#)

Crain's Detroit Business: Schuette vows justice in tainted steroid case

"Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette announced [Tuesday] he has filed a petition with the Court of Appeals to empanel a multi-county grand jury to investigate the 14 deaths and 259 cases of illnesses related to tainted steroid injections that have caused deaths around the country."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Michigan Attorney General asks for grand jury to investigate meningitis outbreak

[Full story](#)

Note: Versions of the Associated Press article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News, WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit, and WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit.

Detroit Legal News: For The Seventh Generation gala to be held June 1

"On Saturday, June 1, the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association's program for foster children will hold its annual fundraising gala at the Roostertail.... For The Seventh Generation is a project of the DMBA Foundation in cooperation with the 3rd Judicial Circuit of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Human Services."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Holiday Hours

"The Third Circuit Court Civil and Family Divisions [and the Wayne County Probate Court] will close at noon on Friday, March 29 in observance of Good Friday. In observance of Good Friday, the 36th District Court will be closed to the public on Friday, March 29. Only criminal arraignments will be conducted."

[Full story](#)

Flint Journal: Friend of the Court wants additional deputy at Genesee County administration building

"The office that enforces child support, parenting time and custody orders wants to bulk up security in advance of potential changes in gun restrictions at the Genesee County administration building."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Press: Two weeks after brawl in downtown courtroom, testimony to continue in slaying of Jason Cherry

"Two weeks after a brawl broke out in a downtown courtroom following testimony from two witnesses to the killing of Jason Cherry, a judge today is expected to hear testimony from a third witness and from detectives investigating the case."

[Full story](#)

Ingham County Legal News: Barrister's Night honors 'Top 5 Under 35'

"... The award winners, members of the Ingham County Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section [were] recognized for their talents, skills, professionalism and civility in the practice of law. [Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Amy Ronayne] Krause called each of the five recipients to the podium to be presented with their award."

[Full story](#)

Legal Newslines: Mich. SC: Noneconomic damages resulting from real property damage can't be recovered

"The Michigan Supreme Court ruled last week that plaintiffs suing over negligent destruction of their property cannot recover noneconomic damages. In its 26-page opinion Thursday, the court reversed a ruling by the state Court of Appeals."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Society holds St. Patrick's Day Brunch

"Sporting their emerald finery, members of the Incorporated Society of Irish-American Lawyers (ISIAL) recently hosted their 17th annual St. Patrick's Day Brunch complete with Irish musical entertainment and Irish folklore at Mario's Restaurant in Detroit. [Several area judges were in attendance.]"

[Full story](#)

Muskegon Chronicle: A family affair: Retiring Muskegon County Circuit Judge John C. Ruck sees portrait unveiled

"Appropriately for a retiring family-court judge, the courtroom seemed full of family at the sendoff for Muskegon County 14th Circuit Judge John C. Ruck. Affectionate tributes to the judge, who has presided over the circuit's Family Court Division since its creation in 1998, flowed Wednesday afternoon."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: ASKED & ANSWERED: Matthew Schneider on live streaming of MSC oral arguments

"The Michigan Supreme Court has begun live streaming of oral arguments via the Internet. Live streaming the court's hearings 'is a natural extension of this court's commitment to transparency,' said Chief Justice Robert P. Young Jr."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: 'The Ins and Outs of Renting Your Residential Property' examined

"... Discussions will include legal and judicial issues that are involved in renting out residential property. Seminar speakers will include Oakland County 45A District Court Judge Jamie Wittenberg; Barry Malone of Adkison, Need, & Allen PLLC; and Rachel Tucker of Joelson Rosenberg PLC."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Judges host annual event

"Oakland County 52-3 District Court Judges and Nancy Carniak and Julie Nicholson hosted the 13th Annual St. Patrick's Day Party on Wednesday, March 13, at The Venue in Auburn Hills. This annual event provides an opportunity for members of the bench and bar to get together along with others in the community."

[Full story](#)

Saginaw News: Michigan Court of Appeals upholds murder conviction of man who said he acted in self defense

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has upheld the conviction of a Saginaw man who said he acted in self defense when he killed a man in December 2010."

[Full story](#)

Washtenaw County Legal News: Commentary: Judges need salary boost

David Fink writes "The last time judges in the state of Michigan were given a pay increase was 2002. Since then, the consumer price index has increased nearly 30 percent."

[Full story](#)

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Suspended Wayne County judge admits to having sex in his chambers

"A Wayne County judge has admitted he had sex with a woman in his chambers while her case was pending in his court. In a 38-page response to the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission's complaint that was filed against him, Wade McCree writes he started to be sexually involved with Geniene La'Shay Mott in June 2012."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Wayne County Judge Wade McCree admits to having sex in chambers with woman who had case before him

[Full story](#)