

in court, which is how Damren became involved. Once on board in that role, Damren successfully worked with police and prosecutors to vacate Davontae's sentence and dismiss all charges. There is much more to Davontae's case for the reader to explore. I was so intrigued that I did a little digging online and found old press conferences given by Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy and a 2016 State Police report detailing the investigation leading to Davontae's exoneration. It is truly upsetting that a case like this went on for so long without the justice system's intervening on behalf of the innocent.

The two cases discussed in *What Justice Looks Like* provide the foundation for Damren to posit that for the justice system to work, all parts must work in unison. He gives insight into his trial strategies and case management both as a prosecutor and in his role as defense attorney. Damren explains why he called certain witnesses to the stand, how their testimony would help support his case, and the risks those witnesses took by coming forward. He exposes the underbelly of the justice system where police misconduct can lead to a wrongful conviction and the code by which criminals live. He brings to life how bystanders can become collateral damage both to criminal acts and to the justice system itself.

*What Justice Looks Like* piqued my curiosity regarding the seemingly basic concept of justice, largely due to Damren's ability to put the reader into the mind of Burgess and the injustice worked on Davontae Sanford. His behind-the-scenes look at the justice system allows the reader to understand what it takes for the system to work—and what it looks like when it doesn't. *What Justice Looks Like* also gives the reader an appreciation of how razor thin the difference can be between cases working out as they should and cases not working out as they should. ■

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## ENDNOTE

1. Attorney Daniel Webster comments at the funeral of United States Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story (September 12, 1845).



## Meeting Directory

### Lawyers and Judges Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous

The following list of meetings reflects the latest information about lawyers and judges AA and NA meetings. Those meetings marked with “\*” are meetings that have been designated for lawyers, judges, and law students only. All other meetings are attended primarily by lawyers, judges, and law students, but also are attended by others seeking recovery. In addition, we have listed “Suggested Meetings,” which others in recovery have recommended as being good meetings for those in the legal profession. For questions about any of the meetings listed, please contact the Lawyers and Judges Assistance Program at (800) 996-5522 or [jclark@michbar.org](mailto:jclark@michbar.org).

#### Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

##### \*Monday 7:00 PM

Lawyers and Judges AA Meeting  
St. Paul of the Cross  
23333 Schoolcraft Rd.  
(I-96 south service drive, just east of Telegraph Rd.)  
Detroit

(This is both an AA and NA meeting.)

##### \*Tuesday 7:00 PM

Lawyers and Judges AA Meeting  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
26998 Woodward Ave.  
Royal Oak

##### \*Wednesday 12:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church  
321 W. South St., 3rd Floor  
Room 301  
Kalamazoo

##### \*Wednesday 6:00 PM

Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church  
1340 W. Long Lake Rd.  
(1/2 mile west of Telegraph)  
Bloomfield Hills

##### Wednesday 8:00 PM

Sense of Humor AA Meeting  
Michigan State University Union  
Lake Michigan Room  
(S.E. corner of Abbot and Grand River Ave.)  
East Lansing

##### \*Thursday 4:00 PM

Al-Anon of Berrien County  
4162 Red Arrow Highway  
Stevensville

##### \*Thursday 7:00 PM

Central Methodist Church, 2nd Floor  
(Corner of Capitol and Ottawa Streets)  
Lansing

##### \*Thursday 7:30 PM

Maplegrove  
6773 W. Maple Rd.  
Willingness Group, Room 21  
West Bloomfield Township

##### \*Second Saturday of the Month 1:00 PM

Lawyers and Judges AA Meeting  
Houghton Lake Alano Club  
2410 N. Markey Rd.  
Houghton Lake  
(Contact Scott at (989) 246-1200 with questions)

#### Gamblers Anonymous Meetings

For a list of meetings, visit <http://www.gamblersanonymous.org/mtgdirMI.html>. Please note that these meetings are not specifically for lawyers and judges.

#### Suggested Meetings

##### Tuesday 7:00 AM

Antioch Lutheran Church  
33360 W. 13 Mile  
(Corner of 13 Mile and Farmington Rd., use back/north entrance, basement)  
Farmington Hills

##### Tuesday 12:05 PM

Professionals in Recovery  
Human Potential Center  
22 W. 2nd St.  
Monroe

(Closed meeting; restricted to professionals who are addicted to drugs and/or alcohol)

##### Tuesday 6:00 PM

St. Aloysius Church Office  
1232 Washington Blvd.  
Detroit

##### Thursday 8:00 PM (also Sunday 8:00 PM)

Manresa Stag  
1390 Quarton Rd.  
Bloomfield Hills

##### Friday 12:00 PM

Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association  
645 Griswold  
3550 Penobscot Bldg., 13th Floor  
Smart Detroit Global Board Room 2  
Detroit

##### Friday 6:00 PM

The Business & Professional (STAG)  
Closed Meeting of Narcotics Anonymous  
Pilgrim Congregational Church  
3061 N Adams  
(2 blocks north of Big Beaver (16 Mile Rd.))  
Troy

##### Friday 8:00 PM

Rochester Presbyterian Church  
1385 S. Adams  
(South of Avon Rd.)  
Rochester  
(Closed meeting; men's group)

For anyone interested in starting an LJAA meeting in northern Michigan, please contact LJAP.

For other AA or NA meetings, see listings in your local phone book or call:  
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