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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 Michael Talbot: Here's how I'll tackle troubled 36th District Court

"The newly appointed special judicial administrator for Detroit's 36th District Court said he's energized being 'back on the block' where he practiced law and was a judge earlier in his career. Judge Michael Talbot, with the Michigan Court of Appeals since 1998, is four weeks into his new job, and he's laid out his top priorities: the budget, collections and reorganization."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Detroit's 36th District Court faces big reforms

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: Talbot ends jury summons for 36th District Court; circuit court will provide surplus jurors

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WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Judge: Detroit jury changes will help cut costs

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WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: 36th District Court launches 'As Needed Jury Program'

[Full story](#)

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Changes to 36th District Court jury service expected cut costs

[Full story](#)

Crain's Detroit Business: Tenure commission's report: Judge McCree's misconduct calls for sanctions

"A married judge who once bragged there was 'no shame' in his 'game' about a shirtless photo he sent to a married court deputy lied about his handling of a child support case, according to a report submitted to the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

MLive.com: There is 'shame' in Judge Wade McCree's game, ethics review judge rules

[Full story](#)

SBM Blog: Special Master Finds Some Shame, Some Blame In Judge Wade McCree Conduct

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Traverse City Record-Eagle: Judge: There's 'shame' in Mich. judge's game

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The Detroit News: Michigan Supreme Court: Medical marijuana users can't share

"Registered medical users can't share marijuana unless one of them is the licensed caregiver for the other, the Michigan Supreme Court has ruled in a Barry County case. Reversing a January state Court of Appeals decision, the justices last week said Barry County charges should be reinstated against Tony Allen Green for sharing marijuana with another registered medical user in the community of Nashville."

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Detroit Legal News: Strong receives humanitarian award

"Third Circuit Court Judge Craig Strong was presented with the Man of the Year Humanitarian Award at the Care for Kids Celebrity Benefit hosted by The Hollywood & Vine Recovery Center at Club Avalon Hollywood on June 2.... The Care For Kids program provides an affordable substance-abuse treatment center for children 7-19 years old."

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Detroit Legal News: Software selected by SCAO for statewide e-filing

"In the not too distant future, those wishing to file documents with all Michigan courts will be able to do so via the Internet. E-filing is coming to Michigan Courts and ImageSoft is supplying it. ImageSoft's TrueFiling Electronic Filing Manager (EFM) was selected by the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) for a statewide e-filing initiative in Michigan."

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Dowagiac Daily News: Berrien County Courthouse to be honored as state's oldest courthouse

"The State Bar of Michigan will be hosting the dedication of its 38th Michigan Legal Milestone, honoring the historic Berrien County Courthouse at noon on Wednesday at Howard Performing Arts Center on the campus of Andrews University. The Berrien County Courthouse was chosen to be the 38th Michigan Legal Milestone because it is the oldest courthouse in Michigan."

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Lansing State Journal: Affirmative action: Supreme Court case won't affect Michigan

"While Monday's U.S. Supreme Court ruling on affirmative action will do next to nothing to change practices at Michigan's public universities, it does offer hope to those supportive of the state's ban on affirmative action, legal experts said. This fall, the high court will hear a case involving Michigan's Proposal 2, passed by voters in 2006, which bans the use of affirmative action in university admissions."

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Macomb County Legal News: MJA seeks nominations

"The Michigan Judges Associations is accepting nominations for its Hilda Gage Judicial Excellence Award. Given annually, the award recognizes current or former circuit or court of appeals judges who have demonstrated exemplary service by excelling in trial and docket management, legal scholarship, and contributions to the profession and the community."

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Macomb County Legal News: Getting to know the new judges

"The Macomb County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section recently hosted a Meet the New Judges event at Villa Penna in Sterling Heights. One of the featured guests was 37th District Court Judge Dean Ausilio."

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Michigan Radio: U.S. Supreme Court voting rights decision could impact areas in Michigan

".....The U.S. Supreme Court's decision on the Voting Rights Act could affect elections in two Michigan municipalities. Voting rules for Clyde Township in Allegan County and Buena Vista Township in Saginaw County could not be changed without pre-approval by the U.S. Department of Justice. That's because both jurisdictions had a history of discrimination in elections. The Supreme Court ruled today that the formula used in the voting rights law is outdated. A local lawmaker had planned to use the Voting Rights Act to file a challenge if the state tries to break up the Buena Vista school district."

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Mlive: Judge denies Corrine Baker's request to toss out guilty plea in death of her 4-year-old son

"A Genesee County Circuit Court judge Tuesday, June 25, refused to overturn the guilty plea of Corrine Baker, the mother convicted of second-degree murder for the death of her 4-year-old son Dominick Calhoun."

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Mlive: Report: Undisclosed 'issue advertising' big part of record spending in Michigan's 2012 state elections

"Michigan's 2012 state elections were marked by record spending — and diminished accountability — according to a new "dark money" report released Tuesday by the nonprofit, nonpartisan Michigan Campaign Finance Network.....Issue advertising played an especially large role in Michigan Supreme Court elections, which the report referred to as "the most expensive and least transparent in history."

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Muskegon Chronicle: Kathy Hoogstra takes bench as Muskegon County 14th Circuit judge

"Kathy Hoogstra, Muskegon County's newest judge, takes the 14th Circuit bench this afternoon, Monday, June 24.... Hoogstra succeeds longtime Circuit Judge John C. Ruck, who retired in March. Gov. Rick Snyder announced her appointment May 20. A ceremonial, public investiture ceremony is scheduled for 4 p.m. July 1 in the courtroom of Circuit Judge Timothy G. Hicks."

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Also see:

The MiLW Blog: Muskegon County's newest judge takes the bench

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Oakland County Legal News:'All Rise America!' motorcycle relay for drug courts featured in video

"A phalanx of motorcyclists - including Oakland County 52-1 District Court Judge Robert Bondy - were the center of attention as they rolled up to the Washtenaw County 15th District Court in Ann Arbor. But even more riveting were the stories of recovery told by graduates of the 15th District's drug and sobriety court program, at the May 22 'All Rise America!' rally, a stop on a 3,500-mile cross-country relay in support of drug and sobriety courts."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Vroom! Cross-country "All Rise America!" motorcycle relay for drug courts is subject of new *Court Stories* video

[Press release](#)

SBM Blog: Governor Seeks Applicants For Van Buren Circuit Court Judgeship

"Governor Snyder is seeking applications from qualified members of the bar for a judgeship in the 36th Circuit Court in Van Buren County. The appointment will fill the seat of the Hon. Paul Hamre. The application deadline is July 18, 2013."

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