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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 MiLW Blog: Michigan Supreme Court announces new general counsel**

"Attorney Joseph J. Baumann of DeWitt has been named general counsel to the Michigan Supreme Court. As general counsel, Baumann will provide legal advice to the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals and the State Court Administrative Office. He will also serve as a liaison to the executive and legislative branches, representing the Court on various policy and legislative issues."

*Full story*

**Also see:**

### **Attorney Joseph J. Baumann named Michigan Supreme Court's General Counsel**

*Press release*

### **Detroit Free Press: Panel: Censure Wayne Circuit Judge Gibson for repeated tardiness**

"The Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission released its decision and recommendation regarding a Wayne County Circuit Court judge accused of repeatedly showing up late to work in 2012. Judge Sheila Gibson, who works at the Lincoln Hall of Justice in Detroit, entered a settlement agreement with the JTC, according to a news release issued by the commission today."

*Full story*

**Also see:**

### **WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Wayne County Judge Sheila Gibson faces disciplinary action after a 7 Action News investigation**

*Full story*

### **Detroit Free Press: Mike Duggan to appeal decision after judge kicked him off mayoral ballot**

"Mike Duggan will appeal a judge's decision to remove his name from the Detroit mayoral ballot, the front-running contender announced this morning. The former Detroit Medical Center CEO has been trading the lead in polls with Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon in the race to replace outgoing Mayor Dave Bing, who is not running for re-election."

*Full story*

**Also see:**

### **The Detroit News: Duggan will fight to keep Detroit mayoral campaign alive**

*Full story*

### **Crain's Detroit Business: Duggan will appeal ruling that he's ineligible to appear on mayoral ballot**

*Full story*

### **Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Judge kicks Duggan off Detroit mayoral ballot**

*Full story*

### **MLive.com: Mike Duggan appealing court decision, expects to remain on Detroit mayoral ballot**

*Full story*

### **The MiLW Blog: Judge orders Duggan off Detroit mayoral ballot**

*Full story*

## **The Detroit News: Judge orders Snyder aide to produce Detroit EM candidate documents**

"Ingham County Circuit Judge William Collette on Wednesday rejected a claim of executive privilege and ordered Gov. Rick Snyder's aide, Rich Baird, to produce email correspondence with the 20 candidates for Detroit's emergency manager. Baird claimed he didn't have to produce the internal documents under executive privilege, but he is not a state employee and is paid a \$100,000 salary from a Snyder nonprofit fund."

*Full story*

### **Also see:**

## **Detroit Free Press: Judge orders governor, law firm to produce records in Detroit emergency manager lawsuit**

*Full story*

## **Detroit Free Press: Clinton Township grandmother gets life in prison in child's drowning**

"... Terry Borgia, was sentenced to life in prison without parole today in Macomb County Circuit Court in DeAngelo [Tobia's] 2010 death.... The 64-year-old, jail-garb-clad grandmother had four trials — three of which ended in mistrials — before a jury convicted her of felony murder and first-degree child abuse in March. Judge Peter Maceroni, who handled the case the entire time, denied a defense motion for a new trial before sentencing Terry Borgia."

*Full story*

### **Also see:**

## **The Macomb Daily: Judge denies new trial for grandmother convicted of drowning grandson**

*Full story*

**Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune.**

## **The Daily Tribune: Ferndale police, court moving to City Hall**

"Ferndale's City Hall will soon be home to the city's police department and courthouse. Police officers and personnel from the 43rd District Court are already getting ready to move by the end of the month as their buildings undergo massive renovations over the next year."

*Full story*

**Note: The article also ran in the Oakland Press.**

## **Detroit Legal News: In transition: Former judge enjoys new role as mediator, learns from 'the best'**

"During two decades as a judge, Paula Manderfield would listen to attorneys argue before her in court and often think to herself, 'I could settle this case.' The reality is that judges don't have time to stop what they are doing and spend long periods of time trying to resolve one case. But since retiring from the bench at the end of 2012, Manderfield is now developing a civil and divorce mediation practice as a shareholder in the Lansing office of Fraser Trebilcock."

*Full story*

## **Flint-Genesee County Legal News: Words of Praise**

"Two Oakland County teens graduated from the Juvenile Treatment Court program during a special ceremony May 28 in which Circuit Court Judge Mary Ellen Brennan presided. Judge Brennan praised the two grads for their 'determination' in battling their substance abuse issues, preferring to label the ceremony a 'commencement' in terms of a fresh start for the pair of teens."

*Full story*

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

## **Flint Journal: New part-time student clerks could help Genesee County tackle mountain of old court files**

"The county might be ready to start whittling down a massive collection of old court files it's paying to keep in offsite storage. Genesee Circuit Court Administrator Barbara Menear is asking the Board of Commissioners for permission to create four, part-time student clerk positions."

[Full story](#)

## **Grand Rapids Legal News: Kent County Courthouse peregrine falcons banded**

"Two fuzzy, white peregrine falcon chicks squawked loudly as they received their new 'jewelry' Tuesday morning, June 4. Wildlife biologists John Niewoonder and Nik Kalejs from the Department of Natural Resources, along with Lori Martin from the Blandford Nature Center, placed metallic bands on the legs of the 25-day-old chicks atop the Kent County Courthouse in Grand Rapids."

[Full story](#)

## **Grand Rapids Press: Ionia pastor says conversation with parishioner privileged, confidential**

"... In a case that has the attention of religious leaders, an Ionia County District Court judge determined that [Rev. John Prominski's] conversation was privileged, and exempt from mandatory reporting requirements. A Circuit Court judge agreed. On Tuesday, June 11, a state Court of Appeals panel heard both sides as Ionia County prosecutors sought to have the charge re-instated."

[Full story](#)

## **Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: How adoption agencies discriminate against hopeful LGBT parents**

"If you're gay or lesbian and you want to adopt a child, not every adoption agency in Michigan will be willing to help. If you do find an agency that will help, you might run into more discrimination."

[Full story](#)

## **Midland Daily News: First female graduates from Midland County Drug Court**

"Being the best mom ever and sober to boot are at the top of the list for the newest — and first female — Midland County Drug Court graduate.... The road to sobriety was a long one, taking 728 days, well over the usual time frame for involvement in the program. It led [Melissa] LeMieux-Burns racking up 508 days of sobriety, gaining pride in her accomplishments and building meaningful relationships with those around her."

[Full story](#)

## **The MiLW Blog: Attorney-referee association honors members**

"The Referees Association of Michigan recently honored two outstanding lawyers at its 29th Annual Conference: Tuscola County Probate Judge Nancy Thane and retired Livingston County Attorney-Referee Kathy Oemke. Thane and Oemke were presented with awards for the work they have done toward achieving RAM's goal of 'Compassionate Justice Helping Children.' "

[Full story](#)

## **Oakland County Legal News: Free seminar presented by Probate Court, June 28**

"The Citizens Alliance for the Oakland County Probate and Circuit Courts will conduct a free seminar entitled 'Removing the Mysteries of Probate Court' at the Auburn Hills Senior Services Department on Friday, June 28, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m."

[Full story](#)

## **The Times Herald/Port Huron: Sara Ylen back in court**

"... [James] Grissom was tried and convicted of sexually assaulting [Sara] Ylen in 2003.... He was released [after serving almost 10 years in prison] when investigators in Michigan, California and Colorado determined that Ylen had reported other instances of sexual assault, but could not substantiate the claims. The Michigan Supreme Court granted Grissom a new trial after learning of the unsubstantiated claims."

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