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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: Judge says no to Napoleon's bid for \$1M in Wayne County jail overtime pay

"A judge has ordered that staffing in Wayne County's three jails remain at state-mandated levels, likely forcing Sheriff Benny Napoleon to continue paying overtime once his annual allotment runs out today, less than three months into the fiscal year. Dennis Niemiec, a spokesman for Napoleon's office, said Tuesday that Wayne County Circuit Judge Timothy Kenny on Monday denied an emergency motion from the sheriff's office seeking about \$1 million be moved from the department's general salary fund to cover overtime costs incurred as the matter is debated in court.

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: 36th District Court cuts spending, delays, time waiting

"Detroiters looking for good news in this holiday season will find much to cheer about in reforms made at Detroit's 36th District Court — including the court's cutting \$5.5 million to operate within its budget. Judge Michael J. Talbot, the court's special judicial administrator, said that, "While much remains to be done, this court has made huge strides, becoming much more efficient, service-oriented, and fiscally responsible."

[Full story](#)

Note: This article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News and the Macomb County Legal News

Flint Journal: Michigan Supreme Court rejects appeal, upholds \$375,000 verdict in Clio e-mail case

"The Michigan Supreme Court has refused to hear the appeal of a Sept. 17 [judgment of the Court of Appeals](#) after it refused to overturn a [\\$375,000 verdict](#) and won't grant a new trial in [a 2006 e-mail scandal](#) involving former Clio board member Larry Emmerling, former teacher Diane Reed, former City Commissioner Rebecca Freifeld and resident Julie Keyes."

[Full story](#)

Jackson County Legal News: Jackson County set to start Vets' Court

"Jackson County has started a Veterans Court that will provide aid and assistance to struggling veterans. The Veterans' Court will be embedded as a pilot program in Jackson County Judge Susan Beebe's already established Recovery Court, which is a 16-month program that is a sentencing alternative to jail or prison."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Asked & Answered: Examining the use of 'dark money' in political campaigns

".....Dark money funding was a point of contention in recent Michigan Supreme Court races and has been mentioned unfavorably in the national media."

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio: Judge fights ruling against her in custody lawsuit

"A Detroit-area judge wants a federal appeals court to intervene in a lawsuit linked to the accidental consumption of alcohol by a child at a Detroit Tigers game. The parents of Leo Ratte are suing Judge Judy Hartsfield. In 2008, the 7-year-old boy was temporarily removed from them when his father mistakenly gave him Mike's Hard Lemonade at Comerica Park."

[Full story](#)

Mlive: Michael Klaeren to become chief Jackson County District judge in January

"Beginning Jan. 1, Michael Klaeren will be the chief judge of the Jackson County District Court. Klaeren takes the place of District Judge R. Darryl Mazur, who has been the head judge for eight years."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Courts Closed

"The Oakland County Circuit and Probate Courts will be closed on Wednesday, Dec. 25, for the Christmas holiday and on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 31-Jan.1, for the New Year's holiday."

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Oakland County Legal News: Justice welcomed for Adoption Day

"Michigan Adoption Day was observed last month with a variety of events across the state and Michigan Supreme Court Justice David Viviano (second from left) was on hand to take part in the Macomb County celebration."

[Full story](#)

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Appeals court stays order on Mich. Juvenile lifers

"A federal appeals court has issued a stay of a judge's ruling that could lead to parole for prisoners convicted of murders committed when they were under 18. Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette said Monday that the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati delayed implementation of Ann Arbor U.S. District Judge John Corbett O'Meara's order that the state start the parole review process for about 360 inmates."

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Also see:

WKAR: 6th Circuit Puts Parole Hearings For Juvenile Lifers On Hold

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