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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: Michigan Supreme Court considers giving Snyder an early opinion on right-to-work

"More than three months after Gov. Rick Snyder asked for it, the Michigan Supreme Court is still mulling whether to give him an advisory opinion on whether Michigan's controversial right-to-work law applies to state employees.

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Also see:

Detroit News: Michigan Supreme Court asks Snyder to justify request for opinion on right-to-work law

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Lansing State Journal: Michigan Supreme Court asks for right-to-work explanation

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Mlive: Right to work: Michigan Supreme Court mulling whether to give advisory opinion

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MiLW Blog: Solicitor General asked to weigh-in on Michigan's right-to-work laws

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Three Rivers Commercial News: Court not ready to give right-to-work opinion

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WDIV: Michigan Supreme Court wants more input before deciding whether to review right-to-work law

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Detroit Legal News: High court finds defendant's retro plea a tough sell

"Can a common practice in criminal defense trigger constitutional protections when it's suddenly changed? The justices of the U.S. Supreme Court didn't seem to think so, at least in the context of *Metrish v. Lancaster*. In that case, the court is being asked to decide whether a ruling by the Michigan Supreme Court abolishing the diminished-capacity defense can be applied retroactively to a defendant without violating his due process rights."

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Flint-Genesee County Legal News: Chenelle Harkless selected as the Judge Marable Student of the Year

"Flint 68th District Judge Herman Marable, Jr. and his Citizens Advisory Committee announced that Chenelle Harkless, of Flint, has been selected as the Judge Marable Student of the Year for the 2011-2012 school year."

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Macomb County Legal News: Justice speaks to students about ethics, civility

"The Michigan Supreme Court's newest appointee, Justice David Viviano, was the keynote speaker for the Professionalism in Action orientation at Cooley Law School's Auburn Hills campus on Tuesday, April 30."

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Macomb County Legal News: District court judge holds court at Warren high school

"At Lincoln High School in Warren today, 37th District Court Judge Matthew P. Sabaugh was scheduled to preside over a special court session."

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Macomb Daily: Partner benefits stand for Michigan state workers

"Same-sex domestic partners of state employees will continue to qualify for health insurance after the Michigan Supreme Court decided not to hear an appeal filed by the state."

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Also see:

Michigan Radio: Michigan Supreme Court declines to hear live-in partner benefits case

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Lansing State Journal: Editorial: Court's unanimity is encouraging

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WKAR: Supreme Court Declines To Hear Live-In Partner Benefits Case

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Midland Daily News: Midland County jury questionnaires in the mail

"Midland County Clerk Ann Manary said this week that 6,000 Midland County residents will be receiving a "Juror Qualification Questionnaire" in the mail. Individuals were randomly selected by computer, from an index of all Midland County residents currently holding a Michigan Driver License or a Michigan Personal Identification Card. Receipt of the questionnaire means you are being considered as a potential juror for Midland County for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2013 and ending Sept. 30, 2014."

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Oakland County Legal News: Court Oks restriction on presidential candidates

"A federal appeals court has no problem with a Michigan law that bars a presidential candidate from running in the general election after losing in the primary for another political party.....A three-judge panel at the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati said Wednesday that Michigan's law is constitutional."

[Full story](#)

Oakland Press: Judge dismisses lawsuit against Pontiac, prevents debt on tax bills

"Pontiac taxpayers have dodged another financial bullet. Oakland County Circuit Judge Daniel P. O'Brien granted a motion for dismissal Wednesday in a lawsuit filed against the city by the health care trust for retired police and firefighters."

[Full story](#)

SBM Blog: "The Party's Over" For Michigan Supreme Court?

"For Michigan Supreme Court watchers, yesterday's prevailing theme turned out to be the role of partisan politics on the Court. The whole Court, a number of former justices, and scores of supporters of the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society turned out to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Society at a luncheon at which they heard former justice Thomas Brennan and Cooley Law School founder deliver remarks entitled "The Party's Over."

[Full story](#)

WDIV: Michigan ex-chief justice writes book about high court's 'dark money'

"The Michigan Supreme Court is corrupted by "dark money," secrecy and ideology. So contends former Supreme Court Chief Justice Elizabeth Weaver, a Republican from Glen Arbor, who's co-authored a book in which she alleges Michigan's highest court often rules on behalf of special interest groups that bankroll judges' election campaigns, as opposed to the merits of cases."

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