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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.

The Detroit News: Michigan Supreme Court takes up zoning issue that's on ballot

"The ballots have been printed, and some people already have voted. Nonetheless, the Michigan Supreme Court is hearing arguments in a zoning dispute that's part of the election next week in a Washtenaw County township."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Ann Arbor.com: Michigan Supreme Court takes up zoning issue that's on Salem Township ballot

[Full story](#)

Bid to Block Salem Township Rezoning Referendum to Be Argued Before Michigan Supreme Court

[Press release](#)

Detroit Free Press: State appeals court: Macomb County commissioners can approve contracts

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has reversed a lower court's ruling in favor of Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel in his ongoing legal battle against the county commissioners. In a ruling this week, the court ruled in favor of the commissioners in their effort to approve county contracts, a power that they say, and the appeals court agrees, is granted in the voter-approved charter."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Macomb County commissioners win contract dispute in appeals court

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Macomb County executive claiming partial victory in power struggle ruling

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Editorial: Whose money will win the Michigan Supreme Court?

"... The Michigan Campaign Finance Network, which monitors political spending in our state to the extent anyone can, reports that the race for three seats on Michigan's highest court is shaping up as the most expensive and least transparent judicial campaign in the nation."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Michigan Supreme Court candidate defends against terrorism claim

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: TV ad criticizes Bridget McCormack for volunteering to represent suspected terrorists

[Full story](#)

Cadillac News: Markman on ballot for Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

Herald-Palladium/St. Joseph: [Election preview]: State judges

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: The politics behind Michigan Supreme Court candidates

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Stateside: Justice Stephen Markman on balance, reelection

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Race for Michigan Supreme Court is high-stakes, expensive

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Press & Guide/Dearborn: OUR POINT OF VIEW: Michigan Supreme Court

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The Detroit News: FBI reportedly investigates Michigan Supreme Court justice

“The FBI is investigating real estate transactions Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway made last year that allowed her to drop nearly \$600,000 in mortgage debt on a \$1.5 million Lake St. Clair home, sources familiar with the investigation told The Detroit News.”

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit Free Press: FBI investigating Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway

[Full story](#)

Daily Press & Argus: Supreme Court justice investigated for mortgage fraud

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Michigan Supreme Court Justice faces FBI investigation

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: FBI investigating Justice Hathaway over short sale controversy

[Full story](#)

WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Grand jury investigating Justice Hathaway's property dealings

[Full story](#)

Bay City Times: Endorsement: Tim Kelly gets Bay City Times nod for Bay County District Judge seat

“Court proceedings are often tumultuous times for the defendants, victims and families involved. The person on the bench needs to be able to retain control in the courtroom in a calm, efficient manner. We think incumbent District Court Judge Tim Kelly has the experience and temperament to continue on the bench in Bay County's 74th District Court.”

[Full story](#)

Cadillac News: Appellate court dismisses appeal in Blackburn case

“Barring any further delays, it's possible that Jim Blackburn could have his day in court as early as Tuesday. The Michigan Court of Appeals on Monday dismissed a request for an appeal that could have further postponed the trial regarding Cadillac Mayor Bill Barnett's decision to remove Blackburn from the city's Civil Service Commission.”

[Full story](#)

The Daily News/Iron Mountain: Tousignant candidate for probate judge

"Mark Tousignant, a lifelong resident of Iron County, is a candidate for probate judge. Following high school, he obtained a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University and a juris doctorate degree from Hamline University School of Law."

[*Full story*](#)

Flint-Genesee County Legal News: Oakland Circuit Judge Denise Langford Morris receives the Guardian of Justice Award

"On Wednesday, October 10th, the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) Michigan Advisory Board hosted its 11th Annual Judges Night Reception in Dearborn and presented Oakland Circuit Judge Denise Langford Morris with the Guardian of Justice Award."

[*Full story*](#)

Grand Rapids Legal News: Michigan Supreme Court hears oral argument in front of students

"After the Michigan Supreme Court heard oral arguments at the Gerald R. Ford Museum last Thursday, Supreme Court Chief of Staff/General Counsel Matthew Schneider asked the audience, composed mostly of high school students, to raise their hands if the proceedings were what they expected."

[*Full story*](#)

Holland Sentinel: Two candidates for 58th District Court Judge

"Craig Bunce and Vernon Helder are both vying for the non-incumbent position of judge of the 58th District Court. It is a non-partisan, six-year term."

