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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.

Apartment complex's liability for guest's shooting at issue in case before Michigan Supreme Court in oral arguments next week

[Press release](#)

The Detroit News: Editorial: Viviano pick a nod to rule of law; Snyder's appointment of Viviano to Supreme Court preserves rule of law

"In introducing Judge David Viviano as his choice to fill disgraced Justice Diane Hathaway's Michigan Supreme Court seat, Gov. Rick Snyder was at ease with a fellow University of Michigan law grad, entrepreneur and tech geek. Viviano, Macomb County Circuit Court's chief judge, is a smart choice for the state's highest court."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Grand Rapids Legal News: Snyder appoints David Viviano to Michigan Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Weekly Political Roundup: Michigan Supreme Court, Democratic Party

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press Blog: Governor Snyder Goes Eastside for Michigan Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

Chief Justice Young: New Justice Viviano is "exceptional" choice for Court

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Detroit Free Press: Emotions high at fatal crash sentencing

"A tearful Detroit retiree who never had a traffic violation sentenced to 10 months in jail for causing a fatal car crash.... And a Macomb County circuit judge who walked from the bench into the galley of her courtroom to talk to the victim's identical twin brother, who survived the crash. That emotional scene played out Thursday at the sentencing of Ronald Haggan in the death of 22-year-old Ryan Roberts last year."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Macomb Daily: Sentencing in Fraser fatal crash emotional for family, defendant, judge

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland Press.

Detroit Free Press: Judge denies request to hospitalize Detroit mother accused of killing daughter

"A judge [Thursday] denied a request to hospitalize a Detroit mother who is accused of killing her 8-year-old daughter, saying there is no jurisdiction or legal authority for him to do so. Cornelius Pitts, Semeria Greene's attorney, filed a motion asking Wayne Circuit Court Judge Timothy Kenny to overrule a 36th District Court decision and send his client to a hospital in Kalamazoo, which was the recommendation from a doctor who conducted a competency evaluation on Greene."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Judge Baxter chosen to receive Woman of Excellence award

"Third Circuit Judge Wendy Marie Baxter has been chosen by the Michigan Chronicle to receive the 2013 Women of Excellence Award.... When she launched her own judicial campaign she was a virtual unknown. That did not stop her from winning a seat on the 36th District Court.... Soon afterwards she moved to the Recorder's Court criminal bench where she helped to write the criminal jury instructions still in use by every jurist in Michigan today."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Judges honored at retirement dinner

"Hon. Thomas S. Eveland, Hon. Paula J. Manderfield and Hon Calvin E. Osterhaven were honored by the Ingham County Bar Foundation (ICBF) at the Judges' Retirement Party on the evening of February 21st. The dinner was held at the Marriott East Lansing."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Judge Mark Slavens relocates to Frank Murphy Hall of Justice (third article)

"Judge Mark T. Slavens has moved from the Lincoln Hall of Justice and is now located at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, 1411 St. Antoine, Room 702, Detroit, MI 48226."

[Full story](#)

The Detroit Legal News: Glad Graduates

"The 36th District Drug Court held a graduation ceremony Feb. 22 in Judge Leonia Lloyd's courtroom. [Judges] in attendance included ... Judge Leonia Lloyd ... [and] Chief Judge Kenneth King."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: The Lincoln lawyer Judge becomes story-telling 16th president

"Every February, 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe of Plymouth dons a stovepipe hat and black suit and becomes a storytelling Abraham Lincoln. And last week, he enjoyed it all the more as he spoke for the first time to law school students at a 'Dinner with Lincoln' presentation."

[Full story](#)

Flint-Genesee County Legal News: Cooley to host forum on Campaign Finance Reform, Judicial Selection Process

"Cooley Law School will host a League of Women Voters forum on campaign finance issues and Michigan's judicial selection process on Tuesday, March 12. The 7 p.m. event, which is free and open to the public, will be held in the lobby of the Cooley Center, 300 S. Capitol, Lansing. Panelists for the event are retired Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly, and Rich Robinson, executive director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network."

[Full story](#)

Flint-Genesee County Legal News: Recap of MED/ARB Seminar

"The Professional Resolution Experts of Michigan (PREMi) held a seminar on the subject of MED/ARB at Cooley Law School, Auburn Hills campus, on January 24, 2013.... The featured luncheon speaker was Doug Van Epps, Director of the Office of Dispute Resolution, Supreme Court Administrative Office."

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Grand Haven Tribune: Repercussions of attorney's arrest

"Terry Nolan, 55, was arraigned Thursday in Ottawa County District Court in Holland on a charge of use of cocaine, double penalty.... Ottawa County District Judge Susan Jonas is handling Nolan's case because all of the Muskegon County judges disqualified themselves, explained regional state court administrator Jim Hughes."

[Full story](#)

Jackson Citizen Patriot: State law makes it difficult to commit mentally ill; most of the time, the system works, lawyer says

"The Michigan Mental Health Code does not make it easy to involuntarily commit a mentally ill individual to a hospital or ward, a defense attorney said. Under the law, there is a high standard or criteria those who petition for hospitalization have to meet, said Christopher Hurlburt, who handles all such cases in Jackson County."

[Full story](#)

Lansing State Journal: Bill would allow prosecutors to carry concealed weapons

"Freshman state Rep. Tom Leonard, R-DeWitt Township, has introduced a bill that would allow county prosecutors to carry concealed weapons in Michigan's weapons-free zones. The law already grants that exception to several other law enforcement and legal professionals, like state court judges, court officers, parole officers and retired police officers."

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Shelby Township woman's conviction upheld in child's death

"The state Court of Appeals has upheld the murder conviction of a former Shelby Township woman who killed her boyfriend's young son. Melissa Memmer, now 33, barring a Supreme Court reversal will spend the rest of her life in prison for the 2009 death of 8-year-old Tyler Korte."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Appeals court throws out \$750K verdict for teacher

"The Michigan appeals court has thrown out a \$750,000 verdict for a Detroit teacher who says she lost her job after criticizing the school district's handling of a sexual assault."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Judge orders attorney fees paid in toy ape case

"[Ingham County Circuit Judge Rosemarie Aquilina] has ordered the Michigan Department of Human Services to pay nearly \$50,000 in attorney fees in a case brought after someone placed a 5-foot toy ape atop the cubicle of a black employee ... in addition to \$21,000 she earlier ordered in fines."

[Full story](#)

The Times Herald/Port Huron: County courts locking up fewer kids

"Fewer youths are spending time behind bars in Michigan, according to a recent report — and St. Clair County is beating the state's rate of decline."

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