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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.

Hon. Stephen P. Carras appointed chief judge of Midland courts

[*Press release*](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Law Day comes early to Midland as Michigan Supreme Court hears oral arguments

"Law Day - the annual May 1 celebration of the rule of law in the United States - is coming early to Midland this year, with the Wednesday, April 17, visit of the Michigan Supreme Court."

[*Full story*](#)

Also see:

Law Day comes early to Midland: Michigan Supreme Court to visit April 17

[*Press release*](#)

The Detroit News: Court won't revive child care center's lawsuit over 2010 oil spill

"The owners of a Marshall child care center who claim an oil spill killed their business can no longer sue Enbridge Energy. The Michigan appeals court says a Calhoun County judge was right to dismiss the lawsuit by Clyde and JoAnn Griffin. The case was thrown out on technical grounds when Enbridge complained that the Griffins didn't turn over certain documents."

[*Full story*](#)

Also see:

Associated Press: Court won't revive lawsuit over 2010 oil spill

[*Full story*](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Battle Creek Enquirer.

The Detroit News: 2 men get probation in killing of deer in Warren

"Two men who authorities say killed a deer in violation of a local hunting ban have been placed on probation. District Court Judge Dean Ausilio last week also prohibited 19-year-old Myles Ehret of Royal Oak and 27-year-old William Francis of Riverview from hunting for a year as part of their punishment. They were ordered to pay fines and perform community service."

[*Full story*](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Men who killed deer in Warren get probation, banned from hunting

[*Full story*](#)

The Macomb Daily: Probation, fines for accused deer hunters

[*Full story*](#)

Detroit Free Press: Macomb attorney arraigned on charge he drained boys' trust fund

"A St. Clair Shores attorney accused of stealing almost \$400,000 from a trust fund set up for two teenage boys in Warren was arraigned [Monday] in Macomb County Circuit Court. Robert Buschmohle, 40, waived arraignment and stood mute on one count of embezzlement of \$100,000 or more, a 20-year felony."

[*Full story*](#)

Daily Press & Argus: Family Mediation Council assists families in divorce

"Members of Livingston County's Livingston Interdisciplinary Professional Association including District Judge Carol Sue Reader, attorneys Denise Couling and Eileen Slank and mediators Gary Marsh and Siri Gottlieb participated in a statewide seminar on use of mediation to resolve divorce and custody cases."

[Full story](#)

The Daily Telegram/Adrian: Dog bite case costs \$55,000

"A \$55,000 structured settlement for a dog bite that scarred a 10-year-old boy's face was approved Monday in Lenawee County Circuit Court. According to the lawsuit, the Adrian area boy was visiting at a home in Hillsdale County when he was attacked by a family's pet bullmastiff dog."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: High success rates for e-file draw praise

"Wayne County Clerk Cathy M. Garrett and the Third Judicial Circuit Court have succeeded in delivering an innovative and effective e-filing system to Wayne County's legal community. Due to this achievement, Garrett and the court were granted a highly revered order by the Michigan Supreme Court on March 19."

[Full story](#)

Flint Journal: Grand Blanc Schools drops lawsuit against Genesee County Drain Commission, Grand Blanc Township

"Grand Blanc Schools has dropped its lawsuit against the Genesee County Drain Commission and Grand Blanc Township.... The decision comes after the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled in March that it agreed with the trial court and ruled in favor of the county and the township."

[Full story](#)

Lansing State Journal: Obituary: Robert L. Hutchins

"Robert L. Hutchins Lansing Age 89, passed away Saturday, April 13, 2013, in Lansing MI.... He became a licensed mortician in 1949, then a Michigan State Trooper in 1951, retiring in 1974. In 1975 he became a City of Lansing Court Officer and was later appointed Magistrate of 54A District Court, holding that position for 8 years before retiring for a second time."

[Full story](#)

Kalamazoo Gazette: Overcrowding at Kalamazoo County Jail prompts restrictions on who local police can bring to facility

"Sheriff's officials put judges and local police agencies on alert Monday and today after the Kalamazoo County Jail inmate population swelled to 427 at the 327-bed facility, Undersheriff Pali Matyas said."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Historic courthouse bell may ring once again

"The Grand Traverse County courthouse's historic bell could soon ring again. Several community members expressed interest in raising funds to restore the 112-year-old bell that sits high atop the county's circuit courthouse, said Danny Brown, county Facilities Management Department director."

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Justice to speak at law school orientation

"Newly appointed Michigan Supreme Court Justice David Viviano will be the keynote speaker at Cooley Law School's 'Professional in Action Orientation' on April 30.... The event will take place at the law school's Auburn campus from 3:30-5:30 p.m."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Michigan judge holds self in contempt for his smartphone disturbance

"A Michigan judge whose smartphone disrupted a hearing in his own courtroom has held himself in contempt and paid \$25 for the infraction."

[Full story](#)

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Bringing a new mindset to court

"Pat Merkel says mental health court turned her life around. She landed in the courtroom in late 2010, after shots of vodka led to fuzzy thinking at a K-Mart. She walked out of the store to check on a ride but forgot to leave her shopping cart inside. She was charged with shoplifting."

[Full story](#)