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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.**

### **Attorney General: Schuette Announces Matthew Schneider to Serve as Chief Legal Counsel**

[Press release](#)

### **The Detroit News: Appeals court vacates Detroit arsonist's sentence in light of error**

"A federal appeals court Wednesday vacated a 15-year sentence of an arsonist who started a fire that injured seven firefighters after prosecutors admitted a sentencing error. Detroit's Samson Wright could be sentenced to seven years in prison after prosecutors admitted the sentence in November 2011 violated a plea deal."

[Full story](#)

### **The Argus-Press/Owosso: COURT DAY**

"Bonnie Ott's Ovid-Elsie High School business students advanced their legal education as jurors, bailiffs and court clerks at the 2013 Teen Court Day March 28 in Clinton County."

[Full story](#)

### **Detroit Legal News: Walk for Justice**

"On Saturday, April 6, a 'Walk for Justice' took place at the Detroit Zoo in support of the Salvation Army's William Booth Legal Aid Clinic (WBLAC). Getting ready to hit the trail to raise funds for the clinic were retired Judge Fred Mester, WBLAC founder Ellen Dickman, Wayne County Circuit Court Judges Lita Popke and Maria Oxholm, [among others]."

[Full story](#)

### **Detroit Legal News: Veterans Treatment Court keeps focus on healing, not jailing**

"Until recently, Marvin Olsen was a fixture on the streets of Ann Arbor, as he pushed his shopping cart full of possessions from one stopping point to the next. Last fall, when he was charged with a non-violent crime, the Vietnam veteran was admitted to the new Washtenaw County Veterans Treatment Court."

[Full story](#)

### **Grand Rapids Legal News: Law Day is a storied tradition**

"This is the 56th anniversary of Law Day - celebrated each May 1 since being declared as such by Dwight Eisenhower in 1958. It is a day to celebrate the importance of the law in our democratic way of life, to appreciate the freedoms we enjoy."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Kalamazoo Gazette: Letter: On Law Day remember lawyers who donate time, money to ensure fair legal access to all**

[Full story](#)

### **Kalamazoo Gazette: Terrence Bell to be resentenced in sexual assault case involving Kalamazoo Public Schools student**

"More than 18 months after he was convicted of sexually assaulting a Kalamazoo Public Schools high school student with special needs, Terrence Bell, a former KPS employee, will be resentenced in the case. An opinion handed down Tuesday by the Michigan Court of Appeals reversed Bell's conviction for one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct by force or coercion."

[Full story](#)

### **Kalamazoo Gazette: Proposed district court closing agreement sparks debate with Portage City Council**

"Portage City Council members said they have not accepted any financial agreement with Kalamazoo County over the closing of the Shaver Road district court.... The district courthouse closed in March after the retirement of Judge Carol Husum and came after years of debate if the courthouse should remain. The decision was the result of the state deciding last year to eliminate one district court judge position in Kalamazoo County through attrition."

[Full story](#)

### **The Macomb Daily: Vet Court reject's trial delayed due to new charges**

"The trial for a man who was rejected for Veterans Treatment Court was adjourned Tuesday after officials learned he has been charged with home invasion and larceny in Lincoln Park. Robert M. Charbeneau, 25, was scheduled to go on trial in Macomb County Circuit Court in Mount Clemens for unarmed robbery."

[Full story](#)

### **The Macomb Daily: Prosecutor Smith to appeal mistrial in fatal off-road crash**

"Macomb County Prosecutor Eric Smith said he is appealing a judge's mistrial ruling in a Sterling Heights fatal off-road motorcycle crash nearly two years ago. Smith said his office will go to the state Court of Appeals in the case of Dylan Childers, 19, who was charged with vehicular manslaughter for the May 2011 death of Leslie Allen in the crash in an ITC corridor between Hall and Canal roads."

[Full story](#)

### **MLive.com: Michigan Women's Foundation honors leaders in Grand Rapids banking and philanthropy**

"... The foundation also honored Maura Corrigan, director of the Michigan Department of Human Services and a former Michigan Supreme Court Justice with the group's 'Trillium Lifetime Achievement Award.' "

[Full story](#)

### **MLive.com: Michigan poised to keep drunken driving threshold at .08 -- could boats, snowmobiles be next?**

"Michigan is poised to keep its drunken driving threshold at .08 percent blood alcohol content – and it's possible state lawmakers might later consider getting boat, snowmobile and off-road vehicle operating thresholds in line with that standard."

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: Catholic Lawyers Society hosts Annual Meeting**

"The Catholic Lawyers Society will conduct its Annual Meeting and Brunch on Sunday, April 28, at The Ark at St. Ambrose, 15020 Hapmton Rd. in Grosse Pointe Park. Mass begins at 11:15 a.m. followed by brunch at 1 p.m. This year's Monsignor Malloy Award will be presented to Michigan Supreme Court Justice Michael F. Cavanaghh."

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: 'Know Your Judge'**

"The Oakland County Bar Association's Juvenile Law Committee continued its Fundamentals of Juvenile Law – Year VII, a brown bag lunch lecture series, titled 'Know Your Judge' on Thursday, April 11, at the Oakland County Bar Center in Bloomfield Hills. On hand for the lecture were Ryan Deel, judicial staff attorney for Oakland County Probate Court, and Douglas Oliver of the Law Offices of Douglas K. Oliver PLLC."

[Full story](#)

### **The Oakland Press: Advocates shine light during National Crime Victims' Rights Week WITH VIDEO**

"... [Rev. Dr. Bonita] Laudeman, speaking at a National Crime Victims' Rights Week event in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners auditorium, said crime victim advocates shine light in dark times... Oakland County Chief Circuit Judge Nanci Grant served as master of ceremonies. She said only 50 percent of all crime victims actually report the crime."

[Full story](#)

### **Press & Guide/Dearborn: City erases 19th District Court's deficit**

"The city and 19th District Court previously had been at odds over the court's budget. With a change in leadership at the court, the conflict is easing. The council voted April 16 to erase the court's \$355,812 deficit for this fiscal year, which ends June 30, by shifting \$271,906 in line items and eliminating the other \$83,906 of deficit."

[Full story](#)

### **Saginaw News: Saginaw and Bay County judges assigned to rule over new "business court"**

"The Michigan Supreme Court has assigned judges M. Randall Jurens and Kenneth W. Schmidt to handle all 'business court' cases in Saginaw and Bay counties, respectively. Jurens, the Saginaw County District Court chief judge, and Schmidt, the Bay County Chief Circuit Court judge, were assigned to the courts earlier this month."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **"Business Court" judge assignments announced by Michigan Supreme Court**

[Press release](#)

### **Saginaw News: Perjury trial ordered for Saginaw man who testified he lied during earlier murder case hearing**

"A Saginaw man who testified in a murder trial that he lied during an earlier court hearing will stand trial on a perjury charge. Saginaw County District Judge Kyle Higgs Tarrant on Tuesday, April 23, concluded the preliminary hearing for Aaron T. Anthony by ruling that prosecutors showed probable cause to take him to trial in Circuit Court."

[Full story](#)

### **WKAR News/East Lansing: Dispute over Ingham circuit court recordkeeping suggests changes ahead**

"A minor turf war over public records is taking shape in Ingham County. While the dispute is being downplayed by its two participants---Clerk Barb Byrum and Chief Circuit Court Judge Janelle Lawless---some observers suggest it's symptomatic of a larger, ongoing problem: poor public access to documents."

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