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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: Injured Meijer shopper should have noticed crack in parking lot, appeals court rules

"The Michigan appeals court says Meijer shoppers should have no trouble seeing a 12-foot crack in the parking lot. The court has reversed the decision of a Genesee County judge and thrown out a lawsuit filed by a 42-year-old shopper in Flint."

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Also see:

The Detroit News: Woman who tumbled with Meijer cart loses case

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Associated Press: Woman who tumbled with Meijer cart loses case

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Detroit News: Bolger-Schmidt courtship leads to messy affair

"The outcome of a grand jury investigation of alleged election rigging in a Grand Rapids state House race may not be known for months — if ever..... The politicking is becoming increasingly public as Ingham County Circuit Judge Rosemarie Aquilina launches a grand jury investigation of Bolger's and Schmidt's actions that will be shrouded in secrecy — and uncertainty for its high-profile targets — as required by state law."

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The Detroit News: TV cast finds role in court campaign

"Her opponents may have the aid of powerful super PACs that throw fat, anonymous wallets into the political fray. But Bridget Mary McCormack, a candidate for the Michigan Supreme Court, has a sister who served with one of the most admired presidents in U.S. history — Jeb Bartlet — and his "West Wing" staff. Er, cast."

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City Pulse/Lansing: Eviction diversion; Pilot program aims to keep tenants in their homes

"A new program starting today in the 55th District Court is an attempt by social service organizations and the court system to curb evictions by settling disputes between landlords and tenants outside of the courtroom. Last year approximately 9,000 Ingham County residents received summons for eviction due to non-payment of rent, said SuAlyn Holbrook, director of the Ingham County Department of Human Services."

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Also see:

Ingham County Legal News: 55th District Court announces new Eviction Diversion Program

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The Daily Telegram/Adrian: Judge backs former school employee in unemployment case

"A judge ruled in favor of a former Adrian Public Schools employee who was ordered to repay state unemployment benefits received while he successfully fought a 2010 termination..... Lenawee County

Circuit Judge Margaret M.S. Noe ruled Monday that the \$6,815 stays with the reinstated employee, Paul "Chico" Martinez Jr."

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Detroit Legal News: Asked and Answered

"The Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center in Lansing is beginning its tenth year of educating students and citizens about Michigan's legal system. The 3,800-square-foot facility is staffed mainly by volunteers, who lead tours and work on special programs. Learning Center Coordinator Rachael L. Drenovsky develops tours, manages docents and staff and produces programs about the Michigan court system for teachers and students, including a summer moot court program for high school students."

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The Evening News/Sault Ste. Marie, MI: Court closes door on Shannon

"Saying he came to his decision reluctantly and that he felt Patrick Shannon was well-qualified to serve as probate judge for Chippewa County, visiting Judge Tom Solka ruled in the 50th Circuit Court that Shannon's name will not appear on the Chippewa County ballot in November."

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Flint Journal: Genesee County sheriff says he will ask to transfer jail inmates to ease overcrowding

"County Sheriff Robert Pickell says he will ask the state to ramp up a program to transfer jail inmates to neighboring counties to help break an overcrowding emergency.... The declaration forces Richard Yuille, the chief judge of all county courts, to determine who stays in jail and who leaves early."

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Ingham County Legal News: U.S. Supreme Court prepares for new term

"With attorneys still analyzing the health care ruling and the other big decisions from last term, the U.S. Supreme Court is preparing for a new term with even more major issues on its docket, from affirmative action to the standards of proof for class certification.....Wrongful acquittals: Evans v. Michigan On Nov. 6 the justices will take up Evans v. Michigan, which asks whether a wrongfully acquitted defendant can be retried."

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Macomb County Legal News: Circuit Judge honored by MAJ

"Calhoun County Circuit Court Judge James C. Kingsley is the 2012 recipient of the Michigan Judges Association's Hilda Gage Award for Judicial Excellence."

