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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.

The Detroit News: 36th District Court gets OK from special administrator

"Long-standing financial and operational problems have been resolved at 36th District Court, says Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Michael Talbot, the special administrator assigned to fix the troubled court... [The Michigan Supreme Court appointed Talbot] special administrator for the court in May. ... After he was appointed, Talbot put together reforms aimed at making the court more efficient, customer friendly and technologically advanced."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Associated Press: Administrator says problems fixed at Detroit court

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Note: The Associated Press article also ran in the Midland Daily News, the Republic/Columbus, IN, the News Daily/Rockville, MD and other media outlets.

CBS Local/Detroit: Detroit's Beleaguered 36th District Court Making Strides Despite City's Bankruptcy

[Full story](#)

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Administrator says 36th District Court in Detroit back on budget

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Macomb County Legal News: Macomb County celebrates Michigan Adoption Day

"Michigan Adoption Day was observed recently with a variety of events across the state and Michigan Supreme Court Justice David Viviano was on hand to take part in the Macomb County celebration. Viviano, who served on the Macomb County Circuit Court bench before he was named to the high court early this year, is pictured with Macomb County Circuit Court Judge Kathryn Viviano, Macomb County Circuit Court Chief Judge John Foster and Macomb County Probate Court Judge Kathryn George."

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Detroit Legal News: Holiday Hours

"The Michigan Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, and the State Court Administrative Office will be closed for the holidays on Tuesday, December 24; Wednesday, December 25; Tuesday, December 31; and Wednesday, January 1, 2014.... The Third Circuit Court Civil, Criminal and Family Divisions will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 24, Wednesday, Dec. 25, [Tuesday, Dec. 31 and Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014.] ... The 36th District Court will be closed [beginning Tuesday, Dec. 24 through Wednesday Jan. 1, 2014.]"

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Oakland County Legal News: Courts closed

[Full story](#)

Supreme Court, Court of Appeals announce holiday schedule

[Press release](#)

Ingham County Legal News: Court of Appeals Chief Judge William B. Murphy Elected as Treasurer of the Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal

"Court of Appeals Chief Judge William B. Murphy was recently elected to serve as the treasurer of the Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal throughout the United States. This leadership position is the first on Judge Murphy's path to being elected as the Council's president within the next few years."

Full story

Ingham County Legal News: Hon. R. George Economy celebrates Christmas adoptions for the 27th year

"... Judge Economy, wearing his favorite Christmas tie only worn on this day each year, began the Christmas Adoption Day tradition 26 years ago offering adopting families the option of finalizing their adoption close to Christmas thus 'giving them the best gift of all.' Each year families come to Judge Economy's probate courtroom on this special day, not to argue but to unite children with their permanent family. This year 18 children were adopted into 15 families."

Full story

Ingham County Legal News: Michigan judge can be sued for child's removal from parents' custody

"Where plaintiffs' child was placed in foster care for several days after his father inadvertently gave the 7-year-old an alcoholic beverage at a baseball game, the judge whose signature was on the order authorizing the placement can be sued in her individual capacity. Judicial immunity does not apply because the placement was accomplished without an actual judicial review of the removal petition."

Full story

Lansing State Journal: Man arraigned after bomb threat at Ingham courthouse

"A 32-year-old Lansing man was arraigned [Friday] on charges that he falsely made threats Thursday that he had a bomb inside [the Veterans Memorial Courthouse] in downtown Lansing. Justin Lee Holland was arraigned in 54A District Court on charges of making a false threat of a bomb/harmful device and being a habitual offender-fourth offense."

Full story

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Volunteering gives kids in foster care and listener's spirits a lift

"Amanda Eding can't remember the specific moment when she felt it was time to move beyond getting upset at the State of Opportunity stories she heard on her radio. The stories about kids in the child welfare system touched a nerve.... So, she donated a few items to Mosaic. It's an organization that supports kids and young adults in foster care in Holland, where Eding lives."

Full story

MLive.com: Juvenile lifers: Federal appeals court calls temporary halt to parole hearing requirements

"A federal appeals panel has temporarily stayed an order that would have required the state of Michigan to give parole hearings to 350 inmates serving mandatory life sentences for crimes they committed as minors. The order, signed Monday, puts a pause on an order issued last month by U.S. District Court Judge John Corbett O'Meara that set a Dec. 31 deadline for state corrections officials to create a system for offering the hearings."

[*Full story*](#)

Muskegon County Legal News: District Court wins approval from county Ways and Means Committee, will not be part of new Public Defender/Indigent Defense program

"... The action will pull approximately \$155,000 from the newly established Public Defender's office budget to fund district court's current system of contracting their own private attorneys for public defender/indigent defense of misdemeanor cases. Each of the four district courts will retain its current contracted public defender. However, felony cases in District Court for indigent defendants will be handled by the Public Defender's office."

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Press & Guide/Dearborn: DEARBORN: Public invited to Jan. 2 inauguration

"The public is invited to attend the inauguration ceremony at 7 p.m. Jan. 2 for the city's elected officials who will serve January 2014 to December 2017. The ceremony will be inside the Michael A. Guido Theater at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave.... They will be sworn in by Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahra."

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