

UpFront

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Milliken v Bradley Recalled at Cooley Program



Photos courtesy of Thomas M. Cooley Law School

Approximately 100 high school students saw a reenactment of the United States Supreme Court oral argument in *Milliken v Bradley* at Thomas M. Cooley Law School's Auburn Hills campus recently. The historic case held against integrating schools in metro Detroit by busing students to schools in other districts. The program, titled "From Redlining to White Flight: The History of Housing Segregation and the Importance of Regionalism," was a joint effort by Cooley and the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion. Students from Clarenceville, Detroit Central, Ferndale, Pontiac International Tech Academy, Lakeview, Pontiac, and South Lake attended. ■

Judge Whitbeck Launches Debut Novel



Photo by Mark Hahn

Judge William C. Whitbeck

First there was John Voelker, better known as Robert Traver, the famous author of *Anatomy of a Murder* and a Michigan Supreme Court Justice. Now Court of Appeals Judge William C. Whitbeck has come out with his first legal thriller, *To Account for Murder*. The novel, set in post-war Michigan, is based on the 1945 murder of Senator Warren G. Hooper to keep him from testifying before a grand jury investigating corruption. Judge Whitbeck, who's already working on a second novel, will sign copies of his book at noon on Wednesday, January 26 at the State Bar building in Lansing. The event is

sponsored by the Ingham County Bar Association. "My debut book has allowed me to mix my love of writing and the law with my penchant for political history," Whitbeck said. For more information, visit <http://williamcwhitbeck.com/>. A review of *To Account for Murder* by Fred Baker is on page 52.

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Former Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Nathaniel Jones, who argued *Milliken v Bradley* as general counsel for the NAACP, provided an insider's view of the case from his upcoming autobiography. Judge Jones currently serves as senior counsel and chief diversity and inclusion officer for Blank Rome LLP. ■

Michigan Daughter-Father Legal Team Marks a U.S. Supreme Court First



Photo courtesy of Lori Palmer

Lori Palmer and her father, Timothy Baughman, both assistant prosecutors for Wayne County, made history before the United States Supreme Court on October 5. Their history with the Court actually began in 2006, when Baughman argued before the Court in *Hudson v Michigan* and Palmer sat second chair. When the duo appeared again before the Court on October 5, Palmer took the reins and argued *Michigan v Bryant* while her father sat second chair. This second appearance makes them the first daughter-father duo to have both argued before the court with the other in support.

Read more about the case on the SBM Blog at <http://tinyurl.com/scotusdf>. ■