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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.**

### **MLive.com: Threatened with jail unless you pay up? Beware of jury duty scam**

"Don't freak out if you receive a call, text or email from someone claiming to be a court official saying you could go to jail for missing jury duty unless you hand over money or personal information. It's a scam, says Michigan State Court Administrator Chad Schmucker."

[Full story](#)

#### **Also see:**

**Beware jury duty scam phone calls, e-mails, State Court Administrator warns**

[Press release](#)

### **Ingham County Legal News: Justice McCormack praised, welcomed to Supreme Court**

"New Justice Bridget Mary McCormack was praised for her legal scholarship and character at her investiture ceremony at the Michigan Hall of Justice in Lansing on Jan. 23.... McCormack, who was elected to the Supreme Court in November, was previously a law professor and associate dean at the University of Michigan Law School."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Jackson County Legal News, the Macomb County Legal News, and the Washtenaw County Legal News.**

#### **Also see:**

**WKAR-TV(23)/East Lansing: Off the Record with Tim Skubick 01/25/13 show (see 12:30-13:35 minute mark)**

[Podcast](#)

**Justice McCormack praised, welcomed to Supreme Court in investiture**

[Press release](#)

### **The Detroit News: Use of cadaver dogs at core of murder appeal; 'You can't cross-examine a dog,' defense attorney says**

"Did a dog send D'Andre Lane to prison? The defense team for the Detroit father convicted with evidence provided by a cadaver-sniffing dog in the killing of his missing toddler says it's possible — and they don't think it's fair."

[Full story](#)

### **Detroit Free Press: DHS Director Maura Corrigan on Tamera Greene's death: 'This is a huge tragedy' (video)**

"Department of Human Services Director Maura Corrigan visited the Detroit Free Press Editorial Board on Friday morning. In this clip, Free Press politics reporter Kathleen Gray asks Corrigan about the investigation into the death of 8-year-old Tamera Greene."

[Full story](#)

#### **Also see:**

**The Oakland Press: Michigan child welfare official worried about abuse**

[Full story](#)

## **Detroit Free Press: Entertainment attorney Michael Novak, who represented many Detroit stars including Kid Rock and Bob Seger, dies at 57**

"Troy-based entertainment attorney Michael Novak, who worked with many of Detroit's top radio and music stars, died Sunday, said Rosemary Gilchrist, chief operating officer of Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, P.C. Novak, 57, died Sunday afternoon from a heart attack."

[Full story](#)

### **Also see:**

## **The Detroit News: Mike Novak, Detroit attorney who represented Seger, dies**

[Full story](#)

## **The Oakland Press: Detroit show business lawyer Mike Novak dies at home**

[Full story](#)

## **The MiLW Blog: Longtime entertainment attorney Novak dies at 57**

[Full story](#)

## **Ann Arbor.com: Juvenile lifer case to be heard in front of Washtenaw County judge**

"The first of eight juvenile lifer cases in Washtenaw County is scheduled to come before the circuit court Wednesday. Attorneys have filed a motion on the behalf of 37-year-old Bosie Smith that essentially calls for a re-sentencing."

[Full story](#)

## **Daily Press & Argus: Attorney seeking reinstatement in synthetic-pot case**

"... Defense attorney Timothy Corr is asking the appeals court to overturn a Livingston County Circuit Court decision that upheld a Livingston County District Court judge's ruling that booted the attorney from representing two women from Smokers Depot on Lawson Drive in Genoa Township in a criminal case."

[Full story](#)

## **The Daily Tribune: Troy attorney resigns Macomb juvenile court referee post**

"A Macomb County juvenile court referee resigned last week after he was suspended while under investigation for potential health insurance fraud. John J. Kennedy, who is in his early 50s and resides in Troy, resigned effective Tuesday, according to Chief Judge David Viviano of Macomb County Circuit Court in Mount Clemens."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Macomb Daily and the Oakland Press.**

## **Ingham County Legal News: Cooley Law graduates 456 new lawyers**

"... In honor of the school's 40th anniversary, Thomas E. Brennan, founder of Cooley Law School and former Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice, addressed the graduates. In January 1973 Cooley began offering classes in Lansing and its inaugural class of students graduated in 1976."

