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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: Union activist challenges law shifting claims to Court of Appeals

"Litigious union activist Robert Davis filed a federal lawsuit Thursday asking a judge to throw out a change in the state's court system that he claims was enacted to punish him for getting favorable legal rulings in Ingham County. Davis' latest litigation claims his U.S. constitutional right to equal protection is being violated by a new law that shifts the state's Court of Claims from the Ingham County Circuit Court to the Michigan Court of Appeals."

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Also see:

The Detroit News: State Rep. Phil Cavanagh: Court of Claims Debate: GOP thwarts democracy

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The Detroit News: Frank Beckmann: Court of Claims change was right

[Full story](#)

Lansing State Journal: Editorial: Court of Claims change unfortunate

[Full story](#)

Flint Journal: Letter: Michigan Court of Claims change tramples public's right to justice

[Full story](#)

CMU Public Radio News/Mount Pleasant: MI Supreme Court names Court of Claims judges

[Full story](#)

MiNBCnews.com: Four judges named to hear lawsuits against Michigan

[Full story](#)

SBM Blog: Court of Claims Trailer Bill Introduced

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Detroit Free Press: Editorial: Republican legislators once again dancing to dark money's tune

"... [State] Bar leaders asked [Secretary of State Ruth] Johnson to require donors behind third-party ads for judicial candidates to play by the same disclosure rules as those whose ads explicitly advocate a candidate's election or defeat. Johnson declined to reverse her predecessor's ruling, arguing somewhat illogically that to reverse Land's ruling would exceed Johnson's authority as secretary of state."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Secretary of State Ruth Johnson: Elections require transparency in ads

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Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Split among GOP elected officials over 'dark money'

[Full story](#)

Roll Call: Michigan Official Proposes Broader Disclosure Rule for Political Ads

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SBM Blog: Secretary of State Johnson Call For Greater Disclosure For Campaign Issue Ads

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WKAR News/East Lansing: Secretary of State Johnson Calls For Disclosure Of "Dark Money"

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Detroit Free Press: Damon Keith heralded as inspiration at book release lunch

"A who's-who crowd of metro Detroiters celebrated the release of 'Crusader for Justice,' a new book about the life of U.S. 6th Circuit Appeals Judge Damon J. Keith, at a luncheon in Keith's honor today.... Many legal luminaries, and others in attendance, said Keith inspired them. U.S. District Judge Denise Page Hood said she was an intern in Keith's office when he was a district judge."

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The Alpena News: Alcona County drug court saves lives, families

"Alcona County's drug court could pay for itself in coming years, so that it can continue to divert people convicted of alcohol and drug crimes into self-help programs instead of jail. In an update to the Alcona County Commissioners, Family Court Judge Laura Frawley said that the Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Agency allowed a one-year extension of an \$81,000 grant, which will go toward the program."

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The Alpena News: Kelley receives plaque at courthouse

"... Surrounded by current and retired judges, dozens of local law professional and friends and family, [Frank] Kelley and 26th Circuit Court Judge Michael Mack unveiled a plaque that honors Kelley, as well as cements his legacy in Northeast Michigan. After short salutes from several of his comrades, Mack shared how his father and Kelley worked as criminal lawyers and tried cases in the very courtroom [that the Friday November 8] dedication took place."

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The Arab American News: Michigan Supreme Court extends Judge Salamey term as Chief Judge

"The Michigan Supreme Court Justices, [last month], selected Sam Salamey to serve as the 19th District Chief Judge for another two year term. Judge Salamey has already served one full year as Chief of the 19th District Court, replacing former Chief Judge Richard Wygonik."

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Grand Rapids Press: Nancy Dilley's law license re-instated, husband Charles Rominger Jr. disbarred in tax case

"Ada attorney Nancy Dilley has her law license back after a 2011 tax violation resulted in suspension. She served an eight-month prison sentence. Her husband, Charles Rominger Jr., who served 15 months in prison, has been disbarred."

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Macomb County Legal News: HBAM holds holiday celebration

"The Hispanic Bar Association of Michigan (HBAM) hosted its annual Holiday Party recently at Vicente's Cuban Cuisine in Detroit. Among those enjoying the evening were ... County Circuit Court Judge Maria Oxholm; ... Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Patricia Perez Fresard; and [other HBAM members.]"

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The Macomb Daily: Macomb Township abandons plan for court relocation

"Shelby Township's 41A District Court will not relocate to Macomb Township anytime soon. Macomb Township officials on Wednesday ended several years of speculation that the township would host the court when the Board of Trustees voted 6-1 to abandon the idea."

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Muskegon County Legal News: Family Law Section presents overview

"The Muskegon County Bar Association (MCBA) Family Law Section hosted an update on Michigan's Child Support Program Strategic Plan 2013-2017 at its October meeting. Eric Stevens, Circuit Court Administrator, Sandra Vanderhyde, Deputy Circuit Court Administrator, and Patrick Finnegan of Family Court services support establishment and enforcement-area presented an overview and then opened the meeting to questions from the approximately 14 members of the local bar present."

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Oakland County Legal News: Shopper who slipped on grapes loses appeal

"A dispute between Meijer and a shopper is a reminder to watch your step in the fruit aisle. The Michigan appeals court has affirmed a decision to throw out a lawsuit filed by Nancy Duncan, who said she was injured when she slipped on grapes at a Livingston County Meijer store."

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