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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.

Retention, destruction of juvenile case records is subject of proposed court rule change on agenda for Supreme Court Jan. 30 public hearing

[Press release](#)

The Detroit News: No jury oath, no conviction, Michigan appeals court says

"A man's conspiracy conviction has been thrown out because a Jackson County jury wasn't sworn-in with an oath commonly used at the start of trials. The Michigan appeals court says the oath isn't a mere formality. In a 3-0 decision Friday, the court says the oath is required by law, and it assures a defendant that jurors will be impartial."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Associated Press: No jury oath, no conviction, Michigan court says

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Frank Beckmann: Snyder's the man to find new Supreme Court justice

"With this week's announcement of the inevitable departure of Justice Diane Hathaway from the Michigan Supreme Court bench, Gov. Rick Snyder is receiving no shortage of advice over who should fill her seat and how he should go about filling the vacancy."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Daily Press & Argus: Editorial: Hathaway must be accountable for any missteps

[Full story](#)

WKAR-TV(23)/East Lansing: Off the Record with Tim Skubick 01/11/13 show (9:35-11:35 minute mark)

[Full story](#)

Toledo Blade: Jack Lessenberry: Will Snyder take the high road in naming a high-court justice?

[Full story](#)

The Examiner: Republican calls for Supreme Court Judge Diane Hathaway to turn down pension

[Full story](#)

National Review Blog: Michigan Supreme Court Justice Hathaway to Retire

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Deaf lifeguard's suit against Oakland County revived

"A federal appeals court has revived a lawsuit by a deaf lifeguard who says his rights were violated when Oakland County declined to hire him. The court said Thursday that a judge used the wrong legal standard when he ruled in favor of the county and dismissed the lawsuit in 2011."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Deaf lifeguard will get second chance at lawsuit against Oakland County

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: Deaf lifeguard wins appeal in lawsuit against Oakland County

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Judge: Teacher in Macomb sex case had 'awful deviant tendencies'

"A Macomb County judge is surprised by letters of support for a teacher who had sex with a student. Christopher Skebo was sentenced to at least five years in prison Thursday. He was accused of having sex last year with a 17-year-old student and sending explicit photos and video to more teens."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Macomb County judge surprised by support for teacher in sex case

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Lansing State Journal and the Times Herald/Port Huron.

The Macomb Daily: Sterling Heights music teacher gets 5 years in prison for sex with student

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Daily Tribune.

The Oakland Press: Sterling Heights substitute teacher sentenced to maximum 45 years for sex with student

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: No bias from judge in Tamera Greene neglect case, state officials say

"State officials will not seek to remove the presiding judge in a Wayne County juvenile court neglect case involving a girl who was killed last month and her four brothers, the Department of Human Services said Thursday."

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Judge to decide if 7 DPS at-large members should be removed

"[Wayne County Circuit Judge John Gillis Jr.] said Thursday he will issue a decision by mail on whether seven members of the Detroit school board are holding office illegally and should be removed."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Attorneys clash in court over lawsuit seeking to oust majority of Detroit Public Schools board

[Full story](#)

Daily Press & Argus: Appeal denied in synthetic-pot case

"The lawyer who has represented two women charged with selling synthetic marijuana said it's their constitutional right to have the attorney of their choosing. Livingston County court officials, however, said a potential conflict of interest means that attorney can be anyone but him. The dispute now appears headed to the state Court of Appeals."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Berry to preside over newly created docket in Civil Division

"Judge Annette Jurkiewicz Berry will serve in the Civil Division of the Third Judicial Circuit Court and preside over a newly created docket. Berry was elected to the Third Judicial Circuit Court in November 2000 and served 12 years in the court's Criminal Division. In November 2012, Berry was elected to serve a third term."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Judge Marlinga to be featured speaker at PALS general meeting (second article)

"The Polish American Legal Society (PALS) is conducting its first general meeting of 2013 on Wednesday, Jan. 23, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Polish Village Cafe, 2990 Yemans Avenue in Hamtramck. The featured speaker will be Macomb County Probate Court Judge Carl J. Marlinga."

[Full story](#)

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Jackson stormwater fee lawsuits could have oral arguments beginning in March

"Those suing the city of Jackson for imposing a stormwater fee could have their day in court in the next few months. Brian Surgener, the owner of one of the two businesses who filed a suit, along with a similar suit from Jackson County, against the city, said he believed oral arguments could begin in March in the Michigan Court of Appeals."

[Full story](#)

Lansing State Journal: Eaton County Judge Osterhaven to retire Feb. 1

"Eaton County Circuit Judge Calvin Osterhaven has notified state court officials and Gov. Rick Snyder that he will retire Feb. 1, he said Thursday. Osterhaven, 66, who has served on the bench for 16 years, said many factors played into the decision."

[Full story](#)

**** The article is available by subscription only.**

Leader Publications/Niles: Prosecutor refuses to prosecute case of woman jailed for cursing

"Berrien County Prosecutor Art Cotter is refusing to act as prosecutor in the case of a woman who was jailed for 11 days for cursing in the Berrien County South County courthouse in Niles."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Leader Publications/Niles: Editorial: Wiley wrong to jail woman for cursing

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Appeals court OKs partner benefits for state workers

"A divided Michigan Court of Appeals has upheld a state commission's decision to provide health insurance to same-sex domestic partners of state employees. In a 2-1 ruling handed down on Wednesday, the court said it's not the place of courts to second-guess the wisdom of state action."

[Full story](#)

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

Also see:

WKAR News/East Lansing: Court Of Appeals Upholds State Worker Live-In Partner Benefits

[Full story](#)

Muskegon Chronicle: Muskegon County courthouse \$3 million renovation of first, second floors nearly done

“More than three years and roughly \$3 million later, a renovation of the first and second floors of Muskegon County’s Michael E. Kobza Hall of Justice is nearly complete.... Officials hope to reopen the first floor of the county building at 990 Terrace St. to the public by Feb. 19. The entire floor, other than its elevator landing in the entrance lobby, has been closed since January 2012 except to construction workers.”

[Full story](#)