

October 27-29, 2012

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 Detroit News: High court says sanctions against Judge Bruce U. Morrow insufficient

"The Michigan Supreme Court has rejected a decision to verbally reprimand a Wayne County Circuit judge who's accused of official misconduct, saying the sanction wasn't severe enough. Judge Bruce U. Morrow is being investigated by the Judicial Tenure Commission for inappropriate conduct while on the bench, according to a Supreme Court order issued Friday."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Michigan Supreme Court wants more than verbal reprimand of judge

[Full story](#)

State Bar of Michigan Blog: Michigan Supreme Court Rejects Public Censure of Hon. Bruce Morrow, Calls For Hearings On More Stringent Sanction

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Proportionate punishment (second article)

"... The photo made its way to a TV station and [Wayne Circuit Judge Wade H. McCree Jr.] gave a somewhat flippant interview to TV reporter Charlie LeDuff. Realizing his mistake a few days later, he apologized for the lapse in judgment. Now, the Michigan Supreme Court, following a Judicial Tenure Commission report, has issued a written censure but added no other penalties."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Brian Dickerson: Court bids a farewell to library arms ban

Columnist Brian Dickerson writes "If you patronize the public library, you'll want to be extra careful from now on whom you tell to hush. Because you know that guy having a loud argument on his cell phone one study carrel over? He just might be armed as well as obnoxious."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Michigan Court of Appeals rules that libraries cannot ban weapons

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Free Press' endorsements (see Courts section)

"The following are the Free Press' recommendations for candidates and issues on the Nov. 6 ballot. In several noncompetitive races, no endorsements were made."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Hometown Life Newspapers: Northville's Zahra wants to hold on to Supreme Court seat

[Full story](#)

Hometown Life Newspapers: Johnson's vision of justice grounded in early life experiences

[Full story](#)

Muskegon Chronicle: Supreme Court justice candidate Shelia Johnson discusses her candidacy

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: Justice Brian Zahra: State Supreme Court not beholden to special interests, political parties

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: EDITORIAL: O'Brien, McCormack and Johnson can make positive difference in Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

Note: The Oakland Press editorial also ran in the Daily Tribune and the Macomb Daily.

The Detroit News: Boy, 14, sentenced to 25-30 years for killing his mother

"... Joshua Smith, who is charged as an adult, pleaded guilty last month to charges of second-degree murder and felony firearm as his trial was set to start before Judge Bruce Morrow of Wayne County Circuit Court."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Detroit 14-year-old gets 25-50 years for shooting mother to death

[Full story](#)

The Detroit News: Small Talk: Judy Wright and her husband recognized for Foster Care contributions

"John and Judy Wright have cared for 54 children during their 11 years as foster parents. On Nov. 9, they will be recognized by the Michigan State Foster Care Review Board when they are awarded the Foster Parents of the Year Award."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Ingham County Legal News: 2012 Child welfare award winners announced

[Full story](#)

2012 Child Welfare Award Winners Announced Today; Foster Care Review Board recognizes honorees for helping children in foster care

[Press release](#)

Ann Arbor Chronicle: 22nd Circuit Judicial Race: Kuhnke, Fink; Candidates discuss experience, endorsements, ratings, abortion

"Attorneys Carol Kuhnke and Jim Fink, the top two vote-getters in the Aug. 7, 2012 primary, are now vying for a vacancy on the 22nd Circuit Court bench to be left by retiring judge Melinda Morris."

[Full story](#)

Daily Press & Argus: Court Docket: Child-porn sentence affirmed on appeal

"The Michigan Court of Appeals upheld a Howell Township man's sentence for trading child pornography in 2010. In an opinion released Friday, the appeals court said the trial court did not abuse its discretion when it revoked bond for Dennis Lloyd Fraser Jr. and sentenced him to prison in May 2010."

[Full story](#)

The Daily Tribune: Royal Oak voters to elect new judge

"City voters on Nov. 6 will elect a new Royal Oak 44th District Court judge for the first time in more than two decades. Candidates Derek Meinecke and Carlo Ginotti are both experienced attorneys. Ginotti was

previously elected to the City Commission two times and served from 2001-10, while Meinecke formerly served as court clerk for Royal Oak District Judge Daniel Sawicki, who is retiring."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Judge Warren to speak at Nov. 3 event marking Veteran's Day

"Judge Michael Warren, of the Oakland County Circuit Court and founder of Patriot Week, will be speaking in conjunction with the American House Choir, to celebrate Veteran's Day. The program will be held at Desmond Funeral Home in Royal Oak on Saturday, Nov. 3, at 2 p.m. The address is 32515 Woodward Ave. in Royal Oak."

