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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 chief: Trial judges deserve more pay

"The administrator of Michigan's court system is recommending two consecutive years of 3 percent raises for state Supreme Court justices, who make about \$165,000. But Chad Schmucker says he's actually trying to help the trial judges in Michigan's 83 counties. That's because their salaries are based on a percentage of what Supreme Court justices are paid."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Associated Press: Mich. court chief: Trial judges deserve more pay

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Note: The article also ran in the Holland Sentinel.

Detroit Free Press: Macomb lifts state of emergency after county building fire

"... Officials on Wednesday said they hoped the communication system would be operational by the end of the week, with departments slowly coming online. Macomb Circuit Court, which relies heavily on the system, has returned to working computers and its normal phone numbers."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Macomb County courts' phone, computer systems operational

[Full story](#)

Battle Creek Enquirer: Four attorneys say they seek circuit judgeship

"At least four local attorneys have applied to replace retiring Calhoun County Circuit Judge Allen Garbrecht. Gov. Rick Snyder will select the new judge, but the process is confidential, according to both the office of the governor and the Michigan Bar Association, which conducts interviews with the candidates."

[Full story](#)

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

Also see:

The MiLW Blog: Four attorneys say they seek Calhoun County circuit judgeship

[Full story](#)

Bay City Times: Anthony Bennett, charged in death of 4-year-old, gets new lawyer after previous one suspended from practicing law

"Anthony M. Bennett, the Mount Pleasant man charged with killing his girlfriend's 4-year-old son, has a new attorney, due to his previous one being temporarily suspended from practicing law. The Michigan Attorney Discipline Board on Monday, April 22, ruled Anthony T. Chambers' license to practice law be suspended for 180 days."

[Full story](#)

Daily Press & Argus: Accused murderer can argue duress

"A judge gave a Shiawassee County woman a victory Thursday, saying a jury can hear she was a battered woman and under duress when she took part in the killing of a 70-year-old veteran.... The

prosecutor's office could appeal Livingston County Circuit Judge David Reader's decision or move forward with trial."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Schneider to serve as AG's chief legal counsel

"Attorney General Bill Schuette announced Wednesday that Matthew Schneider will serve as his chief legal counsel.... Schneider will succeed the Honorable Richard Bandstra, who will retire from state service on May 31, 2013."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Law Day

Retired Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Fred M. Mester writes "On May 1, 2013, we in the United States will celebrate Law Day. Law Day originated during the Cold War in order to contrast the Rule of Law with Communist celebrations of May Day, celebrated also on May 1.... President Dwight David Eisenhower established the date with a presidential proclamation on April 30, 1958."

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Court ruling may mean jail guards owe county thousands

"In a legal decision that could cost Macomb County Jail guards thousands of dollars, the Michigan Court of Appeals reversed a 2012 court injunction blocking increased out-of-pocket health care costs dictated by a law signed by Gov. Rick Snyder."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland Press.

Midland Daily News: Midland County judge denies motion to disqualify himself

"Judge Stephen P. Carras on Wednesday denied a motion in the Midland County District Court to remove himself from a case involving land owners and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. About 70 people showed up to watch the hearing, most from Tea Party organizations around the state."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Firm to host Friend of the Court/Amicus Briefs discussion on May 9

"Join former Chief Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court and Miller Canfield lawyer, Clifford Taylor, along with appellate practitioners Matthew Leitman and Paul Hudson for 'Using Friend of the Court Briefs to Protect Your Organization' on Thursday, May 9, in Bloomfield Hills from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m."

[Full story](#)

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Text messages admissible in McCree case, judge rules

"I was at the Washtenaw County Courthouse in Ann Arbor on Thursday to hear some pretrial motions in connection with the dismissal case against disgraced Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Wade McCree. The hearing was kind of weird. The first thing you got to know is Judge McCree didn't even bother to show up. That surprised even the judge.... [Judge Charles Nelson] ruled the text messages are admissible. Although he sealed them, we will be able to hear them come May 20 when the trial kicks off for real."

[Full story](#)

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy back in court fighting budget cuts

“Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy is due back in court Friday, battling budget cuts to her office... The cuts have forced prosecutors in Worthy's office to miss criminal traffic and misdemeanor dockets. That includes those involving personal protection orders.”

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