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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.**

## **Medical marijuana case on the docket for Michigan Supreme Court's first oral arguments of 2013-2014 term**

[Press release](#)

## **Detroit Free Press: Court: Lawyer's complaint about jail clothes not enough for a new trial**

"The Michigan Supreme Court says criminal defendants have a right to wear their Sunday best at trial. But in the case of a Wayne County man, jail clothes aren't enough to overturn a conviction. The court last week declined to upset the conviction of Sanford Davis, who in 2011 was found guilty of an assault that put a man in a nursing home."

[Full story](#)

## **The Detroit News: Put an end to budgeting-by-lawsuit; State Legislature should pass a bill that keeps budget disputes out of court**

The editorial states "A bill in the Legislature would help make sure local and county budgets are decided by those elected to do the job, not by the courts. The measure rightly keeps courts out of local budgeting battles and sets new limits on lawsuits filed against one elected official by another over spending."

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## **The Detroit News: Supreme Court term begins amid government shutdown**

"The Supreme Court began its new term Monday by turning away hundreds of appeals, including Virginia's bid to revive its anti-sodomy law. The justices took the bench just past 10 o'clock on the first Monday in October, even as much of the rest of the government was coping with a partial shutdown."

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**Also see:**

## **Detroit Free Press: Supreme Court term begins amid government shutdown**

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## **Crain's Detroit Business: Supreme Court term begins amid government shutdown; Michigan case on racial preferences on agenda**

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## **Detroit Legal News: Ending 'school to prison pipeline' is goal of anti-truancy summit**

"Kids who skip or are outsted from school for bad behavior are at risk of dropping out and entering the 'school to prison pipeline.' Efforts to find solutions to school truancy and keep kids from lives of crime — got a boost at the recent 'Michigan Leadership Summit on School-Justice Partnerships: Keeping Kids in School and Out of the Justice System' ... 'Anyone who works in the juvenile justice system knows that kids who are suspended or expelled are much more likely to drop out altogether,' said Midland Probate Judge Dorene S. Allen, who also served as chair of the summit."

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## **Detroit Legal News: The Legal News to cease publication of 'Motion' magazine**

"Some five years after its first issue was published, MOTION magazine will suspend publication immediately, it was announced this week by Bradley L. Thompson II, president and CEO of The Detroit Legal News."

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### **Flint Journal: Genesee County jury awards nearly \$13 million verdict in birth trauma lawsuit against Genesys**

"A jury awarded a Flint woman nearly \$13 million in her lawsuit against Genesys Regional Medical Center after she claimed medical mistakes during childbirth left her daughter disfigured and without the full use of her right arm. Genesee Circuit Judge Joseph J. Farah, who oversaw the trial, said the award is the largest any jury has returned in his courtroom in his eight years hearing civil cases."

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### **Ingham County Legal News: "Language of Justice" video highlights "consistent, meaningful access" to Michigan courts for non-English speakers**

"Michigan courts are moving forward with implementing a new court rule, aimed at ensuring 'consistent, meaningful access' to Michigan courts for those with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), according to Justice Bridget M. McCormack, who appears in a new Court Stories video, 'The Language of Justice.' "

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**Note: The article also ran in the Grand Rapids Legal News.**

### **Macomb County Legal News: Turnabout: Veterans court offers opportunity to rebuild**

"Dwayne Cherry, known affectionately to friends and family as Wayne, was close to graduating cum laude from Michigan State University with a degree in political science and pre-law when the 9/11 attacks occurred on American soil.... Armed with this resolve, [Genesee County Probate Judge Jennie] Barkey decided to form a Veterans Treatment Court, and her vision became a reality in January 2013, after the State Court Administrator's Office approved it and Genesee County Chief Circuit Judge Richard Yuille signed it into existence."

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### **Muskegon Chronicle: Baby Kate still missing, but Sean Phillips, her father, charged with her murder**

"It's been a long time coming. More than two years after Katherine 'Baby Kate' Phillips disappeared in Mason County, and with her body still missing, her father has been charged with her murder.... [Sean] Phillips is already serving a prison term of 10 to 15 years for unlawful imprisonment of his daughter. A Mason County jury convicted him of that in April 2012. Phillips has appealed the conviction and the sentence, and that appeal is still pending before the Michigan Court of Appeals."

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: Attorneys, students, & judges attend 101st Red Mass**

"The University of Detroit Mercy School of Law conducted its 101st annual Red Mass on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at Saints Peter and Paul Jesuit Church in Detroit. Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert P. Young Jr. led the Renewal of the Lawyer's Oath of Commitment during the mass."

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