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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 Legal News: High school to host Michigan Supreme Court oral argument

"A stolen motorcycle, and the unlicensed driver who was injured while riding it, are at the center of a case the Michigan Supreme Court will hear on October 23 at Big Rapids High School.... While the Supreme Court normally hears oral argument at the Hall of Justice in Lansing, the Court goes on the road to different Michigan communities twice a year as part of its 'Court Community Connections' program."

Full story

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

Also see:

Big Rapids High School to host Michigan Supreme Court on October 23

Area high school, college students to meet Supreme Court justices, hear arguments in motorcycle injury case as part of "Court Community Connections" program

Press release

SBM Blog: New Chief Judges For Michigan's Trial Courts - What Does It All Mean?

"County trial courts, more 'super chief' judges, some split two-year terms. What's the theme of the new chief judge list announced last week? Looks like pragmatism and incremental progress toward greater efficiency."

Full story

Also see:

**"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

The Detroit News: Timeline could be set for new sentences for Maslamani, Taylor

"A timeline could be set this week for handing down new sentences for two men convicted of abducting and killing a customer at an area sandwich shop.... The Michigan appeals court said in March that [Robert] Taylor and [Ihab] Maslamani were entitled to new hearings because the U.S. Supreme Court struck down mandatory no-parole sentences for murder committed by teenagers."

Full story

Also see:

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Timeline could be set for new sentences for 2 convicted in Matt Landry murder case

Full story

Detroit Free Press: Ex-dentist, convicted of child sexual assault, wants new trial in Lansing

"Attorneys for a former pediatric dentist who was convicted of sexually assaulting a child patient say they have uncovered 'a substantial amount' of information that 'cast serious doubt' about the verdict. Those claims are made in documents filed with the state Court of Appeals, which has sent the case back to an Ingham County judge who will decide if there is enough evidence for a new trial."

Full story

Note: The article also ran in the Lansing State Journal.

Associated Press: Mom has upper hand in same-sex custody dispute

"An Upper Peninsula woman has no rights to a child born to her former female partner. The Michigan appeals court last week agreed with a Dickinson County judge who dismissed a lawsuit by Jennifer Stankevich. She was seeking custody and other rights.... Michigan doesn't recognize same-sex marriage. And because Stankevich is not the biological parent, her case ends there."

Full story

Note: This Associated Press article also ran in the Detroit Free Press and other media outlets.

The Courier-Leader/Paw Paw: First Family Treatment grads honored

"On Friday, Oct. 11, a double celebration took place in the Van Buren County Circuit courtroom east with the first Family Treatment Court graduation. In addition, the Honorable William C. Buhl (retired) was honored with a portrait dedication by the Van Buren County Bar Association."

Full story

Flint Journal: Genesee County judge denies convicted killer's attempt to withdraw plea in Wanda Musk killing

"A Genesee County judge has denied a convicted killer's attempt to withdraw his guilty plea in the 1993 abduction and killing of a 19-year-old woman. Genesee Circuit Judge Joseph J. Farah denied Matthew Alder's request Monday, Oct. 21, to set aside the plea agreement after Alder said he was not provided with the necessary evidence during the discovery process to make the plea agreement, despite his claims that he requested the evidence from prosecutors multiple times."

Full story

Macomb County Legal News: Court named leader in automation of business

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

Full story

Macomb County Legal News: Success story: Drug court program praised

"Heightening awareness of the drug court program in Oakland County was the underlying purpose of a breakfast reception sponsored by The RESTORE Foundation Oct. 15 at the Iroquois Club in Bloomfield Hills. The event coincided with the presentation of a proclamation from the Oakland County Board of Commissioners declaring October the month of 'Oakland County Adult Treatment Court and Juvenile Drug Court Awareness.'"

Full story

Muskegon Chronicle: Child-rape convictions upheld in Muskegon County case uncovered after school presentation

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has upheld the convictions of Steven Li-Hua Wei of Egelston Township for repeatedly sexually abusing a young girl in a case the victim brought to a teacher's attention after she heard a school presentation about sexual abuse."

Full story

Muskegon Chronicle: Life-without-parole drug sentence, convictions of Muskegon County man upheld on appeal

"A Muskegon County man will remain in prison for the rest of his life, without possibility of parole, for a cocaine-dealing conviction after the Michigan Court of Appeals upheld that conviction and sentence. An appeals panel this week affirmed the 2011 convictions of Reginald DeWayne Nelson of possession with

intent to deliver 50 to 450 grams of cocaine, second or subsequent offense, possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and possession of a firearm by a felon."

[Full story](#)

Niles Daily Star: Niles' Schofield to run for circuit court judge

"Judge Scott Schofield announced this week he would be running for the position of Berrien County Circuit Court judge in the November 2014 election. Schofield, a longtime Niles resident, currently serves as a district judge in the family division of the Berrien County Trial Court in St. Joseph.... He said he would not be running for re-election as a district judge."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Oakland Mediation Center hosts 'Fabulous Friday'

"The Oakland Mediation Center (OMC) annual 'Fabulous Friday--Finds and Fun...on Wheels' event is returning to Leon and Lulu from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 8. Guests will have the opportunity to shop for a good cause as tickets and a percentage of purchases will benefit programs that raise awareness about bullying and youth violence."

[Full story](#)

WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Judge rules emails, documents regarding Detroit emergency manager case won't be released

"A judge has ruled that emails and documents from Gov. Rick Snyder's administration regarding the selection of Detroit's emergency manager won't be released. Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Maria Oxholm made the decision Tuesday, citing Snyder's executive privilege. Activist Robert Davis had filed a lawsuit against the state Treasury Department, claiming he's trying to determine the identities of candidates and wants emails and documents that were exchanged during discussions regarding the position."

[Full story](#)