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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: Kent County students to hear Michigan Supreme Court arguments Thursday at Ford Museum**

"About 200 Kent County students will have an up-close look at the Michigan Supreme Court on Thursday, Oct. 25, when seven justices travel to the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum to hear oral arguments on a case."

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**Also see:**

### **Associated Press: Mich. Supreme Court takes a case on the road**

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### **WXMI-TV(17)/Grand Rapids: Michigan Supreme Court to Hear Arguments in Grand Rapids; Students to attend session**

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### **WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Michigan Supreme Court will hear arguments in Grand Rapids in a gun case from Muskegon area**

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### **The Detroit News: In ignored race, Michigan Supreme Court candidates vie for votes**

"If history holds true, the Michigan Supreme Court race will be ignored by many voters Nov. 6, but the candidates are scrambling for attention, including recruiting the stars of the former hit TV show 'The West Wing.'"

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**Also see:**

### **Detroit Free Press: Who's on ballot for Michigan Supreme Court? Few have a clue**

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### **Detroit Free Press: Michigan Supreme Court candidates**

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### **Cadillac News: State Supreme Court candidates hit campaign trail**

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\*\* The Cadillac News article is available by subscription only.

### **MLive.com: Peter Luke: Michigan's 'supreme' election is a scandal**

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### **MLive.com: Tim Skubick: A gold star if you can name the 6 Michigan Supreme Court candidates**

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### **The Detroit News: Judicial board censures McCree for semi-nude photo email**

"The Judicial Tenure Commission issued a public censure of 3rd Circuit Court Judge Wade H. McCree on Wednesday after the judge emailed a semi-nude photo of himself to a number of people in June 2010."

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**Also see:**

### **Detroit Free Press: Shirtless photo leads to censure of Judge Wade H. McCree**

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## **ABA Journal/Chicago IL: Shame Was in Judge's Game, Michigan Supreme Court Says**

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## **WZZM-TV(13)/Grand Rapids: Half-naked judge reprimanded**

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## **WWJ-TV(62)/Detroit: Detroit Judge Reprimanded For Sending Shirtless Photo**

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## **Detroit Free Press: Appeals court: Did Kwame Kilpatrick waive book profits?**

"Former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick may have waived his right to challenge a restitution order related to the proceeds from his memoir when he told a reporter that 'any penny' he made would go to the City of Detroit, a Michigan Court of Appeals panel said Wednesday."

[Full story](#)

### **Also see:**

## **Associated Press: Kwame Kilpatrick may be unable to keep book proceeds**

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## **Detroit Free Press: Letters: No feuds with Judge Wygonik; No feuding judge**

19th District Court Judge William C. Hultgren writes "I read with interest your 'Best choices for District Court in Wayne, Oakland' endorsement. For the record, I'd like to make it clear that, as one of Judge Richard Wygonik's colleagues, I certainly haven't been involved in any 'long-running feud' or feud of any kind with my colleague, and I'm not aware of any feud of any kind with the other colleague on the bench, Mark Somers. I fully support Judge Wygonik's re-election to the bench."

[Full story](#)

## **Ann Arbor.com: Judge didn't have conflict of interest but violated ethics code in Jenny's Market ruling, opponent alleges**

"When Washtenaw County Trial Court Judge Timothy Connors made a ruling last week in a lawsuit filed against a popular farm market, he was ruling in favor of a lawyer who serves on his re-election committee. Nothing in the Michigan Court Rules and Michigan Code of Judicial Conduct addresses the issue of judges hearing cases in which one of the parties or his or her lawyer is a campaign supporter."

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## **Detroit Legal News: Procedure is outlined for bail bondsmen**

"Pursuant to MCLA 750.167(b), the Judges of the Circuit Court are to annually compile and maintain an up-to-date list of the names of persons engaged in the business of becoming surety upon bonds for compensation in criminal cases."

[Full story](#)

## **Grand Rapids Press: Two incumbent Kent County Probate Court judges face election challenges**

"A pair of local family law attorneys are challenging two incumbent Kent County Probate Court judges for two open six-year terms in the Nov. 6 general election. Attorneys Charles Covello, 60, of Walker, and Brian Downs, 55, of Rockford, will face off against long-time incumbents Patricia Gardner and G. Patrick Hillary for two seats on the bench.... Running unopposed for the four open six-year circuit court terms are incumbents: Donald A. Johnston, Dennis B. Leiber, Mark A. Trusock and Christopher P. Yates."

