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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: State Supreme Court in Grand Rapids for Muskegon firearms case - area students look on**

"... On Thursday, Oct. 25, the state Supreme Court heard oral arguments as 200 area high school students, taking part in a 'We the People' curriculum, and local judges and attorneys, watched at Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. The traveling jurists – based in the Hall of Justice in Lansing – visit others cities periodically as part of 'Court Community Connections.' "

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran on WOOD-TV(8)/Grand Rapids.**

***Also see:***

### **Grand Rapids Press: Gallery: Students witness Michigan Supreme Court at Ford Museum 10/25/12 (11 photos)**

[Full story](#)

### **WXMI-TV(17)/Grand Rapids: Michigan Supreme Court Comes to Grand Rapids**

[Full story](#)

### **Detroit Free Press: Michigan Supreme Court orders stronger punishment for Judge Bruce Morrow**

"The Michigan Supreme Court called today for more than a verbal reprimand of Wayne County Judge Bruce Morrow for acts of misconduct on the bench the court said were serious enough to warrant more severe discipline."

[Full story](#)

### **The Detroit News: Democrats seek gains in state Supreme Court**

"Conservatives have long held a majority on the Michigan Supreme Court, and Democrats hope this year to break that hold. Though technically nonpartisan, candidates for the state's highest court are nominated by the political parties. GOP-backed justices hold a 4-3 majority, and decisions are frequently handed down along party lines."

[Full story](#)

***Also see:***

### **Michigan Government Television: MGTV Forum 10-22-12: Republican nominated candidates for the Michigan Supreme Court (56 minute video)**

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### **Michigan Government Television: MGTV Forum 10-23-12: Democratic nominated candidates for the Michigan Supreme Court (56 minute video)**

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### **The Oakland Press: Michigan Supreme Court candidates want to change how they're nominated WITH VIDEOS**

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### **WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Michigan Supreme Court candidates should be appointed, not elected**

[Full story](#)

### **Detroit Free Press: Michigan libraries can't ban guns, court of appeals rules**

"Though it said the idea of people openly carrying weapons into libraries is 'alarming,' libraries can't ban weapons, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled today. In a 2-1 decision, the court said it's up to the state, not local government units, to regulate matters related to firearms."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**The Detroit News: Appeals court: Michigan libraries can't ban guns**

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**Associated Press: Appeals court: Michigan libraries can't ban guns**

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**Note: The Associated Press article also ran in the Midland Daily News, the Oakland Press, WLNS-TV(6)/Lansing, WILX-TV(10)/Lansing and WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit.**

**Lansing State Journal: Court of Appeals: Openly carried weapons allowed in library, Ingham County judge's ruling reversed**

[Full story](#)

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

**Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Michigan Court of Appeals shoots down Lansing library firearms ban**

[Full story](#)

**MLive.com: Michigan Court of Appeals: Gun owners can open carry in district libraries**

[Full story](#)

**The MiLW Blog: COA: State law trumps local library's ban on open carry of firearms**

[Full story](#)

**Bay City Times: Bay County Bar Association rates Timothy Kelly significantly more qualified for judge than Edward Czuprynski**

"In a recent survey, members of the Bay County Bar Association overwhelmingly expressed their belief that incumbent Timothy J. Kelly is the best candidate for Bay County District Court judge, something opponent Edward M. Czuprynski considers a farce. Kelly, who was first elected judge in 2000, is facing off against Czuprynski, a defense attorney, in the Nov. 6 general election."

[Full story](#)

**Daily Press & Argus: Barnstormer taking fight to a higher court**

"Barnstormer Entertainment Complex owner Rob Cortis on Thursday appealed an order to keep his entire business closed to the Michigan Court of Appeals. Cortis is appealing a Livingston County Circuit Court ruling upholding a Green Oak Township order to keep the complex at 9411 E. M-36 closed until a laundry list of fire- and building-code violations are addressed."

