

**May 19-21, 2012**

**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.**

**Court rules Islamic property can't be taxed - Detroit Free Press (eleventh article)**

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has overturned a decision by the state Tax Tribunal and ordered a camp in Marathon Township to be free of property taxes."

[Full story](#)

**Editorial: A stealth attack on Michigan beach-walkers' rights - Detroit Free Press**

"... [The Senate bill] also sets the stage for arguments that the public has no right to access the land below what's called the ordinary high-water mark because the owner has the right to maintain it. In other words, it would begin undoing the right of the public to walk the beaches -- a right the Michigan Supreme Court upheld in 2005."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**Michigan bill revives shoreline grooming debate - Detroit News**

[Full story](#)

**Editorial Quick Hits: Play nice, Macomb pols - Detroit News**

"Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel has won a legal contest with the Macomb County Commission, which has the authority to sign off on county contracts.... A Macomb circuit judge ruled that the new county charter gives that authority to the county executive."

[Full story](#)

**About 35 graduate from court's drug rehabilitation program in Detroit - Detroit Free Press**

"The Third Judicial Circuit Court in Detroit celebrated National Drug Court Month on Friday by holding a commencement ceremony for its adult drug treatment program.... The program serves as an alternative to incarceration for drug offenses."

[Full story](#)

**Chippewa Valley, Dakota high students to join for Teen Court - Detroit Free Press**

"Students from Chippewa Valley and Dakota high schools will get an inside view of how court proceedings work when 41B District Court in Clinton Township hosts the Teen Court Program on Tuesday.... The hearings will be before Judges Sebastian Lucido and Carrie Lynn Fuca."

[Full story](#)

**Wrongful convictions shine spotlight on judicial system - Detroit Free Press**

"Perjury, faulty eyewitness identification and prosecutorial misconduct are the leading reasons for wrongful convictions, according to the first national registry of exonerations compiled by university researchers."

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**Also see:**

**2,000 convicts exonerated in 23 years, registry shows - Detroit News**

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### **Court overturns decision granting new murder trial - Associated Press**

"A man who insists he was wrongly convicted of killing another man in a college parking lot in 1986 won't get a new trial after a federal appeals court said his claims of new evidence were too late and really not extraordinary."

[Full story](#)

### **Bay County sobriety court: Participants leave alcohol behind - Bay City Times**

"Bay County District Judge Dawn A. Klida, who presides over the county's sobriety court, said that as the participants advance through the program and overcome their addictions along the way, their worldview, health and approaches toward stress manifest in different forms."

[Full story](#)

*Also see:*

### **Bay County drug court: Opiate addict relieved his toddlers will know 'the clean me' - Bay City Times**

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### **Judge Herman Marable will not be held in contempt of court, ordered to change ruling in case - Flint Journal**

"Flint District Judge Herman Marable will not be held in contempt of court but he must change his ruling on a contentious eviction case, a Genesee Circuit Judge ruled today."

[Full story](#)

### **Coney Island comments near jurors get attorney Anthony Lubkin 30 days in Genesee County Jail - Flint Journal**

"An area attorney was ordered to spend 30 days in jail Friday after a judge said comments made in the presence of jurors at a Flint coney island could force prosecutors to retry a murder case in Genesee Circuit Court."

[Full story](#)

### **Lawmakers want court records to go digital - Hometown Life Newspapers**

"... In a meeting last week of the House Local, Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs Committee, [State Representative Bob] Constan heard testimony regarding the success of similar efforts in the Wayne County Probate Court... State Court Administrator Chad Schmucker and Michigan Supreme Court Chief of Staff Matthew Schneider have also voiced their support for updating judicial technology throughout the state."

[Full story](#)

### **Council takes second look at court, golf course budgets - Hometown Life Newspapers**

"It will be round two in the debate over the 18th District Court as the Westland City Council holds a budget study session 6 p.m. Thursday. At an earlier budget meeting, council members asked the court to reduce their proposed 2012-13 budget from \$3.275 million to somewhere in the \$2.8-\$3 million range."

[Full story](#)

### **Candidates pile into court races - Hometown Life Newspapers**

"... Both district court races are expected to be hotly contested, since they are open seats with Judge Susan Moiseev in Southfield's 46th District retiring, and Daniel Sawicki in Royal Oak's 44th District is doing likewise."

[Full story](#)

## **All Rise! Michigan Motorcycle Relay for Recovery highlights success of Michigan's Drug Courts; event kicks off in Novi - Hometown Life Newspapers**

"At 10:30 [Friday morning], The Michigan Association of Drug Court Professionals (MADCP) joined with the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) in the inaugural All Rise America! National Motorcycle Relay for Recovery, a first of its kind cross-country motorcycle relay celebrating National Drug Court Month."

[Full story](#)

## **Justice Stephen J. Markman keynotes GOP fundraiser - Ingham County Legal News**

"Justice Stephen J. Markman not only hopes to maintain the 4-3 conservative majority on the Michigan Supreme Court, he also looks to expand it to a 5-2 majority."