[Full story](#)

## **Ludington Daily News: Probate hopefuls tackle weighty issues**

"Probate court judge candidates Nick Krieger and Jeff Nellis dealt with the serious topics of the job, child abuse and neglect and juvenile delinquency Tuesday in questions from Patti Klevorn, news editor of the Ludington Daily News."

[Full story](#)

### **Macomb County Legal News: Court, judges honored for jury reform project**

"I come today to present the 2012 G. Thomas Munsterman Award for Jury Innovation to this court and the trial court judges who participated in the Jury Reform Pilot project," said Robert Baldwin, National Council of State Courts (NCSC) vice president and general counsel, speaking recently before the Michigan Supreme Court in the old Supreme Court courtroom in the state Capitol building."

[Full story](#)

### **MLive.com: Appellate court quashes townships' hopes of stalling Misteguay Creek project**

"The Michigan Court of Appeals this week denied an appeal to an earlier court decision filed by a group of townships in Saginaw, Genesee and Shiawassee counties attempting to stop an intercounty drain project along Misteguay Creek."

[Full story](#)

### **Muskegon Chronicle: Appeals court upholds Madge Matthews' felony murder conviction in Jeremy Lawrence shooting**

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has upheld Madge Ellen Matthews' jury conviction of first-degree felony murder and conspiracy to commit armed robbery in the 2010 death of Jeremy 'Tookie' Lawrence."

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: Learning Center opens domestic violence exhibit**

"The Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center is opening a new exhibit about domestic violence. The exhibit opened Tuesday in Lansing and aims to use age-appropriate interactive features to educate young people about domestic violence, as well as what help is available and the role of the state's courts."

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: Foster Care Review Board recognizes honorees for helping kids in foster care**

"The Foster Care Review Board recently announced the recipients of its 2012 Child Welfare Awards, which recognize exceptional services to children and families in the state's child welfare system. Michigan Supreme Court Justice Mary Beth Kelly will present the awards at the FCRB's annual awards breakfast at the Lexington Lansing Hotel on Friday, Nov. 9, at 8:45 a.m."

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: Retirement well wishes**

"A retirement party was held in honor of Oakland County 44th District Court Chief Judge Daniel Sawicki on Thursday, Oct. 11, at Red Run Country Club in Royal Oak.... Sawicki served the City of Royal Oak for more than 40 years—as a city attorney from 1969-1980 and as district judge [since] 1980."

[Full story](#)

### **State Bar of Michigan: Michigan Supreme Court Seeks Comment on Proposed Rule Change Requiring Use of Model Jury Instructions In Criminal Cases**

"2012-18 Proposed Amendment of MCR 2.512 would require trial courts to use Model Criminal Jury Instructions. According to the staff comment, the Court has determined that the function of adopting,

amending, and repealing model criminal jury instructions should be structured similar to that for model civil jury instructions.”

[Full story](#)

### **Three Rivers Commercial-News: County judicial races explored; Two races, two judgeships Today: Probate court**

“Voters in St. Joseph County will have a rare opportunity Nov. 6 when they will choose two judges, one to serve in district court and the other in probate court. On Monday, the Commercial-News published interviews of the district court candidates. Today interviews of probate court candidates David Tomlinson and Christine Yancey will be featured. (Both seek the seat of retiring Judge Thomas Shumaker.)”

[Full story](#)

### **Washtenaw County Legal News: Former judge urges crowd**

“The war against bias isn't won by omission or a failure to act, former Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Jeffrey Collins said during a passionate speech at last week's 21st annual Bias Awareness & Inclusion Dinner.”

[Full story](#)

### **WLUC-TV(6)/Negaunee: Appeals court rules on ethnic intimidation case**

“The Michigan Court of Appeals has upheld the conviction of Casey Trobridge. He was found guilty last year of ethnic intimidation, involving an interracial couple from Trenary.”

[Full story](#)

### **WLUC-TV(6)/Negaunee: Meet the candidate: George Hyde**

“U.P. native George Hyde has been practicing law for 18 years and has his own firm. Now he is running for Marquette County Probate Judge.”

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