[Full story](#)

Hometown Life Newspapers: Nance pledges to listen to defendants

"... [Debra] Nance has returned this year to seek the seat of retiring [46th District Court] Judge Susan Moiseev. Having led a large field of contenders in the August primary, the November ballot finds her vying against the second-place finisher, Bill Seikaly, who also is an attorney."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Hometown Life Newspapers: Seikaly would bring youth jurisdiction to local level

[Full story](#)

Hometown Life Newspapers: Editorial: Meinecke, Seikaly to expand roles as judges

[Full story](#)

Jackson County Legal News: Some kids 'you can't let go'

"Julia B. Owdziej works with troubled kids in her job as an attorney referee/deputy probate register at the Washtenaw County Juvenile and Probate Court. Because the job can be heart wrenching, she learned long ago to leave it behind at the end of the day."

[Full story](#)

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

Kalamazoo Gazette: Kalamazoo voters to finally have their say on medical marijuana dispensaries (with photo gallery, video)

"Kalamazoo voters will decide Nov. 6 whether to change the city charter to allow medical marijuana dispensaries to open within city limits.... Both sides on the issue are keeping tabs on a particular case being heard by the Michigan Supreme Court that could decide the future of medical marijuana dispensaries in Michigan."

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Macomb County constitutional crisis ready to boil over

"... As [County Executive Mark] Hackel administration and the commissioners anxiously await a Michigan Court of Appeals decision on a lawsuit the executive filed against the board, the commissioners may be on the verge of launching their own court battle against Hackel on a separate set of issues.... The appeals court ruling will determine if the 13-member board has the authority to approve or disapprove government contracts and county purchases."

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Settlement reached in Warren class-action tree damages lawsuit

"A 12-year court battle waged by a group of Warren residents who sued the city for damages caused by trees planted decades ago is expected to end with a \$1.42 million settlement. Attorneys for the city and lawyers representing the homeowners in the class-action lawsuit are scheduled to put the agreement on record Monday in Macomb County Circuit Court."

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Macomb County Circuit Court showcases annual report

"Macomb County Circuit Court officials for the first time have produced a sleek, slick annual report for the public to peruse. The colorful 31-page publication describes functions of the court and its people as well as statistics for 2011 and four prior years."

[Full story](#)

Muskegon Chronicle: Muskegon County Circuit Court judge candidates report campaign finances

"Raymond J. Kostrzewa has raised and spent substantially more money than Annette Smedley in their contest to be the next Muskegon County 14th Circuit judge. Smedley and Kostrzewa are contending to succeed Judge James M. Graves Jr., who is retiring at the end of this year after 32 years on the bench."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Muskegon Chronicle: Endorsement editorial: We pick Raymond Kostrzewa for Muskegon County Circuit Court judge

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Judge honored as 'Champion of Justice'

"Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Edward Sosnick was honored as the 2012 winner of the Champion for Justice Award on Friday, Oct. 12, at a luncheon hosted by the Family Law Assistance Project (FLAP) and Common Ground Legal Services at the Auburn Hills campus of Cooley Law School."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Free seminar presented by Probate Court, Oct. 30

"On Tuesday, Oct. 30, the Oakland County Probate Court will conduct a free seminar entitled 'Removing the Mysteries of Probate Court' at the Richardson Community Senior Center from 10 a.m. to noon."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: Oakland County district court judge seats up for grabs in Nov. 6 election

"With the elections right around the corner, there are many voting points to remember — including district court judge seats. The following are short biographies with the candidates for Oakland County District Court Judge, listing their most relevant experience for the positions."

[Full story](#)

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Two battle to become first female judge

"... Voters on Nov. 6 will elect either Melanie Stanton or Kirsten Keilitz to a six-year term as Grand Traverse County probate judge. The winner will replace two-term incumbent David Stowe, who did not seek re-election after a series of personal and professional problems."

[Full story](#)

Washtenaw County Legal News: Domestic Violence Exhibit debuts at 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](#)

Also see:

Domestic Violence Exhibit Debuts at Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center

[Press release](#)