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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.

The Detroit News: Michigan court OKs grand jury probe into meningitis outbreak, deaths; Grand jury to look into tainted steroids that killed at least 16

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has granted Attorney General Bill Schuette's request to empanel a four-county grand jury investigation into meningitis-related infections and deaths of state residents caused by tainted prescription pain medication."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Crain's Detroit Business: Grand jury to investigate company's link to meningitis outbreak in Michigan

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Daily Press & Argus: County will have voice on outbreak; Judge to oversee grand jury probing meningitis

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Special grand jury to look into meningitis deaths in Michigan

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The Oakland Press: Macomb to join grand jury probe in meningitis outbreak

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WKAR News/East Lansing: Court Of Appeals Convenes Grand Jury To Investigate Meningitis Deaths

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Detroit Free Press: Macomb gets iPhones, help from Oakland, after fire

"Macomb County Circuit and Probate Court have temporary phone numbers and 33 iPhones on loan from the county's Community Mental Health after a fire last week in the old county building brought down the county's phone and communication system.... Despite systems being down — including the case management system at the Circuit Court — court proceedings are being held as scheduled."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Restoration work on charred Macomb County building begins

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Oakland County helps Macomb to get communication back online

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland Press.

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Macomb County courts open, temporary phone numbers available

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Macomb County may ban smoking within 100 feet of doors, windows

"The Macomb Board of Commissioners' Health and Human Services Committee voted Monday to recommend adoption of a county ordinance that would prohibit smoking within 100 feet of entryways at county buildings and courts. The ordinance would also prohibit smoking near windows capable of being opened and air intake systems."

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Supreme Court won't stop judges from getting raises

"The [U.S.] Supreme Court won't stop some federal judges from getting cost-of-living increases promised to them by Congress but never paid. The high court on Monday refused to hear an appeal of a decision ordering the money to six federal judges."

[Full story](#)

Associated Press: Mich. prevails in lawsuit over girl's 2008 death

"Child welfare workers can't be sued in the 2008 death of a southwestern Michigan teen who perished in a fire, even if they knew she was routinely tied to her bed by her parents. A federal appeals court has affirmed a decision by a judge in Grand Rapids. The court says the death of Calista Springer in St. Joseph County is 'undeniably tragic' but the state didn't increase the danger."

[Full story](#)

Battle Creek Enquirer: Murder conviction reversed by appeals court

"One of three men convicted in a 2010 Battle Creek shooting death was given a new trial this week. In a decision released Friday, the Michigan Court of Appeals reversed the first-degree murder conviction of Levon Bynum in the August 28, 2010 shooting death of Larry Carter and wounding of two other men."

[Full story](#)

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

Detroit Legal News: Awards Night

"During the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan 95th Annual Conference on Friday, April 12, at the Westin Book Cadillac, awards were presented to Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Executive Director Lorraine Weber and retired Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly at the luncheon. Presenting the Jean L. King Award to Weber was Angela Sherigan, Tribal Court judge and managing partner of Wojnecka & Sherigan PC. Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget McCormack was pleased to present the Mary S. Coleman Award to Kelly."

[Full story](#)

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

Detroit Legal News: Third Judicial Circuit expands eFiling project

"The Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan eFiling project will expand to include the following case types:... All filings for open or new cases for these case types will be mandatory. The planned implementation date is May 20, 2013."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: 36th District Court to present homeowner and tenant rights clinic (second article)

"The 36th District Court will host a Homeowner and Tenants Rights Clinic from 10-11:30 a.m. April 24 for those individuals who are facing mortgage foreclosure or eviction after foreclosure."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: WMU trustees approve Cooley Law affiliation

"A proposed affiliation between Western Michigan University and the Thomas M. Cooley Law School is a step closer to reality today after the WMU Board of Trustees voiced its approval for the move and authorized the University's administration to proceed with the initiative."

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Grand Rapids Press: Owner of Grand Rapids dispensary charged with drug crimes, 3rd arrested after March raids

"The owner of a Grand Rapids medical marijuana dispensary faces three drug charges in connection to a raid early last month.... Police prosecutors contend that a recent Michigan Supreme Court ruling bans dispensaries under the state's medical marijuana law. [Anthony Brown's attorney Frank] Stanley said the ruling and the law are not that clear."

[Full story](#)

Ingham County Legal News: 54-B District Court focuses on customers

"The East Lansing 54-B District Court, 101 Linden St., is increasing its focus on customer service in 2013. Staffing levels decreased during the past few years because of state budget cuts and the court has had to learn to operate more efficiently with less clerical staff."

[Full story](#)

Ingham County Legal News: Ingham courts overturn Fannie Mae evictions of County homeowners

"Ingham County Register of Deeds Curtis Hertel Jr. praised two recent court decisions against mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in Ingham County that will overturn the eviction of local residents from their homes, while offering similar hope for citizens across Michigan."

[Full story](#)

Lansing State Journal: Supreme Court judge [sic] visits St. Mary School

"Michigan Supreme Court Justice Michael F. Cavanagh was one of many guest speakers at St. Mary School in Charlotte this past month. Celebrating March is Reading Month, Justice Cavanagh read from a book on the Bill of Rights."

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Macomb County Legal News: Rep Assembly to meet this month

"The State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly has scheduled its spring meeting for Saturday, April 27 at Lansing Community College West Campus in Lansing. Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly will deliver a presentation on the report and recommendations of the Michigan Judicial Selection Task Force calling for reform of Michigan's judicial elections process."

[Full story](#)

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

The Macomb Daily: Appeals court upholds two Macomb assault convictions

"The state Court of Appeals recently upheld two convictions in separate Macomb County Circuit Court cases, one a sexual assault of a girl and the other an assault during a fight over a stolen purse."

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Richard A. Bandstra, AG's chief legal counsel to retire

"Richard A. Bandstra, chief legal counsel to Attorney General Bill Schuette announced he will retire May 31. The retirement caps 28 years of public service, including election to the State House of Representatives in 1984 and as floor leader from 1993-1994. He was elected to the Michigan Third District Court of Appeals in 1994 and served as chief judge from 1998 to 2001. He left the court in 2011 and joined Schuette as chief legal counsel."

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The MiLW Blog: Grand Rapids law firms, courts OK following river rising

"Many businesses and buildings alongside the Grand River in Grand Rapids have been damaged because of the week's rising waters, due to a prolonged period of torrential rainfall. But the city's courts and law firms have reported being spared by Mother Nature.... In addition, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan and Kent County Circuit Court are up and running."

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The Morning Sun: Clare courts follow the rules, seal document

"Since the judge was angry, the outcome came as no surprise. District Court Judge Joshua Farrell last week lavished praise on the love-fest between prosecution and defense in their effort to properly make secret a key court document in the murder case against Oanh Bass."

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The News-Herald/Southgate: SOUTHGATE: Court to get video arraignment system

"The City Council approved the purchase of a Polycom system for 28th District Court that will allow for video arraignments, testimony and other court proceedings to be done remotely if necessary. The system, which costs a total of about \$14,000 for the equipment and installation, is expected to be operational within four to six weeks, Court Administrator James Gibbs said."

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Press & Guide/Dearborn: City schedules budget hearings

"With the new 2013-14 fiscal year on the horizon, the city has scheduled several budget sessions, with the final City Council vote scheduled for 7 p.m. May 28.... Six workshops have been scheduled, all at 5:30 p.m.... The schedule is:.. May 8: 19th District Court and inspection services bench marking request for proposals."

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