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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.

**Court of Appeals: Detroit, Flint review teams not subject to Open Meetings Act - Detroit Free Press**

"Neither emergency financial review teams nor emergency managers appointed to oversee the operations of cities and schools in crisis are subject to the state's Open Meetings Act, the state Court of Appeals ruled this morning."

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*Also see:*

**Appeals court: Review teams not under Open Meetings Act, doesn't clear Dillon - Detroit News**

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**Michigan solicitor general says Flint, Detroit financial review teams 'not subject to Open Meetings Act' - Flint Journal**

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**Court: Michigan financial review teams not subject to open meetings laws - MLive.com**

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**State wins challenge to emergency financial manager law in COA - Michigan Lawyer Blog**

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**COA: State Financial Review Teams Not Subject To FOIA - State Bar of Michigan Blog**

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**Editorial: Task force proposals unlikely to take politics out of high court elections - Detroit News**

"Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly and U.S. Court of Appeals Judge James Ryan convened a bipartisan task force to review the method by which state Supreme Court justices reach the bench. The goal of the task force was to lessen political influence on the judicial selection process. That's a nearly impossible goal, but several of the task force's suggestions are worth considering."

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*Also see:*

**Judge James Ryan Makes The Case For Judicial Selection Reform in Michigan - State Bar of Michigan Blog**

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**ASKED & ANSWERED: C. Thomas Ludden - Oakland County Legal News**

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**Still no decision in legal battle over Rosa Parks estate - Detroit Free Press**

"A legal showdown over the estate of civil rights icon Rosa Parks came and went this morning without a decision by Wayne County Probate Judge Freddie Burton Jr. about whether to disqualify himself from continuing to preside over the Parks' estate fight."

[Full story](#)

*Also see:*

## **Judge will issue written opinion on motion to recuse himself in Rosa Parks estate case - Detroit News**

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **Parole crackdown leads to shortage of jailbeds in Metro Detroit - Detroit News**

"The Michigan Department of Corrections' crackdown on parole absconders following high-profile crimes by state-supervised convicts has created a shortage in temporary bed space in Metro Detroit."

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **Bills aim to intensify blight battle in Michigan with threat of jail time - Detroit Free Press**

"Owners who repeatedly fail to comply with orders to repair blighted and neglected property -- a particular problem in some Detroit neighborhoods -- could be jailed under legislation set for a hearing today in a state Senate committee."

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **Mack denies AG's appeal - Alpena News**

"Twenty-sixth Circuit Court Judge Michael Mack has upheld a decision to dismiss a single charge of prescription fraud against Presque Isle County's prosecuting attorney. Richard Steiger had been accused of fraudulently obtaining a duplicate narcotic painkiller prescription, a charge that was dismissed by 88th District Court Judge Theodore Johnson in February."

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **Alcona to graduate four from drug court - Alpena News**

"Alcona County's 23rd Circuit and 81st District Drug/Sobriety Court will host a public commencement ceremony at the courthouse in Harrisville on Wednesday for the latest four participants to complete the program."

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **Court upholds ruling for man accused of Green Oak Twp. kidnapping, rape - Daily Press & Argus**

"The conviction and sentence for a Sterling Heights man convicted of kidnapping and his girlfriend from a Green Oak Township parking lot and raping her will stand after the appeals court declined to hear his appeal."

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **Candidate seeks Michigan Supreme Court with more 'balance' - Daily Telegram/Adrian**

"Asking for support of what she called 'The Three Supremes,' 46th District Judge Shelia R. Johnson spoke to Lenawee County Democrats Saturday at the party's annual JFK Dinner."

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **PALS to host general meeting May 23 - Detroit Legal News (second article)**

"The Polish American Legal Society will host a general meeting on Wednesday, May 23, beginning at 6 p.m. at PLAV Post #16, 25222 W. Warren in Dearborn Heights. The featured guest speaker will be Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Annette Jurkiewicz Berry."

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **Holiday Hours - Detroit Legal News**

"The Third Circuit Court Civil, Criminal and Family Divisions, [Wayne County Probate Court, and the 36th District Court] will be closed Monday May 28 in observance of Memorial Day.... Only criminal arraignments [in the 36th District Court] will be conducted [on Monday]."

[Full story](#)

### **Case delayed against Flint attorney after judge disqualified himself from presiding over case - Flint Journal**

"A case against a Flint attorney who is accused of breaking into a former employee's email account is delayed after the judge who was slated to hear the case disqualified himself.... An arraignment was scheduled [Monday] in front of Genesee Circuit Judge Geoffrey L. Neithercut after [Steven] Spender waived a preliminary exam May 8 in Genesee County District Court. However, Neithercut disqualified himself from hearing the case."

[Full story](#)

### **Lull chosen to head veterans service office; Former court employee recommended by committee - Herald-Palladium/St. Joseph**

"Lee Lull, a long-time court employee, has been selected to head Berrien County's veterans service office.... Lull is a Navy veteran with 25 years of experience working as a deputy probate register in the Berrien County Trial Court Family Division."

[Full story](#)

### **Armed response; Rifle-carrying teen states his case - Hometown Life Newspapers**

"Standing outside the 48th District Court, where he faces three misdemeanor charges for walking around Birmingham with a loaded rifle, Sean Michael Combs appears neither remorseful nor defiant about his actions or his arrest."

[Full story](#)

### **Karen Hamre, wife of Van Buren County judge, to run for register of deeds - Kalamazoo Gazette**

"Karen Hamre, former deputy clerk for Van Buren County Register of Deeds, has announced her candidacy for the register of deeds post. Hamre, who is married to Circuit Court Judge Paul Hamre, has owned her own business and will be retiring from St. Mary's School at the end of the school year."

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### **GOP complains about Rep. Mark Meadows running for judge while helping Democrats - MLive.com**

"The Michigan Republican Party is accusing an East Lansing lawmaker of ethical lapses by running for a judgeship while at the same time he is trying to help Democrats win back control of the state House."

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### **New roadkill cleanup program for nonviolent offenders removes 2-dozen-plus dead animals from Ingham County roadways in first run - MLive.com**

"... [Ingham County Sheriff Gene] Wriggelsworth introduced his plan for DART last month. By providing judges alternative sentencing options, the program saves Ingham County \$40 a day for each offender sentenced to DART instead of jail, according to the sheriff."

[Full story](#)

## **Accidental drink purchase changing Michigan law on emergency child protective services - MLive.com**

"The fallout from the accidental purchase of an alcoholic 'hard lemonade' at a Detroit Tigers game in 2008 apparently is going to change state law related to parental custody. Stricter guidelines for placing children into emergency protective services are one step closer to becoming law after winning approval in the state House on Tuesday by a 106-1 vote."

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **White To Seek Full Term On Bench - Monroe Evening News**

"Monroe County Circuit Judge Daniel S. White, who was appointed by Gov. Rick Snyder last month, has announced his intention to maintain his seat. Judge White was appointed to the 38th Circuit Court and selected over 16 other applicants for the position."

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **Recanting prosecution witness charged with felony perjury in Muskegon Wesco holdup case - Muskegon Chronicle**

"Christopher James Younts of Egelston Township was recently charged with perjury at a court proceeding, a 15-year felony, for allegedly lying on the witness stand and forcing dismissal of an armed-robbery case against another man."

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