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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: Bill would limit Michigan county officials from waging budget battles by suing each other

"A county elected official's ability to sue another county official over their budget would be limited by a bill being considered by the Senate Government Operations committee Tuesday. The bill is aimed directly at Wayne County, where both the prosecutor and Circuit Court have sued the County Commission and Executive Robert Ficano in recent years when their budgets have been cut."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Wayne County Jail will go understaffed without more funding, sheriff says

"When overtime funding is used up, the jails in Wayne County will go understaffed as a way to avoid going over budget, Wayne County Sheriff Benny Napoleon's office announced Tuesday. That means the jail would defy court-mandated staffing levels for its population and could force a court to compel the Wayne County Commission to fund overtime deficits related to staffing of the facilities."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Napoleon: No OT for jail deputies after budget runs out

[Full story](#)

Ann Arbor Chronicle: 22nd Circuit Court: Nelson Subs for Wheeler

"Retired Judge Charles Nelson will be serving as a full-time visiting judge to absorb the docket of Judge Nancy Wheeler on the 22nd circuit court of Washtenaw County, while she is away from the bench for medical reasons. Nelson's service will start on Oct. 7, 2013 and last one to three months, according to an email sent to court personnel and others by court administrator Dan Dwyer."

[Full story](#)

Battle Creek Enquirer: Editorial: School suspensions put kids on track to failure

"... Michigan is taking a hard look at disciplinary practices in an effort to disrupt the so-called 'school to prison pipeline.' Seventy three-county teams recently met at a summit in Ann Arbor in late September to kick off a three-year implementation of new truancy policies aimed at keeping kids in school."

[Full story](#)

The Courier-Leader/Paw Paw: County hears of funding for regional veterans treatment court

"Allegan County District Judge William Baillargeon told Van Buren County Commissioners Tuesday afternoon [September 24] at their Committee of the Whole meeting that the 57th District Court had successfully secured a full funding \$108,000 grant to establish a regional veterans treatment court."

[Full story](#)

Daily Press & Argus: Oceola beating convict's appeal denied

"An Oceola Township resident once described as a 'sick, angry man' for brutally beating his former wife with a flashlight was denied a request to overturn an appeals court decision. The Michigan Supreme Court denied John Aldon Corrión's request to reconsider a Court of Appeals May 17 decision that dismissed his complaint against Livingston County Circuit Court, according to an order released Tuesday."

[Full story](#)

The Evening News/Sault Ste. Marie, MI: District Court introduces new website

"Judge Elizabeth Church of the 91st District Court has announced a new and improved website to assist area residents with their legal questions. Church said the new website — www.chippewacountymi.gov/DC directory — is finally ready after months of research, drafting and data entry."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Legal News: Michigan Court of Appeals named leader in automation of court business procedures

"Strong management, sophisticated business practices, and intelligent use of information technology were among the reasons the Michigan Court of Appeals (COA) was a standout in a study by the National Center for State Courts. The Michigan COA was one of three courts nationwide selected to be part of the study."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Legal News: Tanya Todd begins position as clerk for the 61st District Court

"... [Tanya] Todd, who was sworn in Sept. 23 by District Court Judge Jeanine Nemesi LaVille, certainly feels that this position, in this court, is the right place for her right now. And the Court Administrator, Gary Secor, agrees. Calling Todd 'very bright, well-spoken and professional,' he adds, 'I think she will have a very promising and successful future at the 61st District Court.'"

[Full story](#)

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Judge issues 13 bench warrants for people who failed to fill out juror questionnaire

"... Jackson County Circuit Judge Thomas Wilson listened Tuesday, Oct. 1, but deemed most of the excuses invalid during a 'show-cause' hearing for potential jurors who failed to fill out and mail forms sent to them in May. The judge ordered most of citizens to answer the questionnaire and pay \$15 fine or spend one night in jail. For 13 people who failed to attend the hearing, he issued bench warrants for their arrest and set their bonds at \$2,500."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: UDM Law holds annual Red Mass

"The University of Detroit Mercy School of Law recently conducted its 101st annual Red Mass at Saints Peter and Paul Jesuit Church in Detroit. Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert P. Young Jr. led the Renewal of the Lawyer's Oath of Commitment during the mass."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Macomb courts unveil new information website

"Macomb County Circuit and Probate courts have launched a new web-based court information access portal called eAccess. It's part of a new line of eServices offered by CourtView Justice Solutions, the court's current case management system provider."

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: St. Clair Shores court project moving forward

"St. Clair Shores city officials are preparing a report outlining progress on the court construction project after questions were raised about some of the costs. Despite some relatively minor problems, construction of the new 40th District Court on Jefferson Avenue at 11 Mile Road is slightly behind schedule primarily due to rainy conditions in the spring and a little over budget, according to Chris Rayes, director of the city's Community Development and Inspection division."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland County Legal News: Rounding up members

"The Wolverine Bar Association (WBA) and the Association of Black Judges of Michigan (ABJM) hosted a Membership Roundup on Thursday, Sept. 19, at Finn and Porter Restaurant in Detroit. Among the WBA and ABJM leadership happy to welcome members were [from the 36th District Court, the Wayne County Circuit and the Michigan Court of Appeals.]"

[Full story](#)

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Leelanau strikes deal on courthouse property

"Leelanau County taxpayers are scheduled to shell out \$587,000 to resolve a dispute over a piece of land that, just six years ago, was expected to boost county tax coffers by \$2.4 million."

[Full story](#)

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Business as usual at Supreme Court; High court indicates it will conduct normal operations at least through the week

"It was business as usual at the U.S. Supreme Court and other federal courts, which are immune -- at least temporarily -- from the government shutdown. The justices have been back from summer break for several weeks, and issued a long summary on Tuesday of pending business.... Federal courts nationwide opened the day with full staff and services. Officials prepared in advance and have enough reserve funds for two weeks of business before any cutbacks would take effect."

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