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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: Attorney Jill Booth named new Region V Administrator for SCAO

"Attorney Jill M. Booth has been named director of the State Court Administrative Office's new Region V, State Court Administrator Chad C. Schmucker announced last week."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Jill M. Booth named new Region V Administrator for State Court Administrative Office

[Press release](#)

The Detroit News: Oakland County's Patriot Week Inc. says it was target of IRS

"An Oakland County nonprofit dedicated to teaching about America's founding fathers said Monday its IRS application was held up for 19 months for having 'Patriot' in its name. Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Michael Warren said the tax-exempt 501(c)3 application for his Patriot Week Inc. group lingered for months in the IRS Cincinnati office before getting final approval on Dec. 3."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Michigan group Patriot Week claims it was targeted by the IRS

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: Nonprofit headed by Oakland County Circuit Judge Michael Warren: We were targeted by IRS

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Jury sees reality TV footage of raid that killed Aiyana

"... [A&E's 'The First 48'] footage was shown Tuesday to the jury in the case of a Detroit police officer accused of fatally shooting 7-year-old girl Aiyana Stanley-Jones during the early morning police raid three years ago. Audio and video equipment was set up Tuesday inside Wayne County Judge Cynthia Gray Hathaway's courtroom for the second day of Officer Joseph Weekley's involuntary manslaughter trial."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Testimony continues for Detroit officer accused in death of Aiyana Stanley-Jones

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Judge bans Fox 2 Detroit cameras from Aiyana Jones trial

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Costs, outrage grow in Wayne County jail project

"Wayne County officials are outraged and plotting legal options after learning Monday that an ongoing jail construction project could be scrapped, costing the county millions of dollars."

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Justices endorse DNA swabs in serious crimes

"A sharply divided Supreme Court on Monday cleared the way for police to take a DNA swab from anyone they arrest for a serious crime, endorsing a practice now followed by more than half the states as well as the federal government."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Police can collect DNA from arrestees, court says

[Full story](#)

Daily Press & Argus: Editorial: Ex-justice earned prison sentence

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

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Another View: Doing time won't hurt Hathaway

[Full story](#)

Jackson County Legal News: Ex-Michigan Supreme Court justice sentenced to one year, one day for bank fraud

[Full story](#)

Jackson County Legal News: Michigan Supreme Court names new clerk, chief of staff

"Larry Royster has been named Michigan Supreme Court clerk and chief of staff, effective May 28. He replaces Corbin Davis, who has been in that position since 1983 and is retiring."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Bench Bar Culinary Challenge fires up this month

"The upcoming 6th Annual Bench Bar Culinary Challenge offers a delicious mixture of competition, camaraderie and charity. The event has grown steadily each year and organizers have high hopes to continue that trend this year."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Learning how small claims court works

"... The [Legal Aid and Defender Association Inc.] workshop is one of a series designed to teach residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb, and Oakland counties how to represent themselves in small claims court and collect money judgments."

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Company appeals decision in court battle with Richmond Township

"A farm property owner engaged in a years-long battle with Richmond Township over driveways on the parcel is seeking to appeal a judge's decision to award attorney fees. A hearing for Judge John Foster to set the amount of fees the township should collect was adjourned Monday because Rondigo LLC has filed an 'application for leave to appeal' Foster's decision siding with the township."

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: House committees mull mental health court creation

"Criminal defendants with diagnosed mental disorders or developmental disabilities could be diverted to mental health courts for supervised, community-based treatment under a four-bill package recently introduced in the Michigan House."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: New sentences ordered for teens in deaths of local homeless men

"Two young men convicted as teenagers in the killing of homeless men in Pontiac will get new sentences. Dontez Tillman and Thomas McCloud are serving mandatory no-parole sentences.... The Michigan appeals court made rulings last Friday."

[Full story](#)

The Times Herald/Port Huron: Sara Ylen's preliminary examination postponed

"Sara Ylen's preliminary examination has been rescheduled for 9:30 a.m. June 18. The 38-year-old Lexington woman charged with filing a false felony report and tampering with evidence was expected to appear today before Judge John Monaghan for a preliminary examination."

[Full story](#)

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Medical pot driver arrested one day after '10 arrest vindication

"The man whose arrest for driving after using medically prescribed marijuana led to upheaval in state law has been arrested again, this time for drunken driving and criminal sexual contact. Traverse City police arrested Rodney Koon, 51, of Thompsonville on May 31 for drunken driving and criminal sexual conduct in the fourth degree, which involves unwanted touching for gratification."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The MiLW Blog: Man at center of driving-under-medical-marijuana case arrested

[Full story](#)

Washtenaw County Legal News: Voir Dire: Judge gives attorneys tips on how to work with jurors

"Washtenaw County 14A District Court Chief Judge Kirk Tabbey has worked with an estimated 1,000 juries in his 30-year career as a prosecutor, defense attorney and judge. So he spoke from experience recently when addressing the Washtenaw County Bar Association's Criminal Law Section meeting on juries."

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