[Full story](#)

## **Lansing State Journal: Michigan's Gun Laws 101**

"... Currently, it is legal to openly carry a gun in a public library, with or without a concealed pistol license. The Michigan Court of Appeals last year, in a case involving the Capital Area District Library, said in a 2-1 decision, that a state law allowing firearms to be carried openly in city and county government structures applies to libraries."

[Full story](#)

**\*\* The article is available by subscription only.**

## **Legal Newline: Report: Schuette calling for investigation into former justice's ethics**

"Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette wants an investigation into former state Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway's ethics and professionalism. Schuette, in a letter to the state Attorney Grievance Commission, pointed to a Judicial Tenure Commission complaint over suspicious real estate transactions by Hathaway."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

## **Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: The week in review**

[Full story](#)

## **WJR 760 AM/Detroit: Paul W. Smith show: Bill Schuette interview (four minute podcast)**

[Podcast](#)

## **WKAR-TV(23)/East Lansing: Off the Record with Tim Skubick 01/25/13 show (see 10:59-12:30 minute mark and 21:14-21:56 minute mark)**

[Podcast](#)

## **The Macomb Daily: Attorney: Gentz sentencing delay could mean Bashara arrest imminent**

"The postponement of the Joe Gentz sentencing that was scheduled for this Tuesday could mean that a Bob Bashara arrest could be imminent, according to a law professor."

[Full story](#)

## **Muskegon Chronicle: Oceana County judge throws out 'cold' murder case mid-trial**

"The trial judge has dismissed the murder case against Mark Anthony Coulier mid-trial, ruling that the state prosecutor had failed to prove that Coulier killed his estranged wife Joyce Douglas-Coulier in 2000. Oceana County 27th Circuit Judge Terrence R. Thomas made the ruling Monday morning, Jan. 28."

[Full story](#)

## **Oakland County Legal News: At the helm: Familiar look at the top of RESTORE Foundation**

"... [L]ess than a month after retiring from the Circuit Court bench, Judge Edward Sosnick has accepted a different role with the drug court, agreeing to serve as director of The RESTORE Foundation, a nonprofit organization created in 2008 to help supply funding for the treatment program."

[Full story](#)

## **The Oakland Press Blog: Kent County Prosecutor Challenges Grand Rapids Pot Ordinance**

"... The Kent County Prosecutor claims that the ordinance cannot interfere with a state law, and has requested an injunction from [Kent County Circuit Judge Paul Sullivan].... Whoever winds-up on the short end of [Judge Sullivan's] opinion will no doubt appeal the decision to the Michigan Court of Appeals."

[Full story](#)

## **Saginaw News: Michigan Court of Appeals upholds Spaulding Township man's convictions for first-degree sexual assaults of teenage boy**

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has upheld the conviction of a former Spaulding Township man accused of sexually assaulting a teenage boy. With the court's decision, Alfred Harris Jr., now 42, will continue serving his 18-plus-year prison sentence."

[Full story](#)

### **Saginaw News: Robbery conviction upheld for Saginaw woman who stole jeggings from Kohl's**

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has upheld the conviction of a former Saginaw woman who shoplifted clothing from a department store and then almost ran over a loss prevention worker as she tried to escape."

[Full story](#)

### **Saginaw News: Saginaw County judge exceeds sentencing guidelines for Wyoming man who sexually assaulted young girl**

"A Wyoming man accused of sexually assaulting a young girl over a five-year period is headed to prison. Saginaw County Circuit Judge Janet M. Boes on Jan. 15 sentenced Joseph R. Smith, 35, to 10 to 15 years in prison for three counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct."

[Full story](#)