[*Full story*](#)

Midland Daily News: Midland County Adult Drug Court Program celebrates fourth graduation

"With its first full-time coordinator and a fourth clean and sober graduate ready to take on the world, the Midland County Adult Drug Court Program is in full swing.... The participants meet every two weeks in the courtroom of Midland County Circuit Court Judge Michael J. Beale."

[*Full story*](#)

The Mining Journal/Marquette: Treating drug users; New court aimed at prescription drug felons

"Marquette County District Court officials are getting ready to expand their sobriety court - which directs repeat drunken drivers to treatment - in an effort to contend with a rising tide of felony prescription drug offenses.... District Court officials have partnered with county circuit court and Michigan Department of Corrections to create the new drug court."

[*Full story*](#)

Also see:

The Mining Journal/Marquette: Editorial: Sobriety court a welcome addition to justice system

[*Full story*](#)

The Morning Sun: Letter: Bakker has the experience to serve as probate judge

Gratiot County Probate Judge Jack T. Arnold writes "As I approach retirement, I want to thank all of you for the trust you have placed in me. It has been my honor and privilege to serve Gratiot County as your probate judge for 24 years of my 50 year legal career."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Morning Sun: Judge Randy Tahvonen: Bakker would be a remarkable judge

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Published judge

"A book signing featuring retired Oakland County 52-3 District Court Judge James Patterson Sheehy was hosted Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Hamlin Pub in Rochester Hills. Sheehy describes his book, 'Pursuing a Career in Law—Through the Eyes of a Small Town Lawyer,' as a lifetime memorandum of his career in law for those considering the legal profession."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: GUEST OPINION: McMillen still a good fit for Circuit Court

Former Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Fred Mester writes "After serving 26 years as an Oakland County Circuit Court Judge, I have seen a lot. I have seen a lot of trials. I have seen a lot of election campaigns."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: Royal Oak District Court race a contest between "known commodities" WITH VIDEO

"Voters in Royal Oak get to pick a new district judge Nov. 6 for their local court. They'll choose between Derek Meinecke, an Oakland County assistant prosecutor, and Carlo Ginotti, an assistant attorney general for Michigan. One of them will replace Judge Daniel Sawicki, who is retiring after 32 years on the bench."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: Prosecutor: Court declined to detain Orion Township teen before fatal shooting

"A court had the opportunity to lock up Donald Lee James II six days before a homicide the 16-year-old Lake Orion High School student was later arrested and charged for, said Oakland County Chief Assistant Prosecutor Paul Walton."

[Full story](#)

Press & Guide/Dearborn: Chief judge says things are getting better in 19th District Court

"Richard Wygonik has found that since being appointed as 19th District Court's chief judge in January, communication among the court's three judges has improved. And so have things overall at the court as Wygonik aims to be re-elected Nov. 6 to a second six-year term."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Press & Guide/Dearborn: Salamey wants to bring harmony to 19th District Court as judge

[Full story](#)

Press & Guide/Dearborn: OUR POINT OF VIEW: District Court endorsements

[Full story](#)

River Country Journal/Three Rivers: Probate Judge candidates share views during political forum at Glen Oaks Community College

“Christine Yancey and David Tomlinson, Probate Judge candidates, were among the participants in three back-to-back ‘political forums’ held Monday evening (October 29th) in the Dresser Center at Glen Oaks Community College.”

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Sturgis Journal: Election preview: Probate court judge

[Full story](#)

Three Rivers Commercial-News: Mathews sentenced for court outburst

“David Faye Mathews II, 48, of Mendon Township, was sentenced on Friday [October 26] in St. Joseph County Circuit Court for a May outburst in the courtroom which required that he be subdued and restrained by sheriff’s department security officers and an assistant prosecutor.”

[Full story](#)

WLUC-TV(6)/Negaunee: Appeals court rules on attempted kidnapping case

“The case against a Canadian man, accused of trying to kidnap a 12-year-old Munising girl last November, will be moving forward. The Michigan Court of Appeals is advising the Alger County Circuit Court to re-hear arguments before making a decision about using the defendant's videotaped confession as evidence.”

[Full story](#)

WLUC-TV(6)/Negaunee: Meet the Probate Judge candidate Cheryl Hill

“It’s a typical morning at Buck’s restaurant in Ishpeming. Patrons share a meal while discussing the topics of the day. With the election now a week away, you can bet there’s some politics tossed in that omelette. The setting makes for a perfect opportunity for Cheryl Hill, a candidate for probate judge, to connect with voters.”

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