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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.

Faith Magazine: Helping children in the courtroom Judge Lisa Sullivan

"... `Thirty to 50 times a year, for example, [Clinton County Probate Judge Lisa Sullivan has] the honor of presiding over adoptions. Each year we designate the Tuesday before Thanksgiving as Adoption Day. We hang a banner on the courthouse to celebrate. Beginning at 2 p.m., families gather in the courtroom to listen to a guest speaker, then come up one by one to share what this day means to them. They take photos and sign the adoption papers. The local Wendy's restaurant provides treats, and we have gifts for the adopted children and their siblings.' "

[*Full story*](#)

Detroit Free Press: Brian Dickerson: A supreme opportunity to improve high court's image

"Justice Diane Hathaway hasn't reached the halfway mark in her first term on the state's highest court, but it's unlikely she'll be there much longer. Until this year, Hathaway was known chiefly for knocking off incumbent Chief Justice Cliff Taylor, the court's longest-serving Republican, in the 2008 election."

[*Full story*](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway, husband deny fraud charges arising from short sale of home

[*Full story*](#)

The Detroit News: Hathaway fights federal effort to seize Florida home; Supreme Court justice argues she did not defraud bank in short sale

[*Full story*](#)

State Bar of Michigan Blog: Justice Hathaway's Answer to Civil Fraud Complaint

[*Full story*](#)

The Detroit News: Editorial: End county budgeting by lawsuit; Legislation would restrict legal squabbles among county officials over appropriations

"When voters elect county executives and county commissioners, they expect them to make budget decisions — not local circuit court judges. But in a number of cases, particularly in Wayne County, other county officials, unhappy with their budgets, sometimes seek to circumvent the local budget process through lawsuits. The state House has adopted legislation to stop these legal end runs. The Michigan Senate should do so as well."

[*Full story*](#)

Detroit Free Press: Bianca Jones' father sentenced to life in prison; insists she's still alive

"D'Andre Lane denied abusing and killing his two-year-old daughter, said there was no evidence of the charges and called [Wayne County circuit court Judge Vonda Evans] a liar after he was sentenced today to mandatory life in prison without parole in the child's death. Banika Jones, Bianca Jones' mother, also spoke, supporting Lane's innocence."

[*Full story*](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Detroit dad given mandatory life in Bianca Jones murder case, calls judge 'liar'

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Judge sentences D'Andre Lane to life for murder of 2-year-old daughter Bianca Jones

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Judge cancels flash-bang grenade demonstration in manslaughter case

"A Wayne County Circuit Court judge overseeing the manslaughter case against a Detroit police officer accused in the fatal shooting of a child during a 2010 raid canceled a flash-bang grenade demonstration scheduled for Friday, saying she did not have enough notice.... A demonstration of a flash-bang grenade for Judge Cynthia Gray Hathaway and the attorneys was originally scheduled to be held in July, but was later rescheduled for Friday."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Conviction erased for man serving life sentence for 2000 Detroit homicide

"A federal appeals court has overturned a first-degree murder conviction and thrown out incriminating statements by [Kevin J. Moore who is] serving a life sentence for a 2000 Detroit homicide."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Conviction erased for man serving life sentence

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Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune, the Macomb Daily and the Oakland Press.

Detroit Free Press: 94-year-old shoe shiner's knowledge, wisdom missing from Macomb County courthouse

"He has shined the shoes of judges, lawyers, the county executive -- and even boxer Thomas (Hitman) Hearns. White-haired, bespectacled Otis Hopson has been a fixture at the Macomb County Circuit Court for decades, perfectly polishing peds outside the Clerk's Office on the first floor. But the 94-year-old isn't just any shoe shiner -- an occupation he has had since age 10."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Operation Good Cheer to make holidays happy for 4,507 foster care kids in Michigan

"They won't be with their parents this Christmas. But about 4,500 children living with foster families in Michigan will have presents under the tree, thanks to sleighs with wings and 18 wheels. On Saturday, hundreds of volunteer elves bought, wrapped, loaded and sent off 13,521 presents as part of Operation Good Cheer."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Oakland Press: Operation Good Cheer: Local pilots deliver gifts to foster children

