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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 Free Press: Detroit mayoral race: Appeals Court to take up Duggan residency question on Monday

"The Michigan Court of Appeals today agreed to give expedited consideration to Detroit mayoral candidate Mike Duggan's appeal of a lower court ruling that could keep him off the August ballot due to residency requirements. A panel is to consider the matter, based on briefs filed by the interested parties, on Monday, the Court of Appeals said in an order released today. Another mayoral candidate, Tom Barrow, is trying to skip the Appeals Court and go straight to the Michigan Supreme Court."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Michigan appeals court to review Duggan's residency case

[Full story](#)

Associated Press: Mich. appeals court takes Detroit ballot fight

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Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Jack Lessenberry Commentary: Residency Requirements

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The MiLW Blog: Duggan's eligibility for Detroit mayoral ballot to be taken up by COA

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WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Mich. Appeals Court to hear Duggan case Monday

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WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Michigan Supreme Court asked to hear Duggan ballot case

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Detroit Free Press: Rashida Tlaib: Michigan families suffer under poor management of state DHS

State Representative Rashida Tlaib writes "As the longest standing member on the House Appropriations Human Services subcommittee, I have never seen so many mistakes made by the Michigan Department of Human Services. Mistakes are made, but it's unconscionable when they cost Michigan more than \$70 million."

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Crain's Detroit Business: Judge orders American Fellowship Mutual Insurance liquidated

"Southfield-based American Fellowship Mutual Insurance Co. was ordered into liquidation by Ingham County Circuit Judge William Collette. The liquidation was at the request of Department of Insurance and Financial Services Director Kevin Clinton, who was appointed liquidator."

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Daily Press & Argus: Attorney wants file from DHS; Lawyer for man charged with child abuse says agency violated order

"A defense attorney asked a judge Thursday to again order the state Department of Human Services to turn over its file in a child-abuse case and to hold the agency in contempt if it does not. Howell-area attorney Heather Nalley asked the judge to hold the DHS in contempt and order sanctions if it again fails

to comply with the court's order to turn in to the court its 'entire agency file' in a child-abuse case involving her client, Robert Albert, who is charged with first-degree child abuse."

[Full story](#)

Daily Press & Argus: At-risk youths' talents are on display at U-M; Artwork, writing are part of exhibit

"Art and writing created by at-risk young men and women from four counties, including Livingston, is on display in Ann Arbor. The Youth Arts Alliance (YAA!) Exhibition of Creative Works will be featured at the University of Michigan's North Quad Space 2435 at 105 S. State St. through June 21.... YAA! also offers community-based workshops in Howell to youths involved with the Livingston County juvenile court."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Firm produces seven judges

"Robert Best is afraid he's forgotten a judge. For years, the Jackson attorney has thought that eight judges came from the law firm his father, Felix, started in 1958 that he now carries on with the name of Best, Heyns and Schroeder. So Best sat down and made a list. And surprise. He could think of only seven... The seven include: ... former Jackson County Circuit Court Judge Chad Schmucker, who is now the State Court administrator."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Business Journal: Women Lawyers vs. Judges 2013 hits Fifth Third Ballpark

"Women from the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan will take on female and male judges from the area during a charity softball game being held at Fifth Third Ballpark this Saturday. The annual softball game is celebrating its 30th year this year, having been started by the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan in 1983.... [Judge Sara Smolenski] started out on the Women Lawyers Association team before her career led her to her current position with the 63rd District Court and, therefore, becoming a player on the judges' team."

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Kalamazoo Gazette; Kalamazoo police misled judge, used excessive force in noise investigation, attorneys say

"Five attorneys were to argue Friday in Kalamazoo County District Court for the dismissal of cases against 20 college students charged with misdemeanor alcohol possession and violating the city of Kalamazoo's noise ordinance. But earlier in the week, City Attorney Clyde Robinson dismissed all of the cases, citing concerns over the validity of a search warrant executed by Kalamazoo Public Safety officers."

[Full story](#)

Kalamazoo Gazette: WMU's Seita Scholars program, pairing former foster children with mentors, seeks volunteers

"Western Michigan University sophomore Melinda Smith doesn't necessarily consider herself a political junkie. But she starts most mornings by texting state Rep. Margaret O'Brien, R-Portage.... The two were paired together last fall by WMU's Seita Scholars Program, which offers a full-tuition scholarship to students who were in the state's foster-care system."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Supreme Court appoints new general counsel

"DeWitt attorney Joseph J. Baumann, who has served as counsel to the state House of Representatives Majority Caucus and deputy legal counsel to the Department of Community Health, has been named general counsel to the Michigan Supreme Court."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

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

[Press release](#)

Macomb County Legal News: In transition: Former judge relishes new role as mediator

"... [S]ince retiring from the bench at the end of 2012, [former Judge Paula] Manderfield is now developing a civil and divorce mediation practice as a shareholder in the Lansing office of Fraser Trebilcock. Manderfield, who has taken the 40-hour training as a mediator and observed several mediations, is enjoying her new position."

[Full story](#)

Mlive.com: Indigent defense: Michigan looks to overhaul system for low-income criminal defense system

"Michigan lawmakers on Thursday took a major step towards overhauling the state's public criminal defense system, which critics say has been broken for years and failed to protect some residents who cannot afford their own attorney."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

SBM Blog: Indigent Criminal Defense Reform On The Move!

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Oakland County Legal News: Cooley raises funds for Veterans Treatment Court

"The Friends of Macomb County Veterans Treatment Court (FMCVTC) was the beneficiary of Cooley Law School's annual spring charity fund-raising event, which featured dinner, music, live comedy, and a silent auction on Sunday, June 2, at Cooley's Auburn Hills campus."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: East Lansing district court offers amnesty program

"Ingham County's 54-B District Court, 101 Linden St. in East Lansing, will offer an amnesty program now through July 12 at 4:30 p.m. for persons who have been issued a bench warrant on or before May 21 for failure to pay court fines and costs."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Grandparents lose appeal in bid to see kids

"The Michigan appeals court has made a key ruling in a case involving the rights of grandparents to see grandchildren. The court says Robert and Judith Porter have no standing to seek time with two grandchildren. That's because the kids' father had his parental rights terminated."

[Full story](#)

WGVU-TV(35)/Grand Rapids: Mediation instead of litigation: simpler, faster, cheaper

"Don't litigate, mediate. It's simpler, more personal, less formal, less expensive, less time consuming. Christine Gilman is the new Executive Director for the Dispute Resolution Center of West Michigan, and tells WGVU they handle a variety of cases, from family matters to neighbor disputes to personal injury cases."

[Full story](#)

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Dad files appeal over law allowing mom to decide who raises child born out of extramarital affair

"A man who lost rights to his child because the baby was born during an affair with a married woman is not giving up his fight. He wants to be part of the child's life, and he's taken his case to the Michigan Court of Appeals.... He lost in a lower court but he's determined to have some connection to the son who was the product of an adulterous affair."

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