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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.

Oakland County Legal News: Panel named to help with interpreters, access to courts

"Looking to make sure people with limited ability to speak English have consistent, meaningful access to Michigan courts, the state Supreme Court on Wednesday named nine members to the new Foreign Language Board of Review."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Michigan Supreme Court names nine-member panel to ensure court interpreters are qualified to assist non-English speakers

Foreign Language Board of Review to help implement new rule requiring all Michigan state courts to provide interpreters; consistent, meaningful access is goal

[Press release](#)

Detroit Free Press: Lexington woman guilty of reporting false rape, tampering with evidence

"It took a jury less than 30 minutes to decide Sara Ylen is guilty of filing a false felony report and tampering with evidence.... Witnesses testified to prior acts of false accusations of sexual assault by Ylen, as well as bruises that appeared to be made out of makeup. James Grissom served nearly 10 years in prison after being convicted in 2003 of raping Ylen in a Meijer parking lot in 2001. He was released from prison in November 2012 after the Michigan Supreme Court granted him a new trial because investigators found Ylen had made other unsubstantiated claims of rape."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Associated Press: Jury quickly convicts woman in false rape trial

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Commissioners: No way county jail move will work without more funding

"After touring the Mound Correctional Facility Thursday, some Wayne County commissioners said there is no way the county could move its justice facilities there with the money they have available to them to spend.... 'Unless we see dollars to build (juvenile and court facilities), I don't see how this project will come to a successful conclusion,' said Leland, D-Detroit."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: House votes to ensure jury trials in suits against state

"The Michigan House voted unanimously Wednesday to make sure people who file certain types of lawsuits against the state have a right to a jury trial, an attempt to fix a controversial law [regarding the Court of Claims] that gave jurisdiction over state suits to different judges.... The right-to-jury bill now goes to the Senate, where it's likely to win approval next week before lawmakers adjourn for the year."

[Full story](#)

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

Also see:

Grand Rapids Legal News: Legislation-mandated Court of Claims restructuring progresses quickly

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Snyder appoints Michael Carpenter to 75th District Court

"Gov. Rick Snyder on Thursday announced the appointment of Michael Carpenter, of Midland, to the 75th District Court serving Midland County.... He fills a vacancy created by the retirement of Judge John Hart and must seek election in November 2014 to serve a two-year term."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The MLW Blog: Midland prosecutor named to 75th District Court

[Full story](#)

SBM Blog: Governor Appoints Michael Carpenter to Midland District Court

[Full story](#)

Saginaw News: Gov. Snyder appoints Midland prosecutor district court judge; Saginaw's judge outlook still in limbo

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Sworn to Duty

"It was a family affair November 15 when U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Damon J. Keith performed a swearing in ceremony for his granddaughter, Nia Keith Brown, a new attorney from Chicago. The ceremony, witnessed by Wayne County Probate Judge Terrance Keith, came on the heels of a luncheon earlier in the day celebrating the release of Judge Damon Keith's new book, 'Crusader for Justice.' "

[Full story](#)

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

Jackson Citizen Patriot: Michigan Court of Appeals denies rental registry lawsuit against city of Jackson

"The Michigan Court of Appeals denied a lawsuit against the city of Jackson last week over the city's rental registry and subsequent inspection fees. The case was filed Oct. 7 by Legacy Five LLC, owned by Mary Ann Eyde of Lansing. Eyde owns Westbay Club Apartments in Jackson."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland County Legal News: Know your circuit judge

"The Oakland County Bar Association (OCBA) Criminal Law Committee continued its Anatomy of a Criminal Case – Year XV brown bag lunch lecture series with 'Know Your Judge II: Circuit Court' featuring Clarkston attorney Douglas Oliver on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Oakland County Bar Center in Bloomfield Hills."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press Blog: Judge Cooper vs Judge McKenzie

"... [A]s the prosecutor, Judge [Jessica] Cooper's career is now intersecting with another local judicial luminary, Novi District Judge Brian McKenzie. Their career collision comes through a complaint the prosecutor filed with Oakland County Circuit Court Chief Judge Leo Bowman that alleges criminal wrongdoing against the Novi judge."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Novi District Judge MacKenzie faces cease and desist order, and possibly more trouble

[Full story](#)

The Toledo Blade: Michigan weighs fate of its lifers in juvenile prisons

Jack Lessenberry writes "So what can we do with kids who kill? Technically in Michigan, it has been possible since 1997 to have a person of any age charged, tried, and sentenced as an adult. It also has been legal to sentence minors who murder to life in prison without the possibility of parole."

[Full story](#)

WLNS-TV(6)/Lansing: Pharmacies May Soon Fill Medical Marijuana Patient Prescriptions

"If a proposed bill becomes law, medical marijuana patients in Michigan may soon have a new source for the product. The Michigan Supreme Court ruled dispensaries and pharmacies are not allowed to sell under the state's 2008 Medical Marijuana Law."

[Full story](#)