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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.

### **Jana L. Benjamin named Executive Director, Board of Law Examiners**

[Press release](#)

### **Grand Rapids Legal News: "Help for Heroes" video tells story of veterans' courts**

"Veterans' struggles with substance abuse and emotional trauma end in victory in 'Help for Heroes,' the newest episode in the Michigan Supreme Court's online video series Court Stories. 'Help for Heroes' features interviews with veterans who completed the 17th District Court's Veterans Court program in Redford."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **"Help for Heroes" video tells story of veterans' courts, veterans' triumphs**

[Press release](#)

### **The Detroit News: Charges reinstated against Detroit mother involved in standoff over daughter's meds**

"The state Court of Appeals reinstated charges Tuesday against a mother who held police at bay for nearly 10 hours and claimed she was protecting her 13-year-old daughter from unnecessary medication. A three-judge panel sent the case of Maryann Godboldo back to Wayne County, concluding a lower court judge was wrong to suppress evidence gathered by investigators."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Associated Press: Charges revived against Detroit mom in standoff**

[Full story](#)

**Note:** The article also ran in the Lansing State Journal and the Times Herald/Port Huron.

### **The Detroit News: Two sides painted of McCree in closing arguments; Misconduct case's findings may come in the next month**

"Embattled Wayne County Circuit Judge Wade McCree is an admitted liar who abused his position for his own personal gain, said the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission's lawyer during closing arguments in his judicial misconduct case Wednesday."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Detroit Free Press: Closing arguments in Judge McCree's misconduct hearing focus on respect**

[Full story](#)

### **Associated Press: Evidence over in ethics case against Detroit judge**

[Full story](#)

### **WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: McCree's misconduct hearing ends with closing arguments**

[Full story](#)

### **WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Judge McCree's court case coming to an end**

[Full story](#)

## **The Detroit News: Media barred from jury selection for Aiyana trial; Detroit officer to be tried in shooting death of 7-year-old**

"In a move protested by Detroit newspaper attorneys, a Wayne County Circuit Court judge Wednesday denied media access to jury selection in the highly publicized trial of a Detroit police officer charged with the shooting death of a 7-year-old Detroit girl."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

## **Detroit Free Press: Judge bans media from jury selection in officer's trial in shooting of 7-year-old Aiyana Stanley-Jones**

[Full story](#)

## **MLive.com: Judge bans media from courtroom on first day of Aiyana Jones Detroit police shooting trial**

[Full story](#)

## **Detroit Free Press: Names of Detroit EM applicants sought as suit alleges Orr's appointment is illegal**

"Highland Park union activist and civic gadfly Robert Davis fired another in his string of legal salvos Wednesday against the administration of Gov. Rick Snyder's choice of Kevyn Orr to steer Detroit's finances."

[Full story](#)

## **Detroit Free Press: Family: Lawyer stole money meant for brothers from dying father**

"Derek Tate had expected money from a \$500,000 life insurance policy would help with things like college and weddings for his children after he died of cancer in 2007. Instead, much of the money was drained by a Macomb County attorney from the trust fund set up to financially help Tate's sons, authorities said."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

## **The Macomb Daily: Deal breaks down for attorney accused of stealing \$300,000**

[Full story](#)

## **Bay City Times: Bay County judges recognize Bay City woman who overcame drug addiction, now helps others**

"For almost two decades, Christina Bermejo struggled with an addiction to crack cocaine. But now, the Bay City woman has been clean for nearly 3 years and works full-time as a mentor, counseling others through their addictions, a transformation she attributes to Bay County's treatment courts.... On Wednesday, May 29, Bay County Probate Judge Karen A. Tighe granted Bermejo, 33, the second annual Craig D. Alston Award, named after the former Bay County District Court judge who started the county's first treatment court in 2005."

[Full story](#)

## **The Courier-Leader/Paw Paw: Commissioners move ahead on courthouse entrance remodeling**

"The Van Buren County Board of Commissioners last week approved a proposal from a Lansing, Mich.-based firm for a single-entry addition to the Van Buren County Courthouse and adjacent annex building. On Tuesday, May 14, commissioners accepted a bid of \$750,000 from DLZ to design the new single entrance."

