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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: 2000 Detroit slaying conviction overturned

"For the second time, a federal appeals court has overturned the murder conviction of a Detroit-area man who has been in prison for more than 10 years. The court ordered Reginald Walker's release unless he's brought to trial again within six months."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Court overturns conviction in 2000 Detroit slaying

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Associated Press: Court overturns conviction in 2000 Detroit slaying

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Detroit Legal News: Civil Discourse

"The Oakland Mediation Center (OMC) hosted a graduation for its ninth class of civil mediators from Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Auburn Hills Campus, on Wednesday, Aug. 7, at OMC's office in Bloomfield Hills.... The program was developed to increase the number of mediators available to resolve conflicts in Oakland County and beyond."

[Full story](#)

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Michigan Supreme Court finds Jackson County judge's sentence proper in armed robbery case

"Overturning an earlier Court of Appeals decision, the Michigan Supreme Court found a man serving prison time for a Jackson armed robbery was properly sentenced. The high court, in an opinion dated July 29, ordered the reinstatement of Devon Glenn's July 2010 sentence, vacated by the Court of Appeals in March 2012."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Court rules right-to-work law applies to state workers

"Michigan's right-to-work law applies to 35,000 state employees, a divided state appeals court ruled last week in the first major legal decision on the much-debated measure eight months after it passed. Judges voted 2-1 to reject a lawsuit filed by unionized workers who make up more than two-thirds of all state employees."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Nominations sought for state award

"Nominations are open for the Daniel J. Wright Lifetime Achievement Award, jointly sponsored by the Michigan Supreme Court and Michigan Department of Human Services, to honor exceptional service to children across the state. The award was established in honor of the late Daniel J. Wright of Grand Ledge, an attorney and longtime leader in child support and child welfare reform.... The deadline is Sept. 27."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Nominations sought for Daniel J. Wright Lifetime Achievement Award; honor recognizes outstanding work in support of Michigan families, children

[Press release](#)

Macomb County Legal News: ABA leader pledges to work on access to justice

“James R. Silkenat, a partner in the New York office of the national law firm of Sullivan & Worcester, took office as president of the American Bar Association at the conclusion of the ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco earlier this month.... Silkenat said the ABA would continue its advocacy for proper funding of state courts and warned of the consequences of across-the-board budget cuts, known as sequestration, on the federal courts.”

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Retired judge appointed to Appellate Defender Comm’n

“William Caprathe, a former Bay County Circuit Court judge, has been appointed to the Michigan Appellate Defender Commission. His four-year term expires May 24, 2017.... First elected in 1980, Caprathe retired from the bench in 2010. He is a 2012 recipient of the National Center for State Court’s G. Thomas Munsterman Award for Jury Innovation.”

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Portion of judgment from 2010’s top jury verdict reversed

“The Court of Appeals, in an unpublished decision, recently readjusted the judgment in the top jury verdict from 2010. Ward, et al. v. Idsinga, et al., originally tried in Kent County in November 2010, involved claims of wrongful and intentional interference with a company’s interest, and aiding and abetting in the improper sale of the interest at a fire-sale price.”

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Judges will step down from falsified drug-testing case

“All three 86th District Court judges will disqualify themselves from a case involving the owner of a drug and alcohol testing company who allegedly falsified test results and provided them to the court.... [Judge Michael] Stepka, Judge Michael Haley and Judge Thomas J. Phillips are filing their disqualification paperwork this week.... A preliminary hearing for Ryan Matthew Gubbins, owner of Tri-County Monitoring Services, is tentatively scheduled for Aug. 30.”

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Owner of drug testing company appears in court

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Michigan judge makes national list for donating most to partisan causes

“Henry Saad is a Michigan Court of Appeals judge who keeps on giving. To his church. To his profession. To the national Republican Party. In 2012, the 65-year-old Bloomfield Township resident contributed an eye-popping \$80,800 — more than half of his \$151,441-annual salary — to Republican candidates and causes, according to the Sunlight Foundation, a national organization that promotes transparency in government.”

[Full story](#)

Also see:

MLive.com: Director of campaign finance watchdog group examines the money in judicial politics

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Building connections: New judge puts emphasis on serving community

“Community-driven. That’s one way to describe the newest member to the 44th District Court bench, but it would only be the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the many facets of Oakland County 44th District

Court Judge Derek Meinecke. Born in Grand Rapids to journalist Corky Meinecke and his wife Valerie, the future jurist moved throughout the state as his dad wrote for various newspapers.”

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Legal Help site assists more than 200,000 in its first year

“The Michigan Legal Help website was created to provide free legal information to people who cannot afford to hire an attorney and need to represent themselves in simple legal matters. It makes legal information easier to understand and shows self-represented people how to navigate the court system properly and efficiently.”

[Full story](#)

Press & Guide/Dearborn: DEARBORN: Federal judge rules city isn’t on hook for lawsuit against Somers

“U.S. District Judge David Lawson ruled Friday that the city of Dearborn isn’t liable for a \$1.17 million settlement against 19th District Judge Mark Somers because he’s not a city employee. Lawson ruled that while the city is the court’s funding agency, its judges are judicial officers and employees of the state, which is why the state Attorney General’s Office defended Somers at the trial.”

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The MiLW Blog: City not responsible for \$1.17M judgment against ex-judge

[Full story](#)