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Shindig for Sosnick

"Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Edward Sosnick was celebrated at a retirement dinner held in his honor on Thursday, Nov. 15, at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. Numerous members of the legal community turned out to honor Sosnick at the sold out event. Among the well wishers, were Oakland County Circuit Court Judges Cheryl Matthews and Denise Langford Morris. [Also,] Michigan Department of Human Services Director Maura Corrigan smiles with Sosnick."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Snyder appoints two judges to 3rd Circuit, 37th District courts

"Gov. Rick Snyder on Friday announced the appointments of Martha Snow, of Northville, to the 3rd Circuit Court in Wayne County, and Dean Ausilio, of Warren, to the 37th District Court in Macomb County.... Snow fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Gershwin Drain.... Ausilio fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge Dawnn M. Gruenburg."

[Full story](#)

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

Also see:

State Bar of Michigan Blog: Governor Appoints Martha Snow to the 3rd Circuit Court, Wayne

[Full story](#)

State Bar of Michigan Blog: Governor Appoints Dean Ausilio to 37th District Court, Warren

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Hometown Life Newspapers: Madonna enrolling now for select programs

"Registration begins Monday for medical certificate and Michigan court Spanish interpreting training programs offered through Madonna University's Office of Continuing Education and Professional Studies.... 'The Court Interpreter program is geared toward those who have a demonstrated fluency or a bachelor's degree in Spanish,' said [Joan] Stephens."

[Full story](#)

Kalamazoo Gazette: Kalamazoo County Jail expansion on track for spring completion (with photo gallery, video)

"...The facility is designed to not only provide more cells, but to create efficiencies that the original jail, built in 1971, lacks.... [Kalamazoo County Sheriff Richard] Fuller said the expansion will make the county jail more efficient and save money in many ways, including: Transportation: There will be less need to transport inmates to other jail facilities and courthouses.... Video:... The facility and its technology will allow for more arraignments via video, rather than transporting prisoners to courthouses."

[Full story](#)

Kalamazoo Gazette: \$800,000 DHS grant will fund coaches to help former foster care students at 7 Michigan colleges

"The Michigan Department of Human Services is allocating \$800,000 to implement campus coaches, who will assist students entering college after exiting the foster care system, at seven college and universities across the state. The success of Western Michigan University's Seita Scholar program, which first placed coaches on campus in 2008, prompted the state to create the positions at other colleges."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: New grant will help support foster youth in college

[Full story](#)

Midland Daily News: College of Wooster wins SVSU Moot Court Competition

"For the first time over the weekend, Saginaw Valley State University hosted a regional Moot Court Competition.... Many of the event's judges were Michigan judges including Federal District Court Judge

Thomas Ludington, Michigan State Court of Appeals Judge Stephen Borrello, Bay County District Court Judge Dawn Klida and Huron County District Court Judge David Herrington. The other judges were lawyers and law students."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Center graduates 14 Cooley Law School mediators

"Oakland Mediation Center (OMC) will graduate its eighth class of Civil mediators from Thomas M. Cooley Law School (Cooley), Auburn Hills Campus, on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m. Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Edward Sosnick and Cooley Law School-Auburn Hills Associate Dean John Nussbaumer will speak at the event to be held at OMC's office in Bloomfield Hills."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Honored to serve: District judge to retire after more than 25 years on the bench

"The senior most sitting female judge in Oakland County is set to enjoy retirement after nearly three decades on the bench. Judge Susan Moiseev's first courtroom experience as a lawyer was at the 46th District Court while it was still housed in the City Hall in Southfield, and for the past 26 1/2 years it's where she has adjudicated a myriad of cases before her."

[Full story](#)

Saginaw News: Prosecution responds to Ken Bluew's new trial request, states jury selection 'virtually unimpeded'

"The jury selection process that a judge utilized in the trial for Kenneth T. Bluew, the former Buena Vista police officer convicted of murdering the woman who was eight months pregnant with his son, was not flawed or improper, prosecutors say.:"

[Full story](#)

WKAR News/East Lansing: Judge Upholds Most Aspects Of Teacher Benefits Law

"A judge has upheld most aspects of a new law requiring Michigan public school employees to pay more for their pensions. MLive.com reported [Friday that] Ingham County Circuit Judge Rosemarie Aquilina on Thursday rejected broader challenges from teachers unions that the law is rife with unconstitutional provisions and contract violations."

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