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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 Macomb Daily: State recommends four circuit judges despite case filings drop

"Macomb County Circuit remains the busiest court in the state and should add four more jurists even though case filings dropping by nearly 17 percent over the past five years. The state Court Administrative Office in a study released Thursday recommends eight new judgeships statewide, four in Macomb and two in Oakland, based on cases handled per judge."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Recommendations to cut, add judgeships detailed in judicial resources report

[Press release](#)

Detroit Free Press: Gov. Rick Snyder signs bills to help indigent defendants, counties

"... According to the National Legal Aid and Defender Association, the indigent defense spending puts Michigan 44th among the states for criminal defense work for poor people. That disparity may come to an end, though, since Gov. Rick Snyder signed a package of bills Monday that will create a commission to set minimum standards for attorneys who provide legal work for indigent defendants."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

MLive.com: Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder signs indigent defense overhaul: 'This is about constitutional rights'

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Indigent defense reforms signed into law

[Full story](#)

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Snyder signs indigent defense bills into law

[Full story](#)

WKAR News/East Lansing: Governor Snyder Signs Major Overhaul Of Public Defense In Michigan

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Tom Barrow tries to block Mike Duggan's Detroit mayoral primary write-in campaign

"Four-time mayoral candidate Tom Barrow is asking Detroit City Clerk Janice Winfrey not to allow Mike Duggan to proceed with a write-in campaign for mayor, saying a recent ruling by a Wayne County judge forbids Duggan from being on the Aug. 6 primary ballot."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Duggan's foes try to derail write-in campaign for Detroit mayor

[Full story](#)

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Barrow says he will challenge Duggan's write-in candidacy for Detroit mayor

[Full story](#)

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Tom Barrow challenging Mike Duggan's write-in campaign for Detroit mayor

[Full story](#)

Daily Press & Argus: Remark spurs judge to dismiss jury pool; Firefighter facing trial on molestation charges

"Prospective jurors in the trial for a Brighton Area Fire Department lieutenant accused of molesting a girl were dismissed Monday after one made inappropriate comments that could taint the jury pool."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: What the court meant to me ... Street Court offers clean slate, second chance

"After years of intermittent homelessness, petty thievery and other brushes with the law, Dennis Sloan had resolved to get back on the right track, but was wary of trying to shed the weighty legal baggage he was dragging around.... Then he discovered Street Outreach Court Detroit (SOCDD). The court not only helped him with his legal issues, but made it possible for him to completely turn his life around."

[Full story](#)

Hometown Life Newspapers: Meet the dog attorney; Lawyer makes living representing canines in court

"Whitmore Lake attorney Michelle Radloff will never complain about her law practice going to the dogs. In fact, it already has. Radloff volunteers with The Lexus Project, a nonprofit organization that provides a legal defense for dog cases that end up in court."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Nominations sought for child welfare awards

"The Foster Care Review Board is seeking nominations for its annual Child Welfare Awards, which honor judges, lawyers, foster care workers, and foster parents for exemplary service to children in Michigan's foster care system.... The deadline is Sept. 6."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Nominations Open for Child Welfare Awards; Foster Care Review Board to Recognize Service to Abused and Neglected Children

[Press release](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Judicial expectations revealed

"The National Business Institute recently presented 'As Judges See It: Top Mistakes Attorneys Make in Civil Litigation' at the Embassy Suites Hotel Detroit-Southfield. The course featured local judges [James Alexander and John Foster along with other members of the bench] providing their expectations and preferences to help attorneys' litigation efforts."

[Full story](#)

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

Oakland County Legal News: Juvenile intake referees focus of brown bag lecture

"The Oakland County Bar Association's Juvenile Law Committee continued its Fundamentals of Juvenile Law – Year VII, a brown bag lunch lecture series, with 'The Roles and Responsibilities of Juvenile Intake Referees' on Thursday, June 13, at the Oakland County Bar Center in Bloomfield Hills.... Guest speaker was Juvenile Court Referee David G. Bilson of the Oakland County Circuit Court Family Division."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Small claims workshop

"Legal Aid and Defender Association Inc. (LAD) conducted the last of its spring series of free workshops on small claims court to a standing-room-only crowd on Thursday, June 13, at the Utica Public Library in Utica. The workshops were designed to teach residents of Wayne, Macomb, and Oakland counties how to represent themselves in small claims court and collect money judgments."

[Full story](#)

The Times Herald/Port Huron: Juvenile Detention Center to close

"St. Clair County is closing its Juvenile Detention Center residential treatment program as of Aug. 24. In a press release issued late Monday, 31st Circuit Court Family Court Administrator Gary Rutowski announced the program will be shut down in favor of an 'intensive' Day Treatment-Night Watch program."

[Full story](#)

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