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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.

Grand Rapids Legal News: Court of Appeals Judge Michael J. Talbot appointed as special administrator of Detroit's District Court

"Judge Michael J. Talbot, a judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals and a former judge of the Wayne Circuit, Detroit Recorder's, and Detroit Common Pleas courts, has been appointed by the Michigan Supreme Court to serve as special judicial administrator of Detroit's 36th District Court."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Court of Appeals Judge Michael J. Talbot appointed to serve as special administrator of Detroit's 36th District Court; aims to address court's financial crisis

[Press release](#)

Detroit Free Press: Judge recommends Camp Cupcake for ex-Justice Hathaway

"Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway may be Camp Cupcake bound. A federal judge has recommended that Hathaway serve her one-year prison sentence for bank fraud at a federal prison camp in Alderson, W.Va. — the same prison camp that housed former Detroit City Councilwoman Monica Conyers and domestic diva Martha Stewart."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Lansing State Journal.

Also see:

Associated Press: Ex-Michigan justice may serve prison time in W.Va.

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran on WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit, WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit and WILX-TV(10)/Lansing.

The MiLW Blog: Hathaway likely going to 'Camp Cupcake'

[Full story](#)

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Judge recommends that disgraced Justice Diane Hathaway spend prison in "Camp Cupcake"

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: E-mails reveal Snyder team, Orr discussed Detroit EFM job before announcement

"Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder was asking on Feb. 12 — more than a month before the appointment — if Washington, D.C., attorney Kevyn Orr was ready to start work as Detroit emergency manager, according to an e-mail disclosed today in connection with a lawsuit.... A state-appointed review team did not declare Detroit in a financial emergency in a report to Snyder until Feb. 19, a week after [Richard] Baird sent the e-mail."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Records: Snyder pledged to raise funds for Orr performance bonus

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Wayne County considers selling jail construction site

"Construction continues on a \$300 million county jail, despite outside interest in the site which takes up a good chunk of a popular Detroit entertainment district.... About \$100,000 has been spent so far on the new jail, which is expected to house about 2,000 inmates. Early plans called for closing and consolidating the operations of the current three county jails into the new facility when it opens."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Associated Press: Wayne Co. considers selling jail construction site

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Michigan House eases adoptions, sets time limit

"State legislators voted Tuesday to speed up adoptions in Michigan, moving to set a deadline for some parents who have second thoughts about voluntarily putting up children for adoption and shortening supervision of families with adopted infants."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Associated Press: Michigan House eases adoptions, sets time limit

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Michigan House OKs plan aimed at streamlining adoption, including 'responsible father registry'

[Full story](#)

Battle Creek Enquirer: Judges advocate for less court use; Alternative Dispute Resolution can save time, money

"A justice and a judge came to Battle Creek Tuesday to advocate for less use of the courts. Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget McCormack and Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Deborah Thomas said Alternative Dispute Resolution can save money in both civil and criminal cases and satisfy litigants."

[Full story](#)

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

Daily Press & Argus: Sentence for jail beating upheld; Man argued prison term went too far

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has affirmed a Livingston County man's sentence for brutally assaulting a county jail inmate in 2000. Sandy Glover was sentenced in 2001 to 10-15 years imprisonment for assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder for beating an inmate, who suffered a broken nose and other facial fractures, in February 2000 while the two were awaiting trial."

[Full story](#)

Flint-Genesee County 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 event has grown steadily each year and organizers have high hopes to continue that trend this year."

[Full story](#)

Flint-Genesee County Legal News: D. Augustus Straker Bar Association celebrating 20th Annual Trailblazer Awards

"... The following Trailblazers in the legal profession will be honored [at the 20th Annual Trailblazer Awards Dinner on June 13] for their excellent years of service to the Bench and the Bar: The Honorable Shelia R. Johnson. Judge Johnson was elected Judge of the 46th District Court in November 2002."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Legal News: Royster named Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court (second article)

"Attorney Larry Royster, Chief Clerk and Research Director for the Michigan Court of Appeals, has been named Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court. Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr. announced the appointment [May 24.]"

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Press: Medical marijuana motorist beats case in Supreme Court, gets another for drunken driving

"The motorist whose medical marijuana case reached the state Supreme Court, resulting in protections for drivers legally using marijuana, has been arrested for drunken driving in Traverse City, police reports showed. Rodney Koon's challenge of his previous arrest for driving under the influence of marijuana led the Supreme Court to rule that medical marijuana users could drive as long as they weren't intoxicated."

[Full story](#)

Legal Newslines: Mich. appeals court affirms ruling in hazardous intersection case

"The Michigan Court of Appeals upheld a more than \$200,000 judgment against a shopping plaza owner in a ruling Tuesday. On appeal, Gratiot Place LLC, which owns and operates a shopping plaza with areas for parking and an access easement that grants the public the right to use the plaza's roadways, argued that, for various reasons, the lawsuit against it should never have gone to a jury."

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: AGC prosecuting lawyer for 'delay tactics' and 'cookie-cutter' complaints

"Attorney Emmett Greenwood has not only become a thorn in the side for the Eastern District bench, but now he's also in hot water with the Attorney Grievance Commission for his 'delay tactics' and the 'cookie-cutter' pleadings he files in federal court. The Detroit lawyer has filed some 75 suits in the Eastern District during the past year, presumably as a way to stall his clients' state-court foreclosure proceedings. But nearly all the federal suits have been dismissed because they lack legal merit."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: Pontiac teen convicted of first-degree murder sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole

"In one of the first such sentences in Oakland County, a Pontiac man who was convicted of first-degree murder in a shooting that occurred when he was 17 years old has been sentenced to life in prison, but will have the possibility of parole.... For juveniles convicted of first-degree murder, the life sentence still stands, but judges have the option to allow a chance at parole."

[Full story](#)

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Patriot Week founder says IRS targeted his harmless group

"When Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Michael Warren and his 10-year-old daughter Leah started Patriot Week the goal was to spend a week each year celebrating the principles of the U.S. Constitution with various public activities."

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