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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: Hathaway gets 90-day stay in battle over Florida home

"A federal judge gave embattled Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway another 90 days on Wednesday to hold onto a Florida home that federal prosecutors say was hidden from a bank to justify a short sale."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: After 3 mistrials, woman accused in grandson's death could go free -- if she posts bond

"A grandmother accused in the drowning death of her 4-year-old grandson in 2010 could be released from jail after nearly three years if she can come up with at least \$5,000 to post bond, a Macomb County Circuit Court judge ruled today."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Judge to retire in January after 24 years on the bench

"Judge Melinda Morris, who retires in January from the Washtenaw County Trial Court Civil/Criminal Division when her fourth 6-year term comes to a close, can look back over a long and illustrious career where she broke barriers, crashed the "glass ceiling," and blazed a trail for women in law."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Jackson County Legal News: Retiring judge lauded at soiree

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Detroit Legal News: Innocence by Impossibility

"In July, the Michigan Supreme Court overturned a felony child support conviction against Michigan Innocence Clinic client Selesa Likine. Then, in a second noteworthy victory for the clinic, the attorney general permanently dismissed all the charges this month."

[Full story](#)

Hometownlife.com: Veterans Court offers hope through structure and stability

"The 17th District Veterans Court may seem like an easy alternative at first glance. The programs involves support groups and even a therapy dog during sessions."

[Full story](#)

Hometownlife.com: Judge to decide on trial in stabbing death

"River Rouge man will find out today (Dec. 20) if he will face trial on charges of killing a Texas man and injuring two others in a fight Oct. 14 outside Albert's on the Alley in Garden City. District Court Judge Richard Hammer Jr. will give his decision on whether there is enough evidence for Christopher Jason Tanner, 33, to be bound over for trial in Wayne County Circuit Court."

[Full story](#)

Ingham County Legal News: 55th District Court Sobriety Court holds 25th graduation

"The 55th District Court Sobriety Court held its 25th graduation on December 11th at the Mason City Hall in Mason, MI. With this ceremony, there are now 278 successful graduates of the 55th District Court Sobriety Court."

[*Full story*](#)

Ingham County Legal News: 54A Court Closure

"Due to the City of Lansing's budget shortfall, resulting in the temporary shut down of Lansing City Hall, the 54-A District Court will be closed from Monday, December 24, 2012, until Wednesday, January 2, 2013. We deeply regret any inconvenience caused by the closure and will work with those affected to minimize its impact."

[*Full story*](#)

Ingham County Legal News: Parting ways—Retiring justice reflects on Supreme Court years

"When her beloved mother, Evelyn Walter Kelly Cogan, died earlier this year, at the age of 104, Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly took time to reflect on a life well lived."

[*Full story*](#)

Jackson County Legal News: Judge honored for work addressing domestic violence

"If 15th District Court Judge Elizabeth Hines looks just a bit tired on this late afternoon in her chambers overlooking downtown Ann Arbor, it's understandable. Hines was up past midnight preparing for 36 cases on that day's domestic violence docket."

[*Full story*](#)

Also see:

Washtenaw County Legal News: Judge Hines honored for commitment

[*Full story*](#)

Livingston Daily Press and Argus: Judge's bid for \$400K rejected

"A Livingston County judge has lost his bid for \$400,000 of a \$3.6 million settlement in a lawsuit in which he represented the plaintiff while still a private attorney. Circuit Judge Michael P. Hatty had sued Detroit-based attorney Richard Goodman for what he claims is his share of the settlement received by Catherine Logan-Brown, 21, who suffered a closed-head in-jury nearly 18 years ago when she fell from a bunk bed at an Art Van Furniture store in Clinton Township."

[*Full story*](#)

Macomb County Legal News: WSU appoints interim law school dean

"Wayne State University this week announced the appointment of Jocelyn Benson as interim dean of its law school. The appointment took effect Dec. 17."

[*Full story*](#)

MILW Blog: UIM policy not illusory after all, MSC says

"Darryl Ile had underinsurance motorist (UIM) coverage up to \$20,000. After he died in a car accident, his mother, Debra, was paid \$20,000 from the other driver's insurance policy, which was both the policy limits and the minimum level of coverage allowed under Michigan law."

[*Full story*](#)

Mining Journal: Judge rules Right to Farm Act trumps local ordinances in court decision

"A Gwinn family has been granted the right to continue farming operations despite a Forsyth Township zoning ordinance prohibiting such activity, according to a ruling issued Tuesday by Marquette County Circuit Court Judge Thomas Solka."

[*Full story*](#)

M-live: Genesee County to pay \$60,000 for Friend of the Court furniture

"It may be a bargain, but the price of new furniture for the local Friend of the Court office isn't going to be cheap."

[Full story](#)

M-live: Charge reduced in Kent County sex assault after DNA shows suspect, victim not actually related

"A Kent County man convicted of sexually assaulting his 14-year-old half-sister will have the charge reduced after DNA testing showed they were not blood relatives, the state Supreme Court said."

[Full story](#)

The Morning Sun: MICHIGAN SUPREME [sic] COURT: NO COLLECTIVE GROWING OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA

"Michigan's medical-marijuana law does not allow a collective grow operation, the state Supreme Court said Wednesday in the case of a Grand Rapids man who gave warehouse space to others to raise pot."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Court: No collective growing of medical pot (third article)

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: End of year brings changes to Oakland Circuit Court

"The Oakland County Circuit Court announces the following changes to the court:"

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Federal judge receives Archer Award

"U.S. District Judge Victoria Roberts, Eastern District of Michigan, was awarded the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association's Dennis W. Archer Award in a ceremony at the Detroit Yacht Club on Tuesday, Dec. 4.....Archer served as a justice on the Michigan Supreme Court from 1986 to 1990. He served as mayor of Detroit from 1993 to 2001 and also served as president of the American Bar Association, becoming the first African American to lead the organization."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Court rules bicyclist hit by SMART bus can't sue

"A man who was struck by a Detroit-area bus while riding a bicycle won't get his day in court after the Michigan Supreme Court threw out his lawsuit."

[Full story](#)