



Washtenaw County LEGAL NEWS

—A Detroit Legal News Publication

LegalNews.com

PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
ANN ARBOR, MI
PERMIT NO. 152

*Recipes gone
BAD!*
—PAGE 3

Vol. 7 No. 83

Thursday, November 24, 2011

50¢

NEWSPAPER OF RECORD SERVING THE BUSINESS, LEGAL AND FINANCIAL COMMUNITIES OF WASHTENAW COUNTY

Maxine Waters, John Dingell speak at NAACP event honoring Powell, Winters, others



By FRANK WEIR
Legal News

California Congresswoman Maxine Waters and Michigan Congressman John Dingell highlighted the Ypsilanti/Willow Run Branch of the NAACP Freedom Weekend Gala Dinner and Award Ceremony Saturday night at Eastern Michigan University.

Waters served as the keynote speaker at the event and attorney Mark Bernstein also offered remarks along with Dingell. Dingell's wife Debbie served as mistress of ceremony.

At the event, Chief Public Defender Lloyd Powell received the Thurgood Marshall Award while Ypsilanti attorney Douglas Winters received the William English Walling Award from the branch.

Pictured on the left are, l-r, Clory Kincaid, Sheila Blakney, James Kincaid, Gina Noveskey, Congressman John Dingell, Lloyd Powell, Lorne Brown, Delphia Simpson, U-M Administrator Carolyn Cole-Brown, standing behind Simpson, Laura Dudley and Ron Brown.

—Legal News Photos by Frank Weir



Above left, Debbie Dingell presents the branch's William English Walling Award to Ypsilanti attorney Douglas Winters. Above right, Maxine Waters and John Dingell spoke privately before the start of the event Saturday night.

Supreme Court names Shelton, Tabbey and Pope chief judges

The Michigan Supreme Court has announced chief judges for all of the state's courts.

For Washtenaw County, Judge Donald Shelton has been named chief judge of the 22nd Circuit Court and Washtenaw County Probate Court.

Judge Kirk Tabbey has been named chief judge for 14A District Court while Charles Pope has been named chief judge for 14B District Court.

Sixth annual Howard Soifer Memorial Lecture

—features Mateen Cleaves and Jack Davis



Mateen Cleaves autographs a basketball for a fan at the Soifer Lecture in Sports and Entertainment Law.

—Legal News Photo by Roberta Gubbins

By ROBERTA M. GUBBINS
Legal News

Jack Davis, Loomis Law Firm and Mateen Cleaves, former Michigan State University All-American Spartan basketball star, NBA player and currently a Fox Sports, Detroit analyst were the featured speakers at the Sixth annual Thomas M. Cooley Howard Soifer Memorial Lecture in sports and entertainment law. The event was held on November 8th.

Davis explained how he met Soifer and hired him as a litigation associate. He and Soifer began to represent sports figures and Steve Smith became a client.

Explaining the roles of agent and lawyer, he said, "at contract time the lawyer and the agent discuss the terms—the agent is the expert on the length of the contract and amount of the initial demand; the agent is the best judge of the player's market value."

The lawyer, explained Davis, reviews the terms of the contract and

(continued on page 2)