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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.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEE ON MODEL CIVIL JURY INSTRUCTIONS ANNOUNCED BY MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT

[Press release](#)

The Detroit News: State court overturns suspended license ruling (second article)

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled in favor of a Metro Detroit man who fought a conviction of driving with a suspended license.... The appeals court said Wednesday that [Kazem] Hammoud's conviction must be thrown out and he can't be charged again. He had been sentenced to 30 days in jail."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Oakland County Legal News: Driver with suspended license wins unusual appeal

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Prosecutors refer censured judge to tenure commission for latest sex flap

"Wayne County prosecutors have referred censured Circuit Judge Wade McCree back to the judicial tenure commission after he went to prosecutors claiming that a woman was stalking and attempting to extort him. Prosecutors said they would not pursue criminal action against the woman, who says she became pregnant by McCree while the two had a relationship and discussed strategies in the child support case that was pending before him."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: No criminal charges for woman who allegedly had affair with Wayne County judge, got pregnant

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Report: Detroit Judge McCree impregnated plaintiff in child support case he presided over

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: McCree accused of relationship with litigant

[Full story](#)

State Bar of Michigan Blog: Updated: Censured Judge Wade McCree, Jr. Subject of New Scandal Story

[Full story](#)

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: LeDuff: Judge Wade McCree strike two

[Full story](#)

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Wayne County judge claims woman was stalking, trying to extort him

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Senate confirms Berg for federal bench in Detroit

"The U.S. Senate on Thursday confirmed a former interim U.S. attorney in Detroit as a new federal judge in Michigan. Assistant U.S. Attorney Terrence Berg was confirmed by unanimous consent after being

nominated to the federal bench by President Barack Obama in April, replacing Judge Arthur Tarnow, who took senior status."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Senate OKs long-delayed confirmation of Terrence Berg for federal judge in Michigan

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Berg confirmed for USDC in Detroit

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Kilpatrick punished for late restitution payment

"Kwame Kilpatrick's parole agent won't let the former Detroit mayor fly home to Texas and see his family this weekend because he failed to pay his \$500 restitution on time. That's according to state prison records obtained by The Detroit News on Thursday, one day after parole agent Charles Wright told the ex-mayor he was punishing him because he was five days late with his restitution."

[Full story](#)

City Pulse/Lansing: Cannabis movement: A District Court ruling and a statewide decriminalization/legalization effort are welcome news for Lansing-area cannabis advocates

"If District Judge Hugh Clarke Jr.'s ruling last month dismissing criminal charges against four local dispensary employees provided anything, it was a little piece of mind.... [Attorney Matthew] Newburg — who is representing defendant Brandon McQueen in a high profile dispensary case before the state Supreme Court with local attorney Mary Chartier — isn't advising business owners to reopen their dispensaries until the outcome of McQueen's case is decided."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: McCormack to be bestowed purple coat

"The friends and family of the Hon. Kaye Tertzag will host the Fourth Annual Tertzag Tribute Dinner on Thursday, Feb. 28.... The Tertzag Tribute Dinner Committee announced this week that the 2013 recipient of the Purple Sport Coat Award is Michigan Supreme Court Justice-Elect Bridget Mary McCormack. Hon. David J. Allen (last year's recipient) will present her the award.... Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahra will be the keynote speaker. Tertzag and Zahra were great friends and once served together on the Wayne County Circuit Court."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: LAD conducts third workshop on small claims court in Pontiac

"Legal Aid and Defender Association, Inc. (LAD) conducted the third in a series of three free fall workshops on small claims court Nov. 13 at Oakland County's Adams-Pratt Law Library in Pontiac. The workshops were designed to teach residents of the tri-county area how to represent themselves in small claim court and collect money judgments."

[Full story](#)

Flint-Genesee County Legal News: 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](#)

Flint Journal: Flint man arrested for taking gun, knife to court hearing for felonious assault charge

"A Flint man was arrested Wednesday, Dec. 5, when he tried to take a gun and large knife into his Genesee District Court hearing on a felonious assault charge, said Genesee County Undersheriff Christopher Swanson."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Press: Montcalm County judge encouraged plea deal in fatal car-pedestrian crash that killed Sand Lake man

"A judge encouraged a plea deal for a driver accused of hitting and killing a 20-year-old Sand Lake man with a pickup near Pierson, then leaving the scene, prosecutors say.... Montcalm County Prosecutor Andrea Krause said Judge David Hoort indicated to attorneys for both sides that he wasn't sure enough evidence existed to convict Williams of leaving the scene of an accident causing serious injury or death."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Court asked to overturn Granholm decision

"The state Court of Appeals has been asked to reinstate a decision that would release a prisoner from a life sentence. Gov. Jennifer Granholm agreed to commute the no-parole sentence of Matthew Makowski in 2011, just before she left office. But Granholm changed her mind less than 48 hours later after the victim's family protested."

[Full story](#)

Muskegon Chronicle: Election 2012: Recount for Muskegon County circuit judge leaves Annette Smedley the winner

"A recount of the votes for Muskegon County 14th Circuit Court judge has confirmed the original outcome: Annette Smedley narrowly defeated Raymond J. Kostrzewa. The recount narrowed the gap between the two by 13 votes, cutting Smedley's margin to 221 votes in the countywide race."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: 'Know Your Judge'

"The Oakland County Bar Association's Criminal Law Committee presented 'Know Your Judge II: Circuit Court' as a part of its Anatomy of a Criminal Case – Year XIV brown bag lunch lecture series on Tuesday, Nov. 20, at the Oakland County Bar Center in Bloomfield Hills."

[Full story](#)

Tuscola County Advertiser: New judge will soon take oath

"Before the New Year arrives, action will take place in preparation for a new department head to take office. Nancy Thane, who will take over as Tuscola County Probate – Family Court Judge Jan. 1, will take her oath of office before that to replace Amanda Roggenbuck who was appointed to the judgeship two years ago to fill the unexpired term when Wally Kent retired."

[Full story](#)

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Former Inkster Judge Sylvia James ordered to pay \$16,500 in costs to Judicial Tenure Commission

"Former Inkster Judge Sylvia James has been ordered to pay \$16,500 to the Judicial Tenure Commission (JTC) for costs associated with her six-week hearing before the JTC. The Michigan Supreme Court issued the order today."

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