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#### BRIEFLY

### VC group names QuatRx founder entrepreneur of year

Robert Zerbe, founder and CEO of Ann Arbor-based **QuatRx Pharmaceuticals Co.**, was named entrepreneur of the year Nov. 6 at the fifth annual meeting of the Ann Arbor-based **Michigan Venture Capital Association**.

In May, QuatRx raised \$44 million, the second-largest round of venture capital in state history.

The exit-of-the-year award was shared by Chris Rizik of Ann Arbor-based **Ardesta L.L.C.** and John Neis of Wisconsin-based **Venture Investors L.L.C.**, which has an Ann Arbor office, for the May public offering of their portfolio company in Madison, Wis., **TomoTherapy Inc.** TomoTherapy went public with a market capitalization of \$926 million.

The Above and Beyond Award went to Dick Eidswick, one of the founders of Ann Arbor-based **Arbor Partners** and a co-founder of the Venture Capital Association.

— Tom Henderson

#### Detroit Mercy students to help feds enforce environmental law

The **U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan** is working with the **University of Detroit** on an Environmental Law Clinic program that will provide experience to UDM law students while aiding U.S. environmental enforcement efforts, U.S. Attorney Stephen Murphy said.

The clinic, scheduled to begin operating in January, will put law students to work with lawyers from the U.S. the Justice Department's Environmental Enforcement Section.

Participating students will be required to complete **FBI** background investigations before handling federal c making the announcement.

Students will assist in cases referred from the **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**, the **U.S. Army Corps U.S. Coast Guard**.

"They will participate in litigating matters in federal District Court brought under such federal environmental Water Act; the Clean Air Act; the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act; ; Conservation and Recovery Act," Murphy said.

— Robert Ankeny

#### Web site lets students assess transfer of course credits

The **Michigan Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers** has launched a new Web site t participating schools and their students to compute course-credit transfers.

The Michigan Transfer Network, an online tool and centralized course transfer equivalency system, allows u compare course credits between schools.

**Michigan State University** is hosting the online tool as Web master, but all colleges and universities in the

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their course data online, said Mike Boulus, executive director of the **President's Council, State Universitie**

"So if Wayne County Community College District adds a new course to its curriculum, for example, that schoo  
its (online) database and set what courses can serve for transfer credit from other schools for that class," Bc

The service is at www.michigantransfernetwork.org.

— Chad Halcom

### More than 90% of UM, WSU law grads pass state bar exam

The **University of Michigan** and **Wayne State University** law schools were virtually deadlocked in the per  
graduates who passed the July Michigan Bar examination, the **State Board of Law Examiners** announced N

UM had 28 graduates take the exam for the first time, with 27 passing, or 96.4 percent. There were 137 first  
with 130 or 94.9 percent passing.

Fewer UM graduates take the exam because many leave the state for jobs elsewhere.

Overall, 627 of 730 passed on their first attempt, including 127 graduates of out-of-state schools. Only 23 of  
passed, dropping the overall pass rate to 77 percent.

Other results: 89.5 percent of 153 taking the test for the first time passed from **Michigan State University L**  
percent of 112 from **University of Detroit Mercy Law School** and 73.7 percent of 137 from **Cooley Law Sc**

— Robert Ankeny

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