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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.

Detroit Free Press: Judge: Detroit emergency manager must testify in Open Meetings Act lawsuit

"[Ingham County Circuit Judge William Collette] ordered today that Detroit emergency manager Kevyn Orr and two members of the Emergency Loan Board that appointed him must give sworn testimony in a lawsuit seeking to overturn Orr's appointment. Robert Davis, a union activist and indicted Highland Park Schools board member, alleges Orr's appointment in March was invalid because of violations of Michigan's Open Meetings Act."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Judge: EM, state officials to be questioned in Open Meetings suit

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Bob Bashara arraigned on first-degree murder, other charges

"Grosse Pointe Park businessman Bob Bashara was arraigned today on a first-degree murder charge in the death of his wife last year. Bashara, who faces life in prison if convicted on that charge, also was arraigned in Detroit's 36th District Court on multiple charges, including solicitation to commit murder, witness intimidation and obstruction of justice in connection with Jane Bashara's death in January 2012."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Bashara arraigned in wife's death

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Law Day a reminder of the importance of giving back

Jocelyn Benson writes " 'Life's most persistent and urgent question,' Martin Luther King Jr. once remarked, is 'What are you doing for others?' Today, throughout Michigan and the country, the legal community is reflecting on that very question as part of Law Day, a date designated by Congress in 1958 to celebrate the history of our legal system."

[Full story](#)

Ann Arbor.com: Court amnesty programs for certain tickets extended through May

"After forgiving late fees and penalties on more than 100 tickets during the past two months, the 14A and 14B District Courts are extending the amnesty program another month. 14A District Court Administrator Bob Ciolek said Monday the courts decided to extend the program until May 31."

[Full story](#)

Flint-Genesee County Legal News: Elder Law of Michigan to host 'Call to Justice' award events in May

"... Wayne County Probate Court Chief Judge Milton Mack Jr., is this year's winner of the Judicial Award for Contributions in Law and Aging. His unyielding work protecting vulnerable adults, especially those with mental illnesses, has contributed to improved treatment for those who need it most."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Legal News: Women Lawyers bring children, judges together at museum

"Fun and games: that may sound like an unlikely description of a gathering of lawyers, but maybe not so much if the lawyers' children are involved. And several judges. The Women Lawyers Association (WLAM) Western Region held its 'Bring Your Child to Work Day' luncheon at the Grand Rapids Children Museum last Thursday, and a good time was had by all."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Press: Supreme Court issues 30-day suspension for Hudsonville Judge Ken Post

"Hudsonville District Court Judge Kenneth Post will be off the bench for 30 days, beginning later this month, after the state Supreme Court agreed that he acted improperly by jailing an attorney for contempt.... The state Supreme Court ruling, issued today, affirms a recommendation from the state Judicial Tenure Commission for the 30-day suspension and a public censure."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Associated Press: W. Mich. judge suspended, loses pay for 30 days

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Holland Sentinel and WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit.

Grand Haven Tribune: Ottawa County judge suspended

[Full story](#)

WOOD-TV(8)/Grand Rapids: Judge Post suspended for 30 days without pay

[Full story](#)

WZZM-TV(13)/Grand Rapids: Ottawa County judge suspended without pay

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Kalamazoo Gazette: Appeal in Van Buren County seeks to overturn 1977 murder conviction of Leo Terlisner (photos, video)

"In 1977, it took a jury 88 minutes to convict Leo Raymond Terlisner of murder in the brutal slaying of a well-known Covert business owner. Now, more than 35 years later, a Van Buren County judge's ruling could set Terlisner free.... The Michigan Attorney General and Van Buren County Prosecutor Michael Bedford have filed an emergency appeal of [Circuit Judge Paul] Hamre's decision with the Michigan Court of Appeals to stop a resentencing hearing for Terlisner, 65, that Hamre has scheduled for May 6."

[Full story](#)

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

"Attorney General Bill Schuette has announced that Matthew Schneider will serve as his chief legal counsel.... Schneider will succeed the Hon. Richard Bandstra, who is retiring from state service at month's end."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Hall of Famer: Attorney, former newscaster in select company of women

"Roberta J.F. Wray has crammed so many things into her life – including a name change – that it would take a book to tell her entire story.... Wray graduated from law school, worked for a Genesee County firm, and served 11 years as a district court magistrate judge [retiring in 2008.]"

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Clinic benefits from 'Walk for Justice'

"A 'Walk for Justice' took place recently 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](#)

WSYM-TV(47)/Lansing: New Legislation for Adoption in Michigan

"Proposed changes to the state's adoption laws could put foster kids in a permanent home a lot sooner. The package of bills introduced Tuesday would, among other things, shorten the supervisor period for families adopting an Infant and allow temporary placement as the adoption process plays out."

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