

**October 19-21, 2013**

**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 Times Herald/Port Huron: Kelly reappointed chief judge in county**

"Judge Daniel J. Kelly has been reappointed by the Michigan Supreme Court as chief judge of all the trial courts in St. Clair County, including the 31st Circuit Court, the 72nd District Court and the St. Clair County Probate Court. Kelly has been chief judge in St. Clair County since January 2012. His new term starts Jan. 1, 2014."

*Full story*

**Also see:**

**Detroit Legal News: 'Judicial leaders' named by Michigan Supreme Court**

*Full story*

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

**"Judicial leaders" of Michigan trial courts, Court of Appeals named by Michigan Supreme Court; chief judges to promote efficiency, public service  
High court continues trend of appointing one chief judge to oversee multiple trial courts**

*Press release*

**Detroit Free Press: Interpreters to help ensure justice is served (second letter)**

Margaret J. Nichols and Linda K. Rexer write "In many years of providing leadership and funding for civil legal aid for poor people, we at the Michigan State Bar Foundation have learned about the growing number of indigent persons trying to navigate our justice system with limited English proficiency. In September, the Michigan Supreme Court tackled this problem by adopting new language access rules to ensure that qualified foreign language interpreters are provided to anyone who needs them in the court process."

*Full story*

**Also see:**

**Lansing State Journal: Michigan State Bar Foundation: Translation help needed**

*Full story*

**The Herald Palladium/St. Joseph: This could translate into more money**

"A federal requirement to provide language translation services in court cases involving people who do not speak English proficiently could mean major costs increases for Berrien County, officials said. The requirement went into effect Sept. 1, and the Michigan Supreme Court has adopted a rule to ensure that people have translators when needed."

*Full story*

**The Detroit News: Snyder asks judge to block emails, documents about EM search**

"Exerting a broad executive privilege, Gov. Rick Snyder has asked a Wayne County judge to block disclosure of internal emails and documents members of his administration exchanged last winter while deliberating over candidates for Detroit's emergency manager.... Circuit Judge Maria Oxholm has scheduled an 11 a.m. Tuesday hearing on Snyder's motion to intervene.... A Michigan Court of Appeals panel and federal bankruptcy judge have blocked previous attempts by [Robert] Davis and labor unions to force the Governor's Office to disclose unredacted emails related the emergency manager search."

*Full story*

***Also see:***

**Associated Press: State seeks to block disclosure in Detroit emergency manager case**

*Full story*

**The Detroit News: Open records at issue in Detroit conference**

"... Government leaders are expected to gather Monday for a forum on open government in Detroit, but watchdogs say transparency is suffering statewide.... Lawmakers also are considering legislation that would allow electronic court filing systems to operate in Michigan and put the state Supreme Court in charge of setting fees. The system is running as a pilot in a handful of counties and [Patrick] Clawson said fees can reach \$15 for a single record."

*Full story*

**Battle Creek Enquirer: Thank you letters: Chris Lovell a credit to justice system (second article)**

Brenda Hunt writes "I recently had the opportunity to serve my second call of jury duty over the past two years. While we all recognize the importance of this service, we also know the havoc it can play in our daily routine. As I reported for this important responsibility, I was greeted once again by Chris Lovell, a 15-year veteran of the Calhoun County court system."

*Full story*

**Detroit Legal News: Legal People: Michigan Court of Appeals (second article)**

"Attorney Julie Isola has been named research director for the Michigan Court of Appeals. Chief Judge William B. Murphy announced the appointment. Isola joined the Court of Appeals in 1992.... In 1999, she was named district commissioner in the Detroit Office of the Research Division."

*Full story*

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

**Detroit Legal News: Judge Hood to receive DMBA Foundation's Archer Award**

"On Wednesday, Nov. 6, [retired Michigan Court of Appeals] Judge Harold Hood will receive the ninth annual Dennis W. Archer Award for Public Service, presented by the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Foundation. The award will be presented during a gala reception at the newly-renovated Cobo Center in downtown Detroit."

*Full story*

**Detroit Legal News: Symposium celebrates state Constitution**

"Former Michigan attorney general Frank Kelley presented the keynote address Friday, Oct. 11, at the 2013 Wayne Law Review Symposium [celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Michigan's Constitution. Michigan Supreme Court Justice Bridget McCormack and former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly participated in a panel discussion during the symposium.]"

*Full story*

**Flint Journal: Superheroes of all sizes, ages join forces at Weiss Advocacy Center's fun run to prevent child abuse**

"... Jonquil Bertschi, executive director of Weiss Advocacy Center -- a child abuse prevention nonprofit named for former Judge Robert E. Weiss of Flint -- said it was the third year of hosting the [Weiss Advocacy Center's 1K and 5K Superhero Fun Run, which raised money to prevent child abuse and neglect in Genesee County]. The event raised \$20,000 last year, mostly from pledges."

*Full story*

### **Gaylord Herald Times: Oct. 17 recognized as 'Conflict Resolution Day'**

"Gov. Rick Snyder, Sen. Rick Jones, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners and the Gaylord City Council all agree that mediation services are invaluable to communities. They each signed proclamations paying special tribute to mediation services that designated Thursday, Oct. 17, as 'Conflict Resolution Day.'"

