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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.

Associated Press: Interpreters sought for Michigan courts

"The Michigan Supreme Court seeks foreign language speakers from Arabic to Vietnamese to interpret for those who come before state courts. The state's highest court says it recently adopted a rule requiring all courts to provide interpreters. Candidates must be versed in common slang and technical language."

[Full story](#)

Note: The Associated Press article also ran in the Detroit Free Press, the Detroit News, WLNS-TV(6)/Lansing and other media outlets.

Also see:

Detroit Legal News: Foreign language interpreters needed for Michigan courts

[Full story](#)

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

MLive.com: Michigan courts seeking more interpreters after new policy requiring translation help

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WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: The Michigan Supreme Court is looking for foreign language speakers

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WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Interpreters sought for Michigan courts

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Foreign language interpreters needed for courts; Supreme Court seeks to ensure those who can't speak English have meaningful access to justice system

[Press release](#)

Detroit Free Press: Macomb County courthouse reopens after bomb threat

"Macomb County Circuit Court has reopened after authorities swept the building after a bomb threat was called in this morning. The building reopened about 12:35 p.m., nearly four hours after it was evacuated. A man made three calls to the county clerk's office saying there was a bomb in the six-story building on Main Street in Mt. Clemens just after 8 a.m., sheriff's authorities said."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Macomb County Circuit Court reopens after bomb threat

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CBS Detroit: Macomb County Circuit Court Reopens After Over Bomb Scare

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WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Macomb Co. Circuit Court reopens following bomb threat

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WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Macomb Co. Circuit Court reopens following threat

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WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Macomb County Circuit Court building in Mt. Clemens reopens after bomb threat

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Flint Journal: Age limits to force out two Genesee District judges; assistant prosecutor seeking seat

"... Genesee District Judges John Conover and Larry Stecco will not seek reelection when their six-year term comes to an end this year due to limits in the state constitution that prevent individuals 70 and older from seeking election to state judicial offices.... Genesee County Assistant Prosecutor Vikki Bayeh Haley became the first candidate to line-up to seek one of the soon-to-be vacated positions when she [announced Wednesday January 8 that she would seek election in November for Stecco's seat.]"

[Full story](#)

Grosse Pointe News: All-Pointes recap

"Some news items span the individual five Grosse Pointes to encompass them all and more.... The community-wide year in review: July: A sweet deal for Wayne County traffic ticket scofflaws is paying off in Grosse Pointe municipal courts. As part of a county-wide effort to help Detroit collect millions of dollars in delinquent traffic fines, suburban courts are authorized to act as discount deposit slots for the 36th District Court."

[Full story](#)

The MLW Blog: In their opinions

"Here's why it's never OK to leave a biased juror on the panel: '[T]he role of the district judge is not to gloss over serious issues for the sake of preventing additional work for the court. Rather, in a criminal trial, the judge is entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring that the constitutional rights of the accused are safeguarded from the whims of public opinion, prejudice, and expediency.' 6th Circuit Judge Martha Craig Daughtrey in United States v. Shepard."

[Full story](#)

The MLW Blog: Cooley Law School, Western Michigan University affiliation not a done deal ... yet

"The Thomas M. Cooley Law School's affiliation with Western Michigan University is not set in stone yet. But Western Michigan President John Dunn said he expects final approval to come soon. The boards of both schools endorsed the alliance in September 2013."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Rochester Bar members gather

"The Rochester Bar Association conducted its Holiday Party on Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester. Among those enjoying the festivities were ... Oakland County 52-3 District Court Judge Lisa Asadoorian; ... Oakland County 52-3 District Court Judge Nancy Carniak; ... Oakland County 52-3 District Court Judge Julie Nicholson; [and other Rochester Bar Association members.]"

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Oakland County Legal News: Delays in justice proposed by Michigan lawmakers for Wayne County residents

"Region VI of the National Bar Association, the Association of Black Judges of Michigan, the D. Augustus Straker Bar Association, the Wolverine Bar Association, and the Davis Dunning's Bar Association oppose legislation to cut the number of judicial seats on the Wayne County Circuit Court (WCCC), including House Bill 5124, Senate Bill 653, and any proposed compromise legislation supporting judicial cuts in Wayne County."

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Oakland County Legal News: Cold snap: Burst pipe causes water damage in Frank Murphy Hall of Justice

"Hustling repair crews over the weekend and on Monday at Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in downtown Detroit reduced the downtime to zero for Wayne County Circuit Court.... The leak caused water damage to the building's lobby, the bond office, the jury assembly area and two ground floor courtrooms as well as a room used by the Wayne County Sheriff's Department."

[Full story](#)

Petoskey News-Review: The Honorable Michael J. Kelly, 84

"The Honorable Michael J. Kelly, 84, of Boyne City and formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Dec. 31, 2013. He was a proud U.S. Army veteran, having served in Korea. He graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy Law School, and was a long-time judge for the Michigan Court of Appeals."

[Full story](#)

Staffing Industry Analysts/Mountain View, CA: Michigan Court Redefines Employment Status

"Last month, the Michigan Court of Appeals overruled a two-decade old standard defining who qualifies as an 'employee' for purposes of the state's workers' compensation statute, reminding employers of the complexity of the employment concept.... A recent example of the ever-evolving landscape of workers' compensation law is the decision of a special panel of the Michigan Court of Appeals in Auto-Owners Insurance Co. v. All Star Lawn Specialists Plus."

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