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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.

"Language of Justice" video highlights "consistent, meaningful access" to Michigan courts for non-English speakers

[Press release](#)

Detroit Free Press: Defendant freed in case that triggered Wayne County perjury scandal

"A federal judge vacated today the 2006 conviction of an accused drug dealer whose case triggered a perjury scandal involving a judge, the police and a Wayne County prosecutor who wound up in prison for lying to seal the conviction."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: UDM Holds Red Mass

"The custom of a special religious ceremony for all members of the bench and bar at the opening of each term of the court arose principally in England, France, and Italy in the early 13th century. UDM's annual Red Mass dates back to 1877 when Detroit College, as the University was then known, began its first year with a mass at Saints Peter and Paul Church to ask the blessings of the Holy Spirit on the coming year's work."

[Full story](#)

Flint Journal: Genesee County prosecutor won't object to disqualification request for judge

"The county Prosecutor's Office won't oppose a request to replace Circuit Judge Archie L. Hayman in a murder case in which the defendant is represented by an attorney who testified against the judge in a paternity lawsuit. Genesee Chief Circuit Judge Richard Yuille said he would allow Hayman to review the stipulation filed Monday, Sept. 30, by Prosecutor David Leyton's office before he rules on the request by attorney Tricia Raymond that Hayman be removed from the case of Jeremy Wagner."

[Full story](#)

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Courts certify class in lawsuit against the city of Jackson over stormwater fee refunds

"A class action lawsuit against the city of Jackson continues apace, and certain residents who have paid stormwater utility fees and want refunds are now part of it. Court officials certified the class last week, according to court documents."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Judge remembered as a man who loved job, family

"Many people are not particularly memorable on first meeting. But Marcia Tomkiewicz says no one ever forgot meeting the late Judge John Dillon. 'He was noted for his handshake,' she says. 'Especially little kids. He would grab their hand and shake it hard as he could for a long time. That was his classic trait.' Tomkiewicz was Dillon's court administrator in 17th District Court in Redford Township from 1987 until the judge retired in 1992."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Judge addresses PALS meeting

"The Polish American Legal Society recently hosted a general meeting featuring Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Daniel P. Ryan at the Polish Village Cafe in Hamtramck. Happy to welcome Ryan to the event were ... Wayne County 20th District Court Chief Judge Mark Plawecki and retired Judge Richard Wygonik."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Murder charges against brothers dismissed

"Two brothers who spent 25 years in prison for a killing they insist they didn't commit walked out of a Detroit courthouse as free men last Thursday. Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Lawrence Talon formally dismissed the murder charges against Raymond and Thomas Highers a day after Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy announced she didn't plan to retry the men for the 1987 slaying of 65-year-old Robert Karey."

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: National organizations join call for transparent judicial elections

"The Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law and Justice at Stake have backed the State Bar of Michigan in its quest for accountability in judicial elections. The organizations have sent a six-page joint letter to Secretary of State Ruth Johnson supporting the SBM's recent request asking her to put an end to anonymous 'issue advocacy ads' in our judicial elections."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

SMB Blog: Free Speech Feast: 15 Views About Judicial Campaign Finance In Michigan

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Court of Appeals names leader in automation of court business

"Strong management, sophisticated business practices, and intelligent use of information technology were among the reasons the Michigan Court of Appeals was a standout in a study by the National Center for State Courts. The Michigan Court of Appeals was one of three courts nationwide selected to be part of the study."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Board to declare Drug Court Awareness Month

"On Wednesday, Oct. 2, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners will recognize October as Oakland County Adult Treatment Court and Juvenile Drug Court Awareness Month.... Oakland County Board Vice Chairman Jeff Matis and Commissioner Marcia Gershenson will present the proclamation to Circuit Court Judge Joan E. Young on behalf of the Oakland County Adult Treatment Court and Juvenile Drug Court."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Business Court judges go to college

"Several Michigan judges who serve on the new Business Courts recently attended the Annual Meeting and Conference of the American College of Business Court Judges at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA."

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