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The Macomb Daily: Five vie for Warren judicial post

"The field of candidates for the Warren district court judgeship has been whittled to five, with an announcement expected any time.... [Gov. Rick] Snyder last week was expected to make the 37th District Court appointment within one to two weeks. The candidates are seeking the post vacated by Dawnn Gruenberg, who left May 21 to become a judge with the U.S. Social Security Administration."

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The Michigan Lawyer Blog: Indigent defense bill clears House Judiciary Committee

"A bill that addresses sweeping problems in the state's indigent defense system has cleared the House Judiciary Committee.... The legislation creates the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC). The 14-member board would consist of 13 individuals appointed by the governor from nominations submitted

by legislative leaders, the State Bar of Michigan, the Criminal Defense Attorney Association of Michigan, bar associations representing minority interests, judges' associations and the chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, who would also serve as the commission's 14th member."

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The Michigan Lawyer Blog: MSC announces appointments to AGC, ADB and state bar board of commissioners

"The Michigan Supreme Court announced a number of appointments to the Attorney Grievance Commission, the prosecutorial arm of the state's attorney discipline system, the Attorney Discipline Board, the discipline system's adjudicative arm, and the State Bar of Michigan's Board of Commissioners, which directs the state bar's operations, including finance, public policy, member services, and strategic planning."

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MLive.com: 'West Wing' cast reunites to urge voting in nonpartisan races, help Michigan Supreme Court candidate Bridget McCormack (video)

"Martin Sheen, Allison Janney and other "West Wing" stars have reunited to film a unique public service announcement - one that also includes a plug for Michigan Supreme Court candidate Bridget Mary McCormack."

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MLive.com: Medical marijuana law no protection for fired Battle Creek Walmart worker, appeals court says

"The firing of a former Battle Creek Walmart worker, who was dismissed for failing a drug test but claimed he should be exempt because of Michigan's medical marijuana law, has been upheld by a federal appeals court that ruled the provision doesn't cover private business decisions."

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MLive.com: Fifteen years of appeals: A look at juvenile lifer TJ Tremble's extended battles in Michigan courts

"The reinstatement of murder convictions against juvenile lifer TJ Tremble mark the latest chapter in 15 years of appeals. A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals' Sixth Circuit in Cincinnati overturned a federal judge who nearly two years ago threw out Tremble's convictions for killing an elderly couple."

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MLive.com: Frank Kelley, Michigan's attorney general for 37 years, honored with renovated law library in his name

"Frank Kelley, Michigan's legendary attorney general who served for 37 years, was honored Wednesday at a dedication for a spruced-up law library bearing his name.... The event was a chance for former Gov. Jim Blanchard and two attorneys general who followed Kelley - Mike Cox and Bill Schuette - to thank him in person for his service to the state. Former Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who was mentored by Kelley and succeeded him as attorney general, sent a tribute."

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MLive.com: Bill Schuette, Mike Cox and Conrad Mallett join forces to speak out against renewable energy proposal

"Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette, former Attorney General Mike Cox and former Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Conrad Mallett Jr. urged voters to reject a constitutional amendment to increase the state's renewable energy mandate."

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Oakland County Legal News: Woman can sue over delay in learning about cancer

"A woman who wasn't told for five years that she had a cancerous kidney can sue a doctor and a clinic for failing to share the news. The Michigan appeals court overturned a decision by a Washtenaw County judge who had dismissed Marie Huddleston's lawsuit. A test showed evidence of a cancerous lesion on a kidney in 2003, but it was not reported to her."

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Washtenaw County Legal News: Law professionals support new court

"It's not every day that you walk into a Washtenaw County courtroom to find one judge asking the spirits to remove negative energy from another judge as the scent of burning herbs fills the air. But that's what happened in the courtroom of Washtenaw County Trial Court Judge Timothy Connors recently when a Michigan tribal judge showed up to talk about efforts to start a peacekeeping court here."

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