

Notices of courts and public places

Please be advised that the Wayne County Probate Court will close for the holiday season at noon on Thursday, December 21, and re open on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 8 a.m.

The Wayne County Probate Court will be open December 26, 27, and 28 from a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to accept pleadings, and to conduct mental health and emergency hearings.

MILTON L. MACK JR.
Chief Judge,
Wayne County Probate Court

All offices of the Wayne County Register of Deeds and the Wayne County Treasurer will be closed Friday, December 22, and Monday, December 25, for Christmas, and on Friday, December 29, and Monday, January 1, for the New Year holiday.

All offices of the United States District Court and the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23-24. In case of emergency call (313) 234-5655.

Please be advised that the Wayne County 36th District Court will be closed Friday, December 22, through Monday, January 1, for the holidays.

During the three (3) days between Christmas 2006 and New Year's Day 2007, Traffic and Criminal Divisions will be open. Sufficient staff will be scheduled to accommodate the following services. Traffic: Ticket Fine Payments and Bond Postings; Civil: Case Filings and Pleadings; Criminal: Felony Arraignments.

MARYLIN E. ATKINS
Chief Judge, 36th District Court

The Wayne County 29th District Court will be closed on Monday, December 26, through Monday, January 1, 2007. The court will re-open on Tuesday, January 2, 2007. The City of Wayne's holiday's are December 25, 26, 29, and January 1, 2007. The 29th District Court will be closed the two extra days to conserve heat and save money. The court administrator will be

Law School honors students, graduate at convocation

Wayne State University Law School celebrated the successes of its students on Friday, November 17, at the annual Honors Convocation ceremony.

More than 70 scholarships and awards were given to students. Eligibility for the awards is determined by academic success, involvement in law school and community activities, financial need, or future career interests.

Some of the endowed awards have been given out for many years but a number of new scholarships were awarded for the first time this year. The American Corporate Counsel Scholarship Award was made to Amanda J. Barkey for high academic achievement in corporate law classes. The Bush, Seyferth, Kethledge, & Paige Trial Advocacy Scholarship was given to Jonathan R. Schulz, a student who intends a career in litigation. The William Davidson Endowed Scholarship for Student Athletes, given to Haley S. Slade, was also a new scholarship this year, as was the A. Albert Sugar Memorial Scholarship, awarded to Evan N. Leibhan.

A number of the donors were present; they were also invited to a reception before the ceremony, so they could meet the student or students who were benefiting from the award the donor made possible.

Because last year's event was such a success, this year's ceremony was held in the

larger Community Arts Auditorium on the WSU campus, instead of in the law school's own Spencer M. Partrich Auditorium. The move was justified as more than 300 people attended.

Each year, the law school also honors a graduate of superior ability who graduated before 1984; this person receives the Honorary Order of the Coif award. This year's recipient is David M. Hempstead, a partner in the Detroit office of Bodman L.L.P. He graduated from the Law School in 1975. Hempstead concentrates his practice primarily in the areas of income, estate and gift tax planning for high net-worth individuals, estate and trust administration, trust litigation and charitable trusts and foundations. He is also vice chairman of Bodman's Executive Committee.

The WSU Law School congratulated all the students on their achievements. Photos from the event will be posted on the law school's Web site in the near future and a complete list of awards, donors and recipients will be published in the law school's annual alumni magazine, The Wayne Lawyer.



HEMPSTEAD



WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL hosted its Honors Convocation on Thursday, November 17, in the Community Arts Auditorium on the WSU campus. More than 300 people attended the convocation, during which several endowed awards were given to students. Congratulating law student Peter B. Lewis-Lakin (center) on receiving the John W. Reed Endowed Scholarship were John W. Reed, former WSU Law School dean (left) and Frank H. Wu (right), current WSU Law School dean.

Photos by MJ Murawka, courtesy of WSU Law School



Law student Laura K. Holley (left) was congratulated by WSU Law alum George A. Peck of Howard & Howard. Laura received the George A. Peck Endowed Scholarship for Superior



Eugene Driker (second from right), of Barris, Sott, Denn, & Driker, congratulated students (left to right) Thomas A. Amom, Kimberly A. Vollman, and Aaron B. Schwaderer who were recipients of the Frances and Charles Driker Scholarship.