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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: Young to stay chief justice of state's high court (seventh article)

"Robert Young Jr. is keeping his job as chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. The court said Wednesday that justices unanimously chose Young. As chief justice, Young also works closely with the state agency that oversees the Michigan court system."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in several news outlets including the Battle Creek Enquirer, Crain's Detroit Business, the Herald-Palladium/St. Joseph, the Lansing State Journal, the Midland Daily News, the Times Herald/Port Huron and WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit.

Also see:

Detroit Legal News: Young elected to second term as chief justice

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.

Robert P. Young, Jr., elected to second term as chief justice

[Press release](#)

Detroit Free Press: Judge orders group to tell how it calculates no-fault insurance fees

"[Ingham County Circuit Judge Clinton Canady III] has ruled that the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association is subject to the Freedom of Information Act and must disclose how it calculates the annual fee that Michigan vehicles are charged under the state's no-fault auto insurance system."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Judge: Catastrophic insurance plan must open books

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Judge rules mandatory insurance calculations to be public

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: MCCA ordered to disclose how it comes up with annual fees

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Cheboygan Daily Tribune: TVs present in courtrooms

"New technology has been installed in Cheboygan County courtrooms to handle some legal proceedings via video-conferencing. The Internet-based Polycom system, based in California, allows judges in the Probate Court, 89th District Court and 53rd Circuit Court to arraign defendants, for example, that are hundreds of miles away in other Michigan cities."

[Full story](#)

The Daily Tribune: Berkley court to merge with Royal Oak

"The boundary for 44th District Court, Royal Oak, will be expanded in 2015 to take in the city of Berkley, which is now served by the 45A District Court. Berkley was supposed to merge with the 45B District Court, Oak Park, under the original cost-saving consolidation plan recommended by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO)."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland Press.

The Evening News/Sault Ste. Marie, MI: Judge Lambros hands down gavel

"In his last official act, Judge Nicholas Lambros of the 50th Circuit Court swore in various elected individuals including his own son. Judge Lambros — who had served in this capacity since Jan. 1, 1977 — passed the gavel to his son, James Lambros, providing an emotional farewell speech laced with humor in his final appearance on the bench."

[*Full story*](#)

The Herald-Palladium/St. Joseph: Butzbaugh hands off the baton; Chief judge reflects on his nine years leading the court

"When asked about his nine years on the bench, retiring Judge Alfred Butzbaugh has a direct if understated answer. 'It's been interesting,' said Butzbaugh, who led Berrien County Trial Court as chief judge during a period of innovation, automation advances and budget-induced downsizing."

[*Full story*](#)

The Herald-Palladium/St. Joseph: Lawyer seeks to oust judge from cussing case

"The lawyer for a South Bend woman jailed in December for swearing inside the Niles south county courthouse has filed a motion to disqualify the judge who charged her with contempt. John Tarnowski said he's asking that Berrien County Trial Judge Dennis Wiley be disqualified from hearing the criminal contempt case against LaRue Ford set for Tuesday in Niles."

[*Full story*](#)

Hometown Life Newspapers: The other side of the bench -- Local attorney excited about future as circuit court judge

"You might say Christmas came early for Martha Snow. The Northville Township resident and longtime attorney received some surprising and welcome news early last month when she was informed Gov. Rick Snyder had appointed her to the Third Circuit Court in Wayne County. Snow, a 16-year resident of the township, replaced Judge Gershwin Drain, who resigned from the bench."

[*Full story*](#)

Jackson County Legal News: Former magistrate had a heart of gold

"Several years ago at a Straker Bar Association event, I was privileged to meet A. Kay Stanfield Spinks, who was nearing the final days of her career as a magistrate with the 46th District Court in Southfield."

[*Full story*](#)

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Circuit Judge Thomas Wilson swears in Jerry Jarzynka as next Jackson County prosecutor

"... Jackson County Chief Circuit Judge Thomas Wilson on Wednesday swore in Jerry Jarzynka as the county's next prosecutor. It is the first time in 10 years someone other than Hank Zavislak has held the position. Zavislak retired and endorsed Jarzynka for prosecutor. In a close November election, Jarzynka won the seat."

[*Full story*](#)

Lansing State Journal: Mark Mayes: Grand Ledge woodworker creates award-winning desk

Columnist Mark Mayes writes "... [Maureen Buda's] desire to find the perfect gift for her attorney husband's retirement office meshed perfectly with [Richard] Kopitsch's vision of creating a one-of-a-kind law book desk.... He sketched out his vision after working on furnishings, including judge benches, for the Veterans Memorial Courthouse in downtown Lansing and the St. Johns Courthouse."

[*Full story*](#)

The Macomb Daily: Macomb County assistant prosecutors sworn in by Judge David Viviano

"Forty-six assistant Macomb County prosecuting attorneys were sworn in to their posts Wednesday by a judge who once aspired to be their leader. David Viviano, chief judge of Macomb County Circuit Court, presided over the swearing-in ceremony for the bulk of the prosecuting staff of Prosecutor Eric Smith, who in a hotly contested race in 2004 defeated Viviano for the top law-enforcement post in the county. Smith won his third term in November."

[Full story](#)

The Mining Journal/Marquette: Look for Hill to do distinguished work on probate bench

The editorial states "A historic occasion occurred Friday [December 28] in Marquette County, with the figurative passing of the gavel from retiring Marquette County Probate Court Judge Michael Anderegg to his successor, Cheryl Hill, the first woman to hold the judgeship in the county's history. Anderegg has been on the bench since Jan. 1, 1977, and he has been re-elected five times, running without opposition."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Mining Journal/Marquette: Hill sworn in as probate judge

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WLUC-TV(6)/Negaunee: Cheryl Hill sworn in as new Probate Judge

[Full story](#)

WLUC-TV(6)/Negaunee: Judge Anderegg wraps up 36 years of service

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Critics expected to test Michigan's new emergency manager law at ballot box, in court

"Gov. Rick Snyder says Michigan's new emergency manager law improves upon the version that voters rejected in November, but critics say there are too many similarities and are gearing up for another fight."

[Full story](#)