[Full story](#)

## **Laptops at the bar exam is focus of new pilot debuting in July - Jackson County Legal News**

"... [S]tarting with the July 2012 bar exam, some exam takers will answer essay questions using their personal laptops, as part of a pilot project announced by the Michigan Board of Law Examiners."

[Full story](#)

[Also see press release](#)

## **Elder Law of Michigan presents awards - Macomb County Legal News**

"The Country Club of Lansing again this year hosted the Elder Law of Michigan Third Annual Joe D. Sutton Call to Justice Awards Ceremony.... Michigan Supreme Court Justice Stephen Markman [presented the awards.]"

[Full story](#)

## **Court of Appeals loss in suit against Delta College another setback for Higgs - Midland Daily News**

"Despite a recent state Court of Appeals decision that upheld a previous court ruling that dismissed his lawsuit against the Delta College board of trustees, Bay City attorney Kim Higgs is vowing to fight on."

[Full story](#)

## **Judge Jack Arnold honored with special tribute - Morning Sun**

"A special Mass for the bench and bar was held on May 2 in Saginaw. Judge Jack Arnold, Gratiot County probate judge, received the Edward J. McArdle Memorial Tribute, which was presented to him by his brother, Jefferson P. Arnold."

[Full story](#)

## **PERSONAL INQUIRY: Mary Beth Kelly - Motion Magazine**

"A Q & A with Mary Beth Kelly, a Michigan Supreme Court justice and former Wayne County Circuit Court judge."

[Full story](#)

## **PERSONAL INQUIRY: Edward Sosnick - Motion Magazine**

"A Q & A with Edward Sosnick, longtime Oakland County judge who will have spent 24 years on the Circuit Court bench when he retires in January."

[Full story](#)

## **PAST & PRESENT TENSE: Historic Gem Back In Style After Dodging Wrecking Ball - Motion Magazine**

"In September of 2007, there was a courthouse christening the likes of which the state has seldom seen. It marked a beginning – and an end. On that day, September 14, 2007, the seven-member Michigan Supreme Court ushered in a new legal era in the quaint city of Lapeer, the county seat where a heavy dose of history had been in the making thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers."

[Full story](#)

## **State appeals court hears arguments on emergency manager law - Oakland County Legal News**

"Judges on the state appeals court say they will rule as soon as possible after hearing arguments on petitions intended to put Michigan's emergency manager law on November's ballot."

[Full story](#)

## **Juvenile Drug Court presents Art Show, May 24 - Oakland County Legal News**

"The Oakland County Family-Focused Juvenile Drug Court will be presenting 'Self-Exploration Through Art' on Thursday, May 24, on the second floor of the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court, 1200 North Telegraph in Pontiac."

[Full story](#)

## **Law Day competition - Oakland County Legal News**

"The Rochester Bar Association (RBA) hosted its Law Day Competition on Wednesday, May 9, at the Older Person's Commission in Rochester.... Happy to support the [local high school] students were Oakland County 52-3 District Court Judges Lisa Asadoorian and Julie Nicholson, Rick Fournier, Old Person's Commission senior representative, Oakland County 52-3 District Court Judge Nancy Carniak, and RBA President Bob Sheehan of Sheehan & Associates PLC."

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## **Oakland County Sheriff's officials proud of deputies' response in courtroom brawl WITH VIDEO - Oakland Press**

"When a brawl broke out during a court hearing Thursday, Oakland County Sheriff's deputies worked quickly to try to restore order."

[Full story](#)

## **Appeals court reverses decision in lawsuit against Boyne USA - Petoskey News-Review**

"The State of Michigan Court of Appeals has reversed a decision made by Charlevoix County's 33rd Circuit Court to deny Boyne USA's motion to dismiss a lawsuit filed against the company by a man who injured himself while skiing, according to a recently released opinion of David H. Sawyer and Henry William Saad."

[Full story](#)

## **Walk This Way - State Bar of Michigan Blog**

"A bill introduced in the Michigan Senate would name the pedestrian walk between the Capitol and the Hall of Justice the 'Frank J. Kelley Promenade.' Considering the number of times the former Michigan Attorney General walked between the Legislature and the Supreme Court, metaphorically, in his 37-year tenure, I'd say the Legislature couldn't possibly come up with a better name."

[Full story](#)

## **Worth Township ruling marks return to sanity - Times Herald/Port Huron**

The editorial states "Local governments have a responsibility to keep their residents from harming natural resources. The Michigan Supreme Court made that ruling Thursday, but it was a long time coming."

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*Also see:*

**Worth Township looks for sewage answers; Court case doesn't settle who will pay to clean up - Times Herald/Port Huron**

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**Michigan Supreme Court Requires Township to Address Sewage Discharges - MLive.com**

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