*Full story*

#### **Also see:**

### **Low-cost mediation, related services highlighted on "Conflict Resolution Day"**

*Press release*

### **Ingham County Legal News: Honorable John A. Hohman, Jr, named Michigan State Court Administrator**

"Judge John A. Hohman, Jr., a 16-year veteran of the Monroe County Probate and Family Court, has been named State Court Administrator. He will head the State Court Administrative Office, the administrative agency of the Michigan Supreme Court. He succeeds State Court Administrator Chad C. Schmucker, who is stepping down to become president of the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada."

*Full story*

#### **Also see:**

### **Honorable John A. Hohman, Jr. of Monroe named State Court Administrator**

*Press release*

### **Ingham County Legal News: ABA President appoints Judge Donald Allen to ABA Commission**

"Judge Donald Allen of the 55th District Court in Ingham County has been appointed by American Bar Association President James R. Silkenat as a member of the ABA Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs. This Commission supports the creation and maintenance of state level programs to assist lawyers and judges battling addiction and/or mental health issues."

*Full story*

#### **Also see:**

### **Lansing State Journal: Ingham judge appointed to ABA commission (second article)**

*Full story*

### **Jackson Citizen Patriot: Newest Michigan Supreme Court Justice David Viviano visits Jackson, talks about finding his 'rhythm'**

"It's not often that Jackson gets a visit from a Michigan Supreme Court Judge. The newest and youngest justice on the court, Justice David F. Viviano, stopped at One-Five-One Thursday, Oct. 17, in downtown Jackson as the guest speaker for the Jackson County Bar Association. He was invited by Jackson County District Judge Joseph Filip."

*Full story*

### **Jackson County Legal News: Panel promotes cultural diversity in judicial system**

"Great progress has been made in introducing diversity into our local legal system, but we still have a long way to go. That was the conclusion of a panel of prosecutors, defense attorneys and academics, moderated by [Judge Patricia Fresard of Wayne County Circuit Court] at Wayne State Law School."

*Full story*

### **The Macomb Daily: Appeals court rejects multiple sex offender's protests**

"The state Court of Appeals rejected a 25-year-old man's objections to his convictions and sentences for forcing an underage girl to have sex with him in Macomb County.... [Antonio A. Colbert] was convicted of two counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct following a trial in front of Judge Kathryn Viviano in Macomb County Circuit Court in Mount Clemens."

*Full story*

### **The Macomb Daily: Macomb Foundation inducts new Hall of Fame members**

"... [Richard] Notte was one of six persons and one business chosen for induction at the annual event, hosted by the Macomb County Chamber, the foundation's sister organization.... The Macomb Hall of Fame's 2013 inductees include: Judge Linda Davis of Clinton Township's 41-B District Court, for her work assisting young men and women overcome drug addiction."

*Full story*

### **MLive.com: Families Against Narcotics chapter starts in East Lansing; looks to prevent trend of opioid deaths**

"Phil Pavona is on a mission to make sure that more parents do not experience the pain of losing a family member to opioid abuse. Pavona, who lives in Okemos, started a chapter of Families Against Narcotics in East Lansing.... Board members of the group include Pavona, 55th District Court Judge Donald Allen, and Meridian Township Police Chief David Hall."

*Full story*

### **The MLW Blog: Court of Appeals adds explanation to time calculator's caveat**

"A litigant's mistaken use of Michigan Court of Appeals handy, web-based 'Time Calculator' has prompted the court to add a long explanatory paragraph to the existing caveat concerning the calculator's use. The calculator lets you plug in a 'Start Date' and the number of days (or weeks or months or years) in which to take some action."

*Full story*

### **The Morning Sun: Clare courts receive continuation grant funding Michigan Drug Court program**

"District and circuit courts in Clare County have received a continuation of a grant that funds the Michigan Drug Court program. Officials from the State Court Administrative Office recently notified 80th District Judge Joshua Farrell that the district court and 55th Circuit Court, both of which encompass Clare and Gladwin counties, was awarded a continuation grant totaling \$35,000 for the 2014 fiscal year."

*Full story*

### **Monroe Evening News: Landowners Revved Up To Continue Legal Fight**

"Owners of almost 100 acres of rural Monroe County land in Ida Township are vowing to continue a legal fight after an appellate court upheld an earlier ruling that disallows them from freely riding motorcycles or off-road vehicles on the property. The land in dispute is off Ida West Rd. east of US- 23, and its use has been the center of courtroom and township hall battles for several years."

*Full story*

### **Muskegon Chronicle: Muskegon County scores \$368K grant for Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program**

"Muskegon County has a new tool for dealing with prisoners released under probation, plus a significant help in balancing its budget after receiving a \$368,000 grant. Muskegon County Commissioners, meeting as the Ways and Means Committee earlier this week, voted unanimously to accept the large grant for Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program from the Michigan Court Administrator's office."

*Full story*

### **Oakland County Legal News: Court won't block teen's extradition to Georgia**

"The Michigan appeals court says a Flint-area teen can be extradited to Georgia to face sexual assault allegations from 2010. It's the first time a higher court in Michigan has ruled on the extradition of a minor. In a 3-0 decision last week, the appeals court says Michigan is obligated to send any person to another state if the circumstances are appropriate, regardless of age."

*[Full story](#)*

### **The Ogemaw County Herald/West Branch: Baumann's appeal denied**

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has affirmed the conviction of former Hill Township Supervisor Bruce Baumann, who was found guilty of two counts of child sexually abusive material at a bench trial July 24, 2012.... The Court of Appeals upheld Baumann's conviction Oct. 15."

*[Full story](#)*