[Full story](#)

**The Daily Tribune: Warren may ban smoking on all city property**

"... [Councilman Robert] Boccomino, a non-smoker, has spearheaded efforts to make the Civic Center campus that include city hall, the Warren Police Department, 37th District Court and all other city-owned buildings and property smoke-free. The measure comes at a time when officials mulled on ordinance that would prohibit anyone from lighting up within 100 feet of a city facility."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Macomb Daily.**

**Detroit Legal News: Domestic violence exhibit debuts at MSC Learning Center**

"... Speaking at the [domestic violence] exhibit's opening ceremony on October 23, Justice Michael F. Cavanagh thanked Court of Appeals Judge Amy Ronayne Krause, 56A District Court Judge Julie Reincke of Charlotte, Learning Center docent Patricia Babcock of Lansing, and Mason High School teacher Linda Pierce for helping the Learning Center create the exhibit."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Grand Rapids Legal News.**

**Also see:**

**WXMI-TV(17)/Grand Rapids: Domestic Violence Exhibit Opens At Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center; Exhibit aimed at teaching young people warning signs**

[Full story](#)

**Domestic Violence Exhibit Debuts at Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center**

[Press release](#)

**Detroit Legal News: Ex-mayor Kilpatrick may be unable to keep proceeds from memoir (second article)**

"Former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's promise in a prison interview to give the city all proceeds from sales of his memoir may mean he can't keep any profits from the book for himself, the Michigan Court of Appeals said Wednesday."

[Full story](#)

**Detroit Legal News: Detroit Legal News: Judge reprimanded for cellphone photo (third article)**

"A Detroit judge who sent a shirtless photo of himself to a female court employee and bragged about his buff image on television 'brought shame' to the judiciary, the Michigan Supreme Court said Wednesday."

[Full story](#)

**Detroit Legal News: Meet the Judges**

"The Michigan Defense Trial Counsel (MDTC) hosted its 'Meet the Judges' event on Thursday, Oct. 4, at the Baronette Renaissance in Novi. Among those enjoying the evening were Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Mark Boonstra;... Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly;... and Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahra."

[Full story](#)

**Flint Journal: Race for Flint District Court judge seats anything but typical**

"The race for two seats on the Flint District Court bench has been anything but typical. In recent weeks, a bench warrant was issued against Glenn Cotton for failing to turn over documents in a court case while Flint District Judge Herman Marable has been the subject of a billboard campaign asking people to vote for anyone but him."

[Full story](#)

**Macomb County Legal News: Getting together for lunch with the judge**

"The courtroom of Macomb County Circuit Court Judge James Biernat Jr. was the site of a recent Brown Bag lunch sponsored by the Macomb County Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section. Andrea Irons, section chair said such get-togethers provide attorneys with the opportunity to have an informal interaction with the judge."

[Full story](#)

## **The News-Herald/Southgate: Election 2012: McNally among district judges running unopposed**

"Four district court judges face no opposition for re-election in the Nov. 6 election. Running for the six-year terms in their respective courts are 23rd District Judge Geno Salomone, 27th District Judge Randy Kalmbach, 33rd District Judge Michael McNally and 34th District Judge Tina Brooks Green."

[Full story](#)

## **Oakland County Legal News: Center provides mediator training opportunities**

"... Oakland Mediation Center (OMC) is offering State Court Administrative Office Approved 40-Hour Civil Mediator Training to those looking at entering the mediation field, as well as Advanced Mediator Training opportunities for practicing mediators to enhance their skill set and meet the circuit court roster requirements of advanced mediation training."

[Full story](#)

## **Oakland County Legal News: Removing mysteries**

"Oakland County Probate Court conducted a free seminar titled 'Removing the Mysteries of Probate Court' on Friday, Oct. 12, at the Royal Oak Senior Center. Panelists included Paula Talarico of Talarico & Associates and Jill Koney Daly, probate register for the Oakland County Probate Court."

[Full story](#)

## **The Oakland Press: EDITORIAL: Ginotti best choice for Royal Oak's 44th district court**

"...The constituency of Royal Oak's 44th District Court hasn't had to worry about making such a choice for a long time. However, Judge Daniel Sawicki is retiring after 32 years in the court.... Seeking Sawicki's seat in the Nov. 6 election are Carlo Ginotti and Derek Meinecke."

[Full story](#)

## **WKAR News/East Lansing: Election 2012: Four Seek Seats as Local Judges**

"There are two contested races this year for judgeships in Ingham County. In the 30th circuit court, attorneys Jim Jamo and Ken Ross are each vying for the bench. State representative Mark Meadows is challenging attorney Andrea Larkin to become a judge in 54B district court."

[Full story](#)

## **WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Race is on for Oakland County Circuit Court bench; Assistant attorneys general try to make history by unseating incumbent Oakland County judge**

"In more than 100 years, no one has managed to unseat an incumbent judge in Oakland County. In this year's election there are two assistant attorneys general who are attempting to do just that. Everyone in the county took note of this when the well-produced TV ads aired in Metro Detroit."

[Full story](#)