

# Opioid-Related News and the Courts

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## Weekly Review

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### Michigan

#### [AG Nessel, Community Officials Promote Historic Opioid Settlements](#)

Department of the Attorney General

“This settlement will allow us to combat opioid addiction in our community through various means including the enhancement and improvement of our problem-solving courts in Genesee County like our successful Recovery Court,” Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton said. “Recovery court and other similar programs allow us to hold offenders accountable while at the same time assist them in their battle with addiction and help them get on the road to productivity.”

### New Mexico

#### [Let's Talk about harm reduction strategies for substance use](#)

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Do you accept that drug use and other high-risk behavior is going to happen regardless of local and federal laws, increased border protection, and society's admonishment? Is it appropriate to make those behaviors safer as a part of a public health and legal response to the problem? Do you worry that Harm Reduction programs give the impression that we condone such behavior?

#### GUESTS:

Emily Kaltenbach - Senior Director for Criminal, Legal, and Policing Reform, [Drug Policy Alliance](#)

Judge Jason Lidyard - 1st Judicial District, [Rio Arriba Drug Court](#)

Kelly Mytinger - Harm Reduction Program Manager, [The Mountain Center](#)

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