

**May 23, 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.

**Appeals court rules financial reviewers aren't subject to Open Meetings Act - Detroit Free Press**

"Financial review teams and emergency managers appointed to review and oversee the operations of cities and schools in crisis are not subject to the state's Open Meetings Act, the state Court of Appeals ruled in a decision released Tuesday."

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*Also see:*

**Court Rules Review Teams Can Meet in Secret - WKAR News/East Lansing**

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**Union officials weighing appeal after court ruling that keeps Flint emergency manager in office - Flint Journal**

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**Macomb County's commissioners to appeal in dispute over contract powers - Detroit News**

"Attorneys for Macomb County elected officials are headed back to court after commissioners Wednesday moved to appeal a judge's ruling that said they do not have the authority to review and approve government contracts."

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**Judge in Rosa Parks estate case decides to prolong decision on disqualifying himself - Detroit Free Press**

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

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*Also see:*

**Briefs: Judge to issue opinion in Rosa Parks estate case - Detroit News**

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**Huntington Woods man seeking new trial for wife's murder - Detroit Free Press**

"A judge will hear testimony that could lead to a new trial for a Huntington Woods man convicted of killing his wife by dragging her into a lake in northwestern Michigan. Mark Unger has new experts to challenge the prosecution's theory of the death of Florence Unger in 2003."

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*Also see:*

**6 years after trial, Huntington Woods woman's death gets new look - Detroit News**

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**Unger seeks new trial; Man was found guilty in 2006 of killing his wife - Traverse City Record-Eagle**

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### **Retroactive state law would ease pollution cleanup rules - Detroit Free Press**

"For a second time this year, Michigan lawmakers are working on retroactive legislation that could undo agreements and reverse the decisions of state courts."

[Full story](#)

### **New law in works would make it harder to place child in protective custody - Detroit Free Press**

"The case of an Ann Arbor boy whose father accidentally gave him an alcoholic drink at a 2008 Detroit Tigers game may spark changes the state's protective services regulations."

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### **Michigan Senate OKs dropping beach grooming rules - Detroit News**

"The Michigan Senate has passed a bill to abolish a state program that regulates maintenance of beaches by property owners along the state's Great Lakes shorelines."

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### **Man's conviction for kidnapping, rape will stand - Daily Press & Argus**

"A Sterling Heights man's conviction for kidnapping and raping his girlfriend will stand after the Michigan Supreme Court declined to hear his appeal."

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### **Prosecutor: Charlotte woman forged letter to federal judge at her sentencing - Grand Rapid Press**

"A Charlotte woman forged a glowing letter of recommendation she provided a federal judge before she was sentenced for taking money from an employer, the government said."

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### **Justice addresses AAML seminar - Macomb County Legal News**

"The American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Michigan Chapter, recently hosted its annual seminar on at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly was this year's guest speaker for the seminar's luncheon."

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### **Teens get schooled, school each other in court - Macomb Daily**

"... [Jenny] DiGiovanni was one of about 28 students from Chippewa Valley and Dakota high schools who participated Tuesday in Teen Court of the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office and the CVS Coalition for Youth and Families."

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### **Retired Tax Tribunal judge joins Kitch; Straker honors three - Michigan Lawyer Blog**

"This week, it was announced that Stuart Trager, who recently retired as a judge with the Michigan Tax Tribunal, has joined Kitch Drutchas Wagner Valitutti & Sherbrook in an of counsel capacity."

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### **Small claims jurisdiction jumps in September - Michigan Lawyer Blog**

"The jurisdictional limit for district court small claims divisions will rise from \$3,000 to \$5,000 on Sept. 1, under legislation signed into law by Gov. Rick Snyder. Thereafter, the amendment of MCL 600.8401 provides for a gradual increase of the jurisdictional limit to \$7,000 by Jan. 1, 2024."

[Full story](#)

## **Former Detroit Mayor Roman Gribbs being honored for legal work - MLive.com**

"... [Former Detroit Mayor Roman] Gribbs, who also served on the Michigan Court of Appeals, is being honored with the Frank Murphy Award, which recognizes an attorney whose career has exemplified the highest professional ideals and demonstrated outstanding service to the legal profession."

[Full story](#)

## **Legislation aims to fight blight in Detroit, other Michigan cities with threat of jail time - MLive.com**

"Owners who fail to properly maintain their property could face the threat of jail time under new legislation sponsored by State Sen. Virgil Smith, who is pushing an aggressive approach to help Detroit and other Michigan cities fight blight."

[Full story](#)

## **Inn of Court Debut - Motion Magazine (four photos)**

"The Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association's new Inn of Court program conducted its inaugural meeting on March 27 at the Detroit Athletic Club, a venue that recently marked its 125th anniversary."

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## **Barristers have a 'Ball' - Motion Magazine (ten photos)**

"The Wolverine Bar Association hosted its 51st Annual Barristers' Ball on March 17, at the Westin Book Cadillac in Detroit."

[Full story](#)

## **CDAM Presents Awards - Motion Magazine (four photos)**

"The Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan (CDAM) celebrated its Annual Awards Dinner on March 16 at the Crowne Plaza Novi-Detroit."

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## **Night at the Movies - Motion Magazine (five photos)**

"The Resolution Center hosted its 19th Annual Evening at the Movies event to benefit its Dispute Resolution Program on March 27, at the MJR Marketplace Sterling Heights Cinema 20."

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## **FLAT ROCK: Judge, council honor student drawings for 33rd District Court - News-Herald/Southgate**

"City officials and a 33rd District Court judge recognized five students at Monday's City Council meeting for their drawings depicting the community. Judge Jennifer Coleman Hesson complimented the 'amazing artwork' created by four students from Simpson Middle School and one from Flat Rock Community High School."

[Full story](#)

## **Candidates for elected positions in Grand Traverse County - Traverse City Record-Eagle**

"The following candidates will appear on the Aug. 7 primary ballot for county and township elected positions in Grand Traverse County:... Probate Court Judge: Kirsten L. Keilitz; Adam Lett; Linda Raetz; Melanie Stanton."

[Full story](#)

## **State will ante up for circuit court judge's pay - Tuscola County Advertiser**

"While the governor has no interest in filling the vacant 54th Circuit judgeship in Tuscola County, at least one government entity is willing to offer some help. Visiting judges have been filling in to keep the court's docket moving since Patrick Joslyn retired in January."

[\*Full story\*](#)

**State Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway keeps mum as more property questions are raised - WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit**

"In her 2008 run for Supreme Court Justice, Diane Hathaway vowed to be different.... But there are new questions about whether she broke that promise on her way to unloading her underwater Grosse Pointe Park home."

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