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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.**

## **Supreme Court, Court of Appeals Announce Holiday Schedule**

[\*Press release\*](#)

## **The Detroit News: Michigan Supreme Court sends medical marijuana case back to judge**

"The Michigan Supreme Court has told a Grand Rapids judge to take another look at a medical-marijuana case involving a man who gave people free space to grow their pot. Ryan Bylsma was charged with drug crimes when police counted 88 plants during a raid at a Grand Rapids building. The Supreme Court unanimously said Wednesday that Bylsma should be allowed to raise certain defenses under the 2008 medical-marijuana law."

[\*Full story\*](#)

***Also see:***

### **Associated Press: Court sends medical marijuana case back to judge**

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### **MLive.com: Michigan Supreme Court rejects cooperative medical marijuana grow operations in Kent County case**

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## **The Detroit News: Feds temporarily halt seizure of Hathaway's Florida home**

"A federal judge Wednesday temporarily halted attempts by the government to seize Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway's home in Florida, a possible sign Hathaway is considering resigning and pleading guilty to criminal charges stemming from a controversial land deal."

[\*Full story\*](#)

***Also see:***

### **The MiLW Blog: Hathaway forfeiture stayed, fuels speculation that something is coming**

[\*Full story\*](#)

### **WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Judge stops forfeiture procedures to seize home of MI Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway**

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **Detroit Free Press: Cable stations drop government TV station; some content to be online**

"... The service, provided by five of the state's largest cable television providers, will be transferred to the state's Technology, Management and Budget department and will be available only online.... The state will continue to live-stream state House and Senate sessions and some committee meetings, along with news conferences and some speeches by Gov. Rick Snyder, and oral arguments at the Michigan Supreme Court. Those feeds will be archived at a new Web portal called MiTV."

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **Detroit Legal News: UDM Foreclosure Clinic protects homeowners from wrongful eviction**

"... University of Detroit Mercy School of Law's Mortgage Foreclosure Defense Clinic was successful on Monday with a motion in Wayne County Circuit Court to protect 70 individuals and their families from foreclosure and wrongful eviction."

[Full story](#)

### **Flint Journal: Owosso attorney pleads guilty in Flint federal court to machine gun charge**

"An Owosso attorney has pleaded guilty to a federal charge of illegally possessing an unregistered machine gun. Michael Douglas Hoy, 33, entered his plea Monday, Dec. 17, in front of federal Magistrate Judge Michael J. Hluchaniuk. He was initially charged with six counts of machine gun possession."

[Full story](#)

### **Grand Rapids Legal News: Director of Mediation Center helps clients resolve conflict**

"... The Wayne Mediation Center, a community based nonprofit providing mediation training and services to courts and schools throughout metropolitan Detroit and Wayne County, has its origins back in 1987 as the 'Southwest Detroit Neighborhood Reconciliation Center,' founded to provide peaceful dispute resolution for residents of the 3rd and 4th police precincts."

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### **Grand Rapids Legal News: Kent County Adoption Day; Court cements bonds, offers up some fun, causes tears of joy**

"... Breeana's hearing was [17th Circuit Court Family Division] Judge Feeney's first of the day, and the tears and relief and gratitude and excitement were repeated every half hour until 11 a.m. in her courtroom and the courtrooms of Presiding Judge of the Family Division Patricia D. Gardner, Judge G. Patrick Hillary, Judge George Jay Quist and Judge Daniel V. Zemaitis.... Dec. 13 was the 16th annual Kent County Adoption Day, which celebrates a positive resolution to the problems faced by wards of the court. On that day, 21 families adopted a total of 25 children."

[Full story](#)

### **Kalamazoo Gazette: Portage officials not happy with proposed closing of Portage District Court**

"Portage officials say closing Portage District Court will cost the city both time and money, and they aren't ready to sign off on shutting its doors. The Portage City Council had a long discussion about the potential district court closure on Tuesday with Kalamazoo County Chief District Court Judge Paul Bridenstine, ultimately voting to get more details before taking any vote."

[Full story](#)

### **Macomb County Legal News: Court referee says success stories 'keep us going'**

"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."

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### **The Mining Journal/Marquette: Judge rules Gwinn farm can continue**

"A Gwinn farm has been granted the right to continue operations despite a Forsyth Township zoning ordinance prohibiting farming activity, according to a ruling issued today by Marquette County Circuit Court Judge Thomas Solka."

[Full story](#)

### **The Morning Sun: Gratiot Courthouse dome is falling apart**

"Gratiot County's courthouse dome is disintegrating.... Next month, maintenance director Larry Wymer will present options to the new board of commissioners. Researching the matter now, Wymer said he isn't sure what sort of options would be available."

[Full story](#)

### **State Bar of Michigan Blog: Applications Sought For Eastern District Federal Judgeships**

"Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow announced Tuesday that they are seeking applicants to fill vacancies for judgeships on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. The application process covers two current vacancies as well as any that may occur in 2013 and 2014."

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