[Full story](#)

## **Detroit Legal News: What's Cooking: Annual Bench Bar Culinary Challenge fires up June 12**

"The upcoming 6th Annual Bench Bar Culinary Challenge offers a delicious mixture of competition, camaraderie and charity.... The gathering features a grilling competition between Grilled By the Bench and Grilled By the Hour, as well as competitions in the appetizers and desserts categories."

[Full story](#)

## **Detroit Legal News: Sin Hielo, Emerging Soul to perform at foster children's charity June 1**

"Internationally-renowned music legends Sean Blackman and Wayne Gerard's current project, Sin Hielo, and the very popular metro-Detroit area band Emerging Soul have agreed to perform at an upcoming June 1 event to benefit foster children."

[Full story](#)

## **Kalamazoo Gazette: Document prosecutors say was confession to Kalamazoo laundromat slaying ruled inadmissible at trial**

"A document that prosecutors said was a Kalamazoo man's confession to involvement in a 2007 slaying at a Stadium Drive laundromat can't be used at trial. That's according to an opinion issued last week by the Michigan Court of Appeals, affirming the October ruling by Kalamazoo County Circuit Judge Alexander C. Lipsey that a document seized from Roderique Rolark's jail cell last year was meant for an attorney and therefore subject to attorney-client privilege."

[Full story](#)

## **Lansing State Journal: Editorial: Doing time won't hurt Diane Hathaway**

"Disgraced former Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway was sentenced to a year and a day in federal prison this week for bank fraud, a crime to which she pleaded guilty earlier this year. Her legacy will be serving as an example of what goes wrong when powerful people succumb to hubris."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

## **Oakland County Legal News: Former Justice Hathaway gets prison in fraud case**

[Full story](#)

## **Macomb County Legal News: Supreme Court Historical Society celebrates anniversary**

"The Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society hosted its Annual Membership Luncheon celebrating its 25th anniversary recently at the Detroit Athletic Club."

[Full story](#)

## **Macomb County Legal News: Event benefits Macomb Veterans Court (second article)**

"Legal Aid and Defender Association will hold a free legal aid clinic for income eligible residents who qualify for services on Friday, June 21, from 9 a.m. to noon at HOPE Center located at 33222 Groesbeck Highway in Fraser."

[Full story](#)

## **Macomb County Legal News: District judge reappointed to board (third article)**

"Gov. Rick Snyder has announced the reappointment of Diane D'Agostini, of Bloomfield Hills, to the Michigan Judges Retirement System Board. Housed within the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget's Office of Retirement Services, the five-member board oversees the Judges Retirement System Defined Benefit plan."

[Full story](#)

### **The MiLW Blog: Kelly scholarship event at Roostertail June 11**

"The Marilyn Kelly Public Interest Endowed Scholarship at the Wayne State University Law School should get a significant funding boost next month at a benefit celebrating Kelly's career. The scholarship will assist students who are committed to pursuing public interest legal careers."

[Full story](#)

### **The MiLW Blog: Disbarred Lansing lawyer pleads guilty to taking money from young boy's estate**

"Disbarred Lansing attorney Mark Canady pleaded guilty May 29 in Ingham County Circuit Court to an embezzlement charge.... Canady represented himself at the hearing. Ingham County's circuit judges, including his brother, Judge Clinton Canady III, disqualified themselves from the case."

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: Creditors Bar members gather**

"The Michigan Creditors Bar Association (MCBA) hosted its Spring Membership Dinner and '5th Annual Bench and Bar Dialogue' on Thursday, May 16, discussing the topic of 'Alternative Service: Seeking Uniformity Through Cooperation' at Andiamo in Bloomfield Township. Among those taking part were ... Wayne County 36th District Court Judge Wanda Evans; ... and Wayne County 36th District Court Judge Demetria Brue."

[Full story](#)

### **Press & Guide/Dearborn: DEARBORN: City tweaks 2013-14 budget before council vote**

"Finance Director Jim O'Connor had to make two adjustments before Tuesday night's City Council vote on the 2013-14 fiscal year budget. On Thursday, the council decided to allow 19th District Court to have a lump-sum budget instead of the line-item budget it previously had."

[Full story](#)