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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: Romeo school district parent upset over nut ban loses lawsuit

"A Macomb County parent who sued because of her displeasure with a school ban on nuts has lost her case at the Michigan appeals court. Kathleen Liebaw accused Romeo Community Schools of violating her daughter's rights after officials adopted a ban on nut products at Hevel Elementary School in 2010. The policy was in response to another student's life-threatening allergy."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Associated Press: Parent upset over school nut ban loses lawsuit

[Full story](#)

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: SE Mich. parent upset over school nut ban loses lawsuit

[Full story](#)

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Macomb County parent upset over school nut ban loses lawsuit

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Detroit Free Press: Court suggests it might allow hit man to testify in murder case appeal

"The Michigan appeals court suggested Tuesday it might order a judge to hear testimony of a Detroit hit man who has said he's willing to speak publicly and exonerate a young man imprisoned for four killings. The three-judge panel didn't make an immediate decision, but comments from the bench during arguments seemed encouraging for Davontae Sanford, who has been trying to untie a guilty plea that will keep him in prison for decades."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Attorneys: Developmentally disabled man not Detroit murderer

[Full story](#)

Associated Press: Court suggests it might allow hit man to testify

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Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: The kid or the hit man: who killed 4 people?

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The Detroit News: Napoleon, Duggan set to face off for Detroit mayor

"... Even before the polls closed Tuesday, union activist Robert Davis filed a motion with the state court of appeals objecting to [Mike] Duggan's write-in status. Attorney Andrew Paterson, representing Davis, said Tuesday he was seeking for the appeals court to hold an emergency hearing at which he will claim Duggan's votes are invalid. Paterson said a previous ruling that blocked Duggan's spot on the ballot precludes his write-in candidacy as well."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The MiLW Blog: Duggan makes it to the Detroit primary, surviving a trio of lawsuits

[Full story](#)

Daily Press & Argus: Similar crimes, different penalties; Inequity frustrates assistant prosecutor

"Two women with a criminal history of embezzling received very different sentences last week in a Livingston County courtroom.... Assistant Prosecutor Daniel Rose expressed frustration with the inequity between the two women's sentences. Circuit Judge Michael P. Hatty presided over both cases."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The MiLW Blog: Same crime + same judge + different sentences = one frustrated prosecutor

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Former Oakland County district judge Edward Avadenka dies, 81

"Retired judge Edward Avadenka, 81, former Oakland County 48th District Court judge, died Monday, Aug. 5. The funeral will be held at Ira Kaufman Chapel, 18325 W. Nine Mile Road, in Southfield today at 11 a.m. Rabbi Jonathan Berger will officiate. Interment will be at Clover Hill Park Cemetery."

[Full story](#)

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

Grand Rapids Legal News: Judge Benjamin Logan inducted into National Bar Hall of Fame

"There is no doubt about it: induction into a national hall of fame is heady stuff. When the organization sponsoring that hall of fame is one that has fought so honorably over the past nine decades for the rights of African-Americans, including members of the bench and bar, as the National Bar Association (NBA) has, the honor is outstanding."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Legal News: In Memoriam: Hon. Wendell A. Miles

"... Governor William Milliken appointed [Wendell Miles] in 1970 as the judge for the 20th Judicial Circuit, which covered Ottawa and Allegan counties, followed by his 1974 appointment as U.S. District Judge for the Western District of Michigan, where he remained until 2008.... A memorial service for the Hon. Wendell Miles is planned for Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Porter Hills Meeting House, 3600 E. Fulton, Grand Rapids."

[Full story](#)

HOM-TV(21)/Okemos: Students Hear Appeal of People v. Carp in Mock Supreme Court Session

"Students are taking their studies of the judicial system out of the classroom and into the Hall of Justice with a program run by the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center.... Although the students presented Raymond Carp's appeal in their mock hearing, the real case is currently pending before the Michigan Supreme Court."

[Full story](#)

Hometown Life Newspapers: Garden City police step enforcement for Stop on Red Week

"Garden City Police are planning extra enforcement as they observe National Stop on Red Week now through Saturday, Aug. 10.... Judge Richard Hammer of Garden City's 21st District Court has witnessed the danger when drivers ignore red lights. 'It is a problem everywhere,' Hammer said. 'Red light violations are second only to drunk driving as causing accidents and injuries.' "

[Full story](#)

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Jackson mayoral candidate says it's 'only right' officials pay back stormwater fee to city residents

"While city of Jackson officials wait to talk about a recent Michigan Court of Appeals decision overturning the city's stormwater utility fee, one candidate for mayor is not keeping quiet. Jackson mayoral candidate Jason Smith said it is 'only right' that options are made available to people to pay back the fee, which was ruled unconstitutional by the court system last week."

[Full story](#)

Kalamazoo Gazette: Letter: Judge Donald R. Halstead thanks the community for 32 years of support and service

Judge Donald Halstead writes "Dear Citizens of Kalamazoo County: For 32 years I have been privileged to serve as your Probate Judge, and I am now embarking on a new career: to be with family and friends. I am a very lucky man who has been truly blessed with outstanding community support by your words and actions."

[Full story](#)

Kalamazoo Gazette: Van Buren County Circuit Court Judge Paul Hamre retires after 17 years on bench

"Longtime Van Buren County Circuit Judge Paul E. Hamre has stepped down after 17 years on the bench. His last day on the job at the courthouse in Paw Paw was Friday, Aug. 2. Reached Tuesday, Hamre said he decided in January that he would retire this year for personal and financial reasons."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The MiLW Blog: JTC grievance stands against retiring Van Buren circuit judge

[Full story](#)

WWMT-TV(3)/Kalamazoo: Update: I-Team looks deeper at Judge Paul Hamre

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Detroit district court moves site for hearings

"Late last month, 36th District Court began holding its preliminary hearings at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, which houses the criminal division of the Wayne County Circuit Court. The change will reduce the safety risks and time involved in transporting defendants from jail to 36th District Court, said Judge Michael J. Talbot, the 36th district's special judicial administrator."

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Grand jury deadline looms in Roy Schmidt-Jase Bolger party switch scheme investigation

"The clock is ticking on a one-judge grand jury investigating a 2012 political party switch orchestrated by former state Rep. Roy Schmidt and Michigan House Speaker Jase Bolger. Ingham County Circuit Court Judge Rosemarie Aquilina, who was tapped to lead the investigation one year ago, is expected to conclude her work by August 22 or seek a second extension allowing the probe to continue."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Local judges admitted to American College of Business Court Judges

"Oakland County Circuit Court Judges James Alexander and Wendy Potts were recently admitted to the American College of Business Court Judges.... Potts and Alexander were appointed to the Oakland County Circuit Court Business Court by the Michigan Supreme Court earlier this year. The court officially began

receiving cases on June 3. The Michigan Legislature created the Business Court during its 2012 session in each circuit court having more than three judges.”

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