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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 Legal News: Michigan Supreme Court announces several appointments

"The Michigan Supreme Court has announced the following appointments to the Attorney Discipline Board, [the Attorney Grievance Commission, and the State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners.]"

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Oakland County Legal News: Justices announce appointments to Attorney Discipline Board

[Full story](#)

Danielle M. Brown of Troy appointed to State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners by Michigan Supreme Court

[Press release](#)

Michigan Supreme Court announces appointments to Attorney Discipline Board

[Press release](#)

Michigan Supreme Court announces appointments to Attorney Grievance Commission

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Detroit Legal News: SCAO administrator named National Judicial College president

"State Court Administrator Chad C. Schmucker has been chosen to serve as the 8th president of the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada.... Schmucker will join the NJC in mid-November. He will start as the NJC's president as of January 1, 2014."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

State Court Administrator Chad C. Schmucker named National Judicial College President; second Michiganiaan to serve in both posts

[Press release](#)

The Detroit News: John 'Jack' Dillon, Redford Township: Longtime judge Dillon kept all laughing

"As the longest-serving judge in Redford Township, John 'Jack' Dillon accumulated accolades, but none quite as important to him as being known for brightening someone's day with a joke and a smile, according to friends and family.... Mr. Dillon died Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013, after a long battle with cancer. He was 86."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: John Dillon: Former judge, father of state treasurer, saw the good in people

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: District Judge John Dillon dies at 86

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Longest-serving 17th District judge dies at 86

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Wayne Law Review Symposium to focus on state constitutions Oct. 11

"As the nation marked Constitution Day, Tuesday, Sept. 17, the Wayne Law Review announced its 2013 symposium, 'A Wave of Change: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Michigan's Constitution and the Evolution of State Constitutionalism.' ... Former Michigan Supreme Court justices Patricia Boyle, who served on the court from 1983 to 1998; Wayne Law's Distinguished Jurist in Residence Marilyn Kelly, who served from 1996 to 2013; and Charles Levin, who served from 1973 to 1996, will participate on a special panel and will discuss their experiences hearing and deciding state constitutional issues."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Legal News: Michigan Supreme Court announces new rule on access to interpreters

"Michigan Supreme Court justices wasted no time getting down to business in their first official session of the season this morning, adopting a rule that all Michigan courts will provide foreign language interpreters to people with Limited English Proficiency (LEP)."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The State News/East Lansing: E.L. assists communication skills with language interpreter service

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Reviewing Michigan's business court system

"The Michigan Irish American Chamber of Commerce, along with co-sponsors the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and the Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers (ISIAL), recently hosted a panel discussion for lawyers and business owners on the new business court system."

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Court: Michigan man has no rights to child linked to affair

"A man seeking custody of a child born to a married woman has lost at the Michigan appeals court in a case linked to a new law that's intended to give men more rights. The court says Aaron Grimes still can't intervene because he knew that Shawnita Van Hook-Williams was married during their affair. Michigan recognizes a woman's husband as the legal parent even if he's not the biological father."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Appeals court says Detroit-area man has no parental rights to child born from affair

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Peacemaking court proposed for Washtenaw County

"A new kind of court may be coming to Washtenaw County. Judge Timothy Connors has spearheaded an effort to obtain a grant for a peacemaking court. It would come from the Court Performance Innovation Fund administered by the Michigan Supreme Court."

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: State House OKs legislation to strengthen mental health courts

"The state House today gave overwhelming bi-partisan support to legislation meant to strengthen Michigan's mental health courts. The measure would encourage the alternative court system to expand. But it wouldn't provide state funding."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

WKAR News/East Lansing: State House Approves Plan To Strengthen Mental Health Courts

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Michigan looks to expand mental health courts in effort to replace prison time with rehabilitation

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: American Bar Association recommending major changes to law school structure, practices

"... [The draft report mentions] State bar associations and courts are advised to consider amending eligibility requirements for admission to allow students with less than three years of law school but who have skills-based experience to apply. Almost all states require bar applicants to have received both an undergraduate degree and a Juris Doctor degree from an accredited school in order to take the bar examination. A final report will be issued after additional discussion about the draft recommendations."

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