

Steven Getman: Legal Links of interest for the week ending July 27  
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Steven Getman, attorney, reports on some news stories about lawyers and the law in the past week:

**Cuomo signs bill to bolster Leandra's Law:** Also on Friday, penalties for distracted driving — including driving while texting — officially increased.

**Knockout' homicide trial begins in family court which operates by a different set of rules:** The proceedings move at a quicker pace than adult matters in criminal court. The courtroom is also cozier, and only one case is called at a time, creating a sense of privacy not felt in adult criminal court.

**Judge Invokes Obama in Blocking Detroit Bankruptcy Filing:** Ingham County (Michigan) Circuit Judge Rosemary Aquilina has ruled that Detroit's bankruptcy filing violates the state constitution's prohibition on actions which would "diminish" pension benefits.

**Jesse Ventura lawsuit vs. murdered Navy SEAL can move forward, judge says:** The defense attorney had argued Ventura would be better off dropping the case, saying that going forward would give the perception that Ventura had little regard for loved ones of deceased war heroes.

**Bipolar fake lawyer gets up to 3 years for impersonating attorney:** The heroin-addict son of a prominent Albany lawyer had walked into a Manhattan courtroom three times at the end of last year impersonating attorney David O'Brien.

**DA plans to appeal overturned hate crime homicide conviction:** The Onondaga County District Attorney's office plans to ask the state's highest court to reverse an appeals court's decision to throw out the county's first hate crime homicide conviction.

**Unchecked alerts from ankle bracelets on offenders have deadly results:** Some agencies don't have clear protocols on how to handle the multitude of alerts, or don't always follow them. At times, officials took days to act, if they noticed at all, when criminals tampered with their bracelets or broke a curfew.

For more on each of these stories, click here: <http://tinyurl.com/n85uvep>

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Steven Getman County Assigned Counsel, 2008-2011: <http://tinyurl.com/7t27nll>

Steven Getman Seneca County Stop-DWI Coordinator, 2007: <http://tinyurl.com/cxtifyb>

Steven Getman Seneca County Attorney, 2002-2007: <http://tinyurl.com/7olnrjl>

Steven Getman Seneca County Social Services Attorney, 1995-2001: <http://tinyurl.com/6oxk5vo>

Steven Getman Attorney Midey & Swinehart, 1995-2001: <http://tinyurl.com/c8wp96r>

Steven Getman Seneca County Public Defender, 1995: <http://tinyurl.com/72opsae>

Steven Getman Seneca County Law Guardian Panel, 1992-1995: <http://tinyurl.com/ckcv7cp>