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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: Court in Detroit weighs impact; Orr hopes impasse won't impact city's bankruptcy case

"Federal court officials in Detroit are examining what cases and judicial services — including Detroit's historic bankruptcy petition — are deemed essential if the federal government shutdown drags on after the court's operating funding expires. The U.S. District Court's Eastern District of Michigan and other federal courts have funding to operate until Oct. 14."

[Full story](#)

The Daily Tribune: Ferndale groundbreaking for \$2M upgrade to court, police station

"The wheels of justice are expected to turn a little more safely now that Ferndale is undertaking a \$2 million upgrade to its courthouse and police station. Security improvements, as well as aesthetics, are one of the main reasons the buildings are getting a facelift."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland Press.

Detroit Legal News: Panel discussion Oct. 9 to focus on diversity in criminal prosecution (second article)

"... Panelists [for the October 9 event at Wayne State University Law School] will be attorney James L. Feinberg of James L. Feinberg & Associates; Judge Patricia Fresard of Wayne County Circuit Court; Wayne Law Professor Peter Henning; and Barbara L. McQuade, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan.... Fresard is the first Hispanic female judge on the Wayne County Circuit Court, where she has served since 1999."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Macomb County Legal News.

Hometown Life Newspapers: Circuit court implementing new jury duty process

"Northville community members residing within Wayne County have a new process to follow if selected to be a juror at the county's Third Circuit Court, which if not followed correctly could result in penalties. The Third Judicial Circuit of Michigan, with jurisdiction over criminal, civil and family matters in Wayne County, announced on Sept. 26 that it is changing its prospective juror notification from a two-step to a one-step process at the end of this month."

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Hometown Life Newspapers: 35th District Court - Notice

"The 35th District Court is accepting bids for the Court Appointed Attorney Program (Public Defender Program). The contract will be awarded from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015."

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The Macomb Daily: Macomb Township to hear report on hosting district court

"Macomb Township's plans to construct a building to house the 41A District Court could move forward — or possibly, be scrubbed — as soon as next week. Officials have scheduled a meeting for Tuesday at which members of Macomb Township's district court committee will hear a presentation from the Plante Moran auditing firm about the financial impact on the township if it becomes host for the court."

[Full story](#)

MLW Blog: Court rule changes: Appellate reply briefs OK, chief judge must be told of referee/magistrate 'corrective action'

"The Michigan Supreme Court has approved amendments to a wide variety of court rules. One change, to MCR 7.105, 7.111 and 7.205, allows the filing of a reply brief in support of an application for leave to appeal in the circuit court and the Court of Appeals, and following the filing of a claim of appeal in the circuit court."

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MLive.com: Michigan GOP lawmakers: Allow civilian Tasers in schools, day care centers, other 'gun-free zones'

"A person with a concealed pistol license would be allowed to carry a Taser into a school, day care center or other 'gun-free zone' under legislation proposed by two Michigan Republicans.... [Gov. Rick] Snyder also vetoed a bill last year that would have allowed permit holders to carry concealed weapons in areas currently off limits, including schools, day care centers, sports arenas, bars, churches, hospitals, colleges and large entertainment venues."

[Full story](#)

The News Herald/Southgate: SOUTHGATE: Council awards contract for roof repair at library, court

"The Southgate Veterans Memorial Library and 28th District Court soon will have repaired roofs. The City Council awarded a \$213,998 contract Wednesday to Riverview-based Molnar Roofing. The roof repairs will be paid from both the library fund balance and the court capital improvement fund."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Wolverine Bar, Straker Bar host Annual Law Student Reception

"The Wolverine Bar Association and the D. Augustus Straker Bar Association invite members and law students to attend the Annual Law Student Reception on Sunday, Oct. 20, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the residence of Leroy C. Richie in Birmingham."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Center provides mediator training opportunities this fall

"For anyone intrigued by the idea of being a mediator or seeking additional mediation training, Oakland Mediation Center (OMC) is the local mediation training expert. OMC offers 40-Hour Domestic and Civil Mediator Trainings as well as Advanced Mediator Training to any individual who wishes to learn and enhance their skills to help others work out their disputes."

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