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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 Supreme Court to hear ballot issues

"The Michigan Supreme Court will hear oral arguments on four ballot proposals Thursday. The proposals on collective bargaining, taxes, casinos and international bridges were blocked when the Board of State Canvassers deadlocked along party lines over whether to certify their petitions. The state's highest court has not decided whether to rule on the issues."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: High court to hear ballot issue cases

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Associated Press: Michigan Supreme Court hearing on 4 ballot issues

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Daily Press & Argus: Fate of four ballot issues likely rests with Michigan Supreme Court

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MLive.com: Dispute over 'two-thirds' tax ballot proposal lands in Michigan court system

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MLive.com: Casino ballot proposal backers appeal Board of Canvassers decision

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The News-Herald/Southgate: POLI-TICKER: Supreme Court to decide on ballot proposals

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The Oakland Press: Number of November ballot questions continues to grow

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Detroit Free Press: Davis asks higher court to block Highland Park schools' emergency manager

"Highland Park school board member and union activist Robert Davis is taking another shot at the district's emergency financial manager, asking the Michigan Court of Appeals Tuesday to nullify her appointment and remove her from office."

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: One-woman grand jury will look into Bolger-Schmidt GOP election scheme

"... The Circuit Court on Monday directed Judge Rosemarie E. Aquilina to serve as a grand juror and investigate whether [House Speaker Jase] Bolger and [state Rep. Roy] Schmidt committed perjury, obstructed justice and engaged in a conspiracy to defraud 76th District voters of a legitimate Democratic opponent when Schmidt switched parties to become a Republican."

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Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Investigation into conduct of Jase Bolger, Roy Schmidt draws mixed reactions

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Detroit Free Press: House speaker Bolger says Rep. Schmidt told him fake candidate's residency was legit

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Press: Roy Schmidt-Jase Bolger grand jury judge can 'put the squeeze on people' in Grand Rapids election fraud case

[Full story](#)

The Michigan Lawyer Blog: One-person grand jury to investigate alleged election-rigging in GOP house race

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Court rules to investigate Bolger-Schmidt election plot

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Jack Lessenberry Commentary: Grand Jury Investigation

[Full story](#)

WKAR News/East Lansing: Judge Will Lead Inquiry in Schmidt-Bolger Case

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Detroit Free Press: Police have suspect in MSU assault; witnesses dispute hate crime claims

"Police say charges are expected against an 18-year-old Farmington Hills teen who is accused of hitting Michigan State University student [Zachary Tennen] at an off-campus party over the weekend.... Tennen is the grandson of longtime Michigan 3rd [Circuit] Judge Harvey F. Tennen."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Cops: Religion not motive in attack on Jewish student at MSU

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Detroit Free Press: Michigan adoption ban for unmarried couples in court

"The state of Michigan is asking a federal judge to dismiss a lawsuit that challenges a ban on adoption by unmarried couples. The lawsuit is led by two Detroit-area lesbians who are raising three children. State law says that April DeBoer and Jayne Rowse can't adopt them as a couple, an option available only to heterosexual married couples."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Michigan adoption ban for unmarried couples being challenged in court today

[Full story](#)

The Daily Tribune: Judge hammers aspiring doctor with 32 years in prison

"A Macomb County judge called an aspiring doctor 'an evil person' before sentencing him to 32 years in prison for sexually assaulting and abusing his girlfriend's baby daughter. Judge James Biernat Jr. on Tuesday ordered David Tyler Montaldi to serve the longest sentence possible without exceeding sentencing guidelines for the assaults on and severe abuse of a 13-month-old girl under his care in his Mount Clemens rental home."

[Full story](#)

Note: The Daily Tribune article also ran in the Macomb Daily and the Oakland Press.

Detroit Legal News: Holiday Hours

"... The Third Circuit Court Civil, Criminal and Family Divisions will be closed Sept. 3 in observance of Labor Day. The Wayne County Probate Court will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 3 and will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 8 a.m. In observance of Labor Day, the 36th District Court will be closed to the public on Monday, Sept. 3. Only criminal arraignments will be conducted."

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Detroit Legal News: Wayne County Probate Court Attorney Training (second article)

"The Wayne County Probate Court will conduct its 2012 attorney training session on Thursday, October 4, 2012 at the Auditorium in the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 13th Floor (City Side)."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Gov. Snyder makes 2 southeast Michigan judicial appointments (third article)

"Governor Rick Snyder has appointed two judges to southeast Michigan courts. Demetria Brue has been appointed to the 36th District Court in Detroit to fill the seat of retired judge Willie Lipscomb, Jr.... Lisa M. Neilson has been appointed to the Wayne County Probate court to fill the seat of resigned judge Cathie Maher."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Parole case challenges former governor's authority

"Three days before Christmas 2010, a Michigan inmate got a remarkable gift: Gov. Jennifer Granholm said she would commute his life sentence for first-degree murder, ensuring his release after two decades in prison for setting up a robbery that led to the fatal stabbing of a co-worker. But Matthew Makowski's dream of freedom was dashed within 48 hours."

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The News-Herald/Southgate: LINCOLN PARK: First-ever court magistrate sworn in (VIDEO)

"Twenty-fifth District Chief Judge Michael Ciungan swore in the first magistrate to ever sit in any of the three cities in the court's jurisdiction on Thursday [August 23]. Gregory Clifton, 57, who has 30 years experience as a trial attorney, will sit on the bench Thursdays, mostly in the court's Lincoln Park location, but he could go to Ecorse as needed."

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The Times Herald/Port Huron: Rape case will be up for review; Evidence could bring new trial for James Grissom

"A circuit court judge will have to determine if she will review a 2003 rape case or assign it to the judge who oversaw the trial and has since retired. Chief Circuit Judge Daniel Kelly requested Monday Judge Cynthia Lane make that determination. Retired Judge Peter Deegan presided over the 2003 trial that put James Grissom in prison. Prosecutor Mike Wendling filed a motion requesting the case to be reviewed in response to an opinion issued by the Michigan Supreme Court July 31."

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