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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.**

### **Grand Rapids Press: Wyoming's medical marijuana ban to be argued before Michigan Supreme Court this week**

"... [On Thursday October 10,] the state's high court will hear the case that began in November 2010, when attorney and former Godfrey-Lee School Board member John Ter Beek filed a lawsuit in Kent County Circuit Court challenging the city's decision to ban medical marijuana distribution by anyone other than a licensed pharmacist."

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**Also see:**

### **WWMT-TV(3)/Kalamazoo: Mich. Supreme Court to hear arguments on Wyoming medical marijuana ordinance**

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### **Medical marijuana case on the docket for Michigan Supreme Court's first oral arguments of 2013-2014 term**

[Press release](#)

### **Bay City Times: Jury awards Garfield Township family more than \$2 million in wrongful death case**

"A Bay County jury has found that a Gladwin County logging company owes a Garfield Township family more than \$2 million for the traffic-related death of one of their loved ones. The wrongful death trial before Bay County Circuit Judge Harry P. Gill ended on Thursday, Oct. 3, when the jury delivered its verdict that Danny F. Bard Jr. and Shawn Muma Logging Inc. owe the family of Christopher J. Groulx the seven-figure sum."

[Full story](#)

### **Detroit Legal News: Court: Jail garb not enough for a new trial (second article)**

"The Michigan Supreme Court says criminal defendants have a right to wear their Sunday best at trial. But in the case of a Wayne County man, jail clothes aren't enough to overturn a conviction. The court last week declined to upset the conviction of Sanford Davis, who in 2011 was found guilty of an assault that put a man in a nursing home."

[Full story](#)

**Note: This article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.**

**Also see:**

### **WLNS-TV(6)/Lansing: Jail Garb Not Enough For A New Trial**

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### **Detroit Legal News: Conversation with Judge Talbot Oct. 10**

"Attorneys are invited to attend 'A Conversation with Judge Michael J. Talbot' on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 12:30 p.m. in Courtroom 33. Topics to be discussed include: the role of the Special Judicial Administrator, changes in Court policies, and the impact on the Bar."

[Full story](#)

### **Detroit Legal News: 'Issues in State District Courts' focus on PALS meeting (fourth article)**

"The Polish American Legal Society (PALS) will host its next general meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 16, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Polish Village Cafe, 2990 Yemens Ave. in Hamtramck. Wayne County 24th District Court Judge Richard A. Page will discuss 'Issues in State District Courts.' "

[Full story](#)

**Note: This article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.**

### **Detroit Legal News: Gathering of PALS**

"The Polish American Legal Society hosted a general meeting featuring Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Daniel P. Ryan on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Polish Village Cafe in Hamtramck. Happy to welcome Ryan to the event were ... Wayne County 20th District Court Chief Judge Mark Plawecki, and retired Judge Richard Wygonik."

[Full story](#)

### **Flint Journal: No decision yet in complaint seeking judge's disqualification**

"The county's chief Circuit Court judge agreed [Monday] Oct. 7, to postpone ruling on whether fellow Circuit Judge Archie L. Hayman should be disqualified from presiding over cases involving an attorney who has testified against him in civil court. Chief Judge Richard Yuille delayed making a decision [Monday] Oct. 7, but rescheduled the motion for disqualification of Hayman until Tuesday, Oct. 8."

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### **Kalamazoo Gazette: Civics lesson is a trial for third graders at Portage Angling Road Elementary**

"In teaching about the U.S. court system, teacher Rhonda Vander Veen recently staged a mock trial in her third-grade classroom at Portage's Angling Road Elementary School. The event was organized by Ed Annen, a lawyer is a former Kalamazoo mayor, and included Annen as prosecutor; Annen's wife, Jacque, as defense attorney, and Kalamazoo Circuit Judge Pamela Lightvoet as the presiding judge."

[Full story](#)

### **Macomb County Legal News: Judges discuss Business Courts at SBM meeting**

"The State Bar of Michigan Business Law Section recently hosted its Annual Meeting on the topic of 'Michigan Business Courts: A View from the Bench.' ... [P]anelists Kent County Circuit Judge Christopher Yates, Oakland County Circuit Judge Wendy Potts, Macomb County Circuit Judge John Foster, and Oakland County Circuit Judge Jim Alexander [attended the event.]"

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**Note: This article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.**

### **Mlive.com: Eastern Michigan University creates 4 joint degree programs with Cooley Law School**

"Eastern Michigan University and the Thomas M. Cooley Law School have established four joint, J.D. and master's degree programs that students can begin enrolling in this year. The joint agreements were signed Friday at EMU by President Susan Martin and Cooley Law School President Don LeDuc."

[Full story](#)

### **SBM Blog: No "Business As Usual" In U.S. Courts During Shutdown**

"A week into the federal government shutdown, what's going on in federal courts? A September 30, 10-page Department of Justice FY 2014 contingency plan memo tells U.S. Attorneys to 'curtail or postpone' civil litigation 'to the extent that this can be done without compromising . . . the safety of human life or the protection of property.' Criminal litigation will continue without interruption."

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