



## COURT NEWS MICHIGAN

*One Court of Justice*

**Please note: The media newsletter has been renamed Court News Michigan.**

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**Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.**

### **Detroit Free Press: Justices to rule on pensions, RTW cases**

"The Michigan Supreme Court is poised to settle a question that has long aggravated state workers and officials alike: Do state lawmakers or the state Civil Service Commission have final say over salary and workplace rules for State of Michigan employees?"

[Full story](#)

***Also see:***

### **Detroit Legal News: Michigan Supreme Court takes case involving pensions**

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### **Traverse City Record-Eagle: Michigan court will look at right-to-work law**

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**Note: Articles were also published in the Livingston Daily, WKAR, WGVU, Daily Mining Gazette, Herald-Palladium, and other media outlets**

### **Detroit Legal News: District court to launch first Eviction Diversion Program in Macomb**

"The first Eviction Diversion Program in Macomb County will begin operation at the 37th District Court in February 2014."

[Full story](#)

**Note: This article also ran in the Macomb and Oakland County Legal News**

### **Grand Haven Tribune: Judge affirms Hall's charges as misdemeanors**

"A second judge has affirmed that a Grand Haven man's election fraud case should be handled as a misdemeanor, rather than a felony.....Brandon Hall's case should remain at the District Court level, Ottawa County Circuit Judge Jon Van Allsburg ruled Monday. But the Michigan Attorney General's Office has 21 days after the order is filed to ask for an appeal at the state level. "The (Michigan) Court of Appeals has to decide whether it's worth hearing," said Hall's attorney, Donald Hann said."

[Full story](#)

### **Grand Rapids Legal News: DHS Director honored for mentoring**

"Despite her busy schedule as director of the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS), Maura Corrigan always makes the time to mentor two teenage girls."

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### **Huffington Post: Should Muslim Women Testify with a Face Veil?**

".....Interestingly, the Michigan Supreme Court issued a generally applicable statewide rule in response to this sequence of events. That rule gives judges the power to "exercise reasonable control over the appearance of parties and witnesses so as to (1) ensure that the demeanor of such persons may be observed and assessed by the fact-finder and (2) ensure the accurate identification of such persons."

[Full story](#)

### **Mlive: SHIFTS ON THE BENCH**

"**The 9th Circuit and Kalamazoo County Probate Courts** has a new judicial leadership team, effective from Jan. 1, 2014 until Jan. 1, 2016. **The Hon. Curtis J. Bell** was named chief judge of the 9th Circuit Court and the Kalamazoo County Probate Court by the Michigan Supreme Court in October."

[Full story](#)

### **MLW Blog: Judge's ex-wife takes legal fees dispute to Court of Appeals**

"Macomb County Circuit Judge Richard L. Caretti's ex-wife wants the Court of Appeals to award her \$9,000 in attorney's fees in a disagreement over a child-support payment."

[Full story](#)

### **Sentinel Standard/Ionia: Four state grants bring almost \$325,000 in for court programs**

"People served by the court system, and the community at large, will benefit from four grants for almost \$325,000, recently awarded to Ionia County from the Michigan Supreme Court, State Court Administrative Office. Funding runs through Sept. 30."

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