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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 Detroit News: Duggan won't appeal, ends Detroit mayoral bid

"Mike Duggan decided to step away from this year's mayoral race Wednesday following a decision by the state Court of Appeals that he's ineligible to run for office because he violated the City Charter's residency requirements."

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Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Mike Duggan bows out of Detroit mayoral race

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Detroit Free Press: Editorial: In disqualifying Mike Duggan, judges disenfranchise Detroit voters

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Detroit Free Press: Stephen Henderson: Mike Duggan ordeal is a joke - and the joke's on us

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Detroit supporters of Mike Duggan stunned, but proud as energetic mayoral campaign ends

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MLive.com: Court rules Detroit charter isn't unclear or absurd in excluding Mike Duggan from mayoral race

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The MiLW Blog: After COA ruling, Duggan ends his bid for Detroit ballot

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WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Mike Duggan will not challenge court ruling, ends Detroit mayoral bid

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WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Mike Duggan won't appeal to get back on ballot for Detroit mayor

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WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Mike Duggan says he will not appeal decision to keep him off Detroit Mayoral ballot

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The Detroit News: Michigan lawmakers pass measure to help indigent criminal defendants

"Legislation designed to fix the uneven defense of indigent criminal defendants in Michigan is headed for Gov. Rick Snyder's signature following passage Wednesday in the state Senate.... Standards set by the state commission would be subject to Michigan Supreme Court approval. Once they were established, the Legislature would be asked for funding necessary to implement the standards throughout the state."

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Wayne Co. aims to salvage over-budget jail project with scaled-down effort

"... Three county officials said hopes are fading for what one described as the 'Hail Mary' option — selling the site, Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, two old jails and a juvenile lockup to Quicken Loans and using

leftover bond money to convert the state's closed Mound Road Correctional Facility into a criminal justice center."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Muskegon lawyer pleads guilty to cocaine charge

"A Muskegon defense lawyer who previously had his law license suspended following a conviction for crack cocaine has pleaded guilty to new cocaine charges. Terry Nolan, 55, was arrested in February and was scheduled for trial Wednesday in Muskegon County Circuit Court but instead pleaded guilty to using cocaine. Sentencing is July 24."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Grand Haven Tribune: Attorney pleads guilty to drug charge

[Full story](#)

Muskegon Chronicle: Terry Nolan, prominent Muskegon attorney, pleads guilty to cocaine use

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Muskegon attorney pleads guilty to coke use, to be sentenced July 24

[Full story](#)

Ann Arbor.com: Ann Arbor-based group files appeal of DTE advanced meter mandate

"A group headed by two Ann Arbor women is appealing an order by the Michigan Public Service Commission approving DTE Energy's use of radio-disabled advanced meters for customers who chose to 'opt-out' of the smart meter service. The Smart Meter Education Network has filed a claim with the Michigan Court of Appeals claiming the MPSC did not properly consider the evidence presented by critics of the new meters before reaching their decision."

[Full story](#)

Ann Arbor Chronicle: June 17, 2013 Ann Arbor Council: Final: 15th District Court highlighted in several items; agenda also includes digital billboard regulation, fireworks ordinance, council rules

"... In addition to possible final votes on those two ordinance changes, several items related to the 15th District Court appear on the council's agenda. The court handles all civil claims up to \$25,000, including small claims, landlord-tenant disputes, land contract disputes, and civil infractions, as well as preliminary exams for felony cases. "

[Full story](#)

Bay City Times: Michigan Supreme Court unanimously overturns Bay City man's conviction of sexually assaulting 4-year-old girl, orders new trial

"In a unanimous 7-0 decision, the Michigan Supreme Court has overturned a Bay City man's conviction of sexually assaulting a 4-year-old girl. The Supreme Court in a decision issued Tuesday, June 18, remanded the case of 25-year-old David B. Burns to Bay County Circuit Court for a new trial."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

SBM Bog: Unanimous Michigan Supreme Court Overturns CSC Conviction Based On Inadmissible Hearsay

[Full story](#)

The Daily Telegram/Adrian: Appeal denied in child sex case

"A man convicted of sexually abusing a girlfriend's child in 2000 is to remain in prison after the Michigan Supreme Court ruled against reviewing his case a second time, said Lenawee County Prosecutor Burke Castleberry."

[Full story](#)

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

The Daily Telegram/Adrian: Insurance policy exclusion upheld

"A judge upheld an insurance policy exclusion of family members, reducing a \$100,000 benefit to \$20,000 in the death of a Blissfield woman in a motorcycle accident last year. A hearing on an insurance settlement in the death of Nancy Jean Hensley was conducted Monday in Lenawee County Probate Court."

[Full story](#)

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Also see:

The MiLW Blog: Probate judge reduces \$100K insurance death benefit to \$20K

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Return trip: Former addict tells of 'long road back'

"Hers is a story of recovery and redemption, a harrowing true-life tale that stirred emotions among those who attended a fund-raising reception for The RESTORE Foundation June 3.... Retired Circuit Court Judge Edward Sosnick, now the director of The RESTORE Foundation, said [Shea's] success story is a testimony to the value of 'therapeutic jurisprudence,' which is at the heart of the drug court concept."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Grand Rapids Legal News and the Macomb County Legal News.

Grand Rapids Legal News: 54-B District Court offers amnesty program

"East Lansing's 54-B District Court, 101 Linden St., will offer an amnesty program (in this case, a program in which some court costs are forgiven and bench warrants are recalled, so long as the defendant pays the original court fines and costs in full by the program's end date/time) now through July 12, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. for persons who have been issued a bench warrant on or before May 21, 2013 for failure to pay court fines and costs."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Press: Court denies relief to brothers spending the next two decades in prison for rape

"Brothers David and Miguel Vidana share a lot -- they shared criminal sexual conduct convictions, they shared lengthy prison sentences and now they share denials from the Michigan Court of Appeals. Both brothers wanted the court to throw out their convictions for the April 2008 rape of a 20-year-old woman at the York Creek Apartment complex."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Press: Holland City clerk fired in 2006 over tax claim should get job back: Appeals Court ruling

"Former Holland City Clerk Jenifer French, fired in 2006 over allegations she wrongly took a property tax credit, should get her job back, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled. French was fired in 2006 for filing a homestead property tax claim on a South Shore Drive home in Holland."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Holland Sentinel: Holland must reinstate fired city clerk Jenifer French

[Full story](#)

Macomb County 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](#)

The Macomb Daily: County wins seven 'good government' awards

"Macomb County has won seven national 'good government' awards from the National Association of Counties for establishing efficient and effective programs that assist the public.... Other recipients were the new Business Court created within the Macomb County Circuit Court, which received a prestigious 'best in category' honor and the Community Corrections agency that works to put non-violent criminal offenders on a road to rehabilitation."

[Full story](#)

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Felon wants a firearm

"... Antrim County authorities refused [Bellaire resident Kent] McNeil's request to reinstate his gun ownership rights, so last week he filed a case with the Michigan Supreme Court after an appellate court upheld the Antrim County gun board's stance against him. McNeil said denial of his gun rights based solely on his criminal history is akin to double jeopardy."

[Full story](#)

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Kalkaska man gets 100 years for sex crimes

"A Kalkaska man convicted of sex crimes against his stepdaughters likely will spend his remaining years behind bars. A judge on Monday sentenced Jim Sarten, 51, to up to 100 years in prison. A 46th Circuit Court jury in May found him guilty of 16 counts of criminal sexual conduct after less than an hour of deliberation."

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