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Introduction

This selective annotated bibliography highlights primary and secondary sources useful for researching law in Michigan. It is intended as a reference guide for librarians, information professionals, legal researchers and practitioners unfamiliar with Michigan legal resources. It includes statutes, codes, regulations and administrative decisions, caselaw, citators, periodicals and legal treatises. The bibliography is divided into five sections: (1) Primary Materials, (2) Government Resources, (3) State Specific Resources, (4) General Jurisprudence, and (5) Practice Materials by Topic.

A significant number of Michigan practice materials are published by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE) and the State Bar of Michigan. Many, but not all, of these practice titles are provided in this bibliography. Availability in HeinOnline, ICLE Premium Partnership, Lexis+ and Westlaw is also noted. Emphasis is given to materials currently published although several titles no longer updated are included due to their research value.

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I. Primary Materials

A. Statutory Materials

State Code


*Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated (M.C.L.A.)*. Eagan, Minn.: Thomson Reu-
ters, 1967–. 107 volumes (includes general indices), updated annually with pocket parts and softbound pamphlets; volumes replaced as needed.

One of two commercial statutory codes available, this annotated code provides the text of the law, historical and statutory notes, cross references, law review and journal commentaries, library references and notes of decisions.

Available in Westlaw.

*Michigan Compiled Laws Service (M.C.L.S.)*. Charlottesville, Va.: LexisNexis, 2001–. 88 volumes updated annually with pocket parts and softbound pamphlets; volumes replaced as needed.

Provides the text of the law, history, prior codification, statutory references, cross-references, analytical references (to other Lexis products), research references and case notes.

Available in Lexis+.

Construction Codes

https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_10575_17550-234789--,00.html

Michigan’s “construction codes” are not included in the broader Michigan Statutory compilations. This site provides purchasing information for Michigan’s building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, rehabilitation and residential codes.
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Session Laws


Contains session laws, reorganization and executive reorganization orders, tables and index.

Available in Westlaw (current legislative session and historical enacted legislation (1988–2021)).


Updates *M.C.L.S.* with the Public Acts from the current legislative session. A summary of acts, text of acts, executive orders, administrative orders, tables, cumulative statutory tables and a cumulative index is included in each pamphlet.

Available on Lexis+ (1990–).


Updates *M.C.L.A.* with the Public Acts from the current legislative session. Contains text of recent legislation, proposed constitutional amendments, proposed initiative measures, referenda, resolutions, court orders, tables and index.


Retrieve Public Acts (as originally passed); browse the session laws or locate them in the compiled laws; or check the public act tables by legislative session to identify bill number, effective date of law, date of Governor’s signature and summary.

STATE PRACTICE MATERIALS

Session laws of the State of Michigan. Includes local acts, public acts, veto messages of the Governor, executive reorganization orders, proceedings relative to incorporation and change of boundaries, report of the State Treasurer, Michigan Compiled Laws table, cross-reference tables and index.

Municipal Codes

American Legal Publishing Corporation
https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/regions/mi
Provides full text municipal codes and ordinances for several Michigan municipalities and counties. Coverage varies by jurisdiction.

https://library.municode.com/mi/detroit/codes/code_of_ordinances
Includes home rule charter, executive reorganization plan, compilation of city ordinances into code chapters and articles.

_Detroit Zoning Ordinance: Chapter 61 of the 1984 City Code, as Amended_.
Links to the Detroit Zoning Ordinance, official zoning maps and master plan. This chapter is not set out in the _Detroit City Code_. Covers decision-making bodies, review and approval, zoning districts, nonconformities, violations and enforcement, signs, and use regulations.

Ecode360
https://www.generalcode.com/library/#MI
Provides full text municipal codes and ordinances for several Michigan cities, villages and townships. Coverage varies by jurisdiction.

_Michigan Digital Collections: Charters, Codes and Compacts_
https://lmdigital.libraryofmichigan.org/collections/p16110coll9
Selected archived charters, ordinances and agreements from local Michigan and tribal governments. Coverage varies by jurisdiction.
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Municipal Code Corporation

https://library.municode.com/mi

Provides full-text municipal codes and ordinances for many Michigan municipalities and counties. Coverage varies by jurisdiction.

Available in Lexis+.

Other Legislative Information

Researchers may also wish to consult Library of Michigan Digital’s, collection of selected Michigan government publications (https://lmdigital.libraryofmichigan.org.) This site offers current and historical primary and secondary source materials and includes Michigan government information, Michigan administrative law materials, Michigan legislative and statutory materials, Michigan Constitutional Law, and Michigan Local, Regional and Tribal Charters, Codes and Compacts.

General


https://council.legislature.mi.gov/CouncilAdministrator/MLRC

The commission’s statutory charge is to “examine the common law and statutes of the state and current judicial decisions for the purpose of discovering defects and anachronisms in the law and recommending needed reform.” It also receives and considers proposed changes in the law recommended by the American Law Institute, the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, any bar association or other learned bodies, and legal practitioners then recommends changes in the law as deemed necessary. The MLRC produces an Annual Report that contains the commission’s report on particular legal issue(s) and Recommendations to the Legislature.

Michigan Legislature

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/

Provides access to legislative information including bill searching and tracking, legislative activity, Michigan Compiled Laws search, Michigan Constitution and legislative publications since the 1995/1996 legislative session.


STATE PRACTICE MATERIALS

An overview of resources available to research the legislative process in Michigan.

Bills and Pending Legislation

Gongwer News Service-Michigan

https://www.gongwer.com/

Subscription-based legislative and political news reports, meeting schedules, bill tracking and administrative rules summaries are included in the Michigan Report provides “detailed coverage of every bill in the Legislature, [and] closely tracks the activities of the executive and judicial branches and monitors state elections.”

Michigan Legislature – Bills


Search bills by key word, bill number, category, detailed category, sponsor, Public Act affected, committee, bill history (last action) or appropriations. Retrieve bill lists (daily introduced, passed by chamber, enrolled bills, adopted resolution report or most recent bill activity). Select legislative session (1995/1996–) for bill search by number or key word or browse bills by session (1995/1996–) and chamber. RSS feeds and e-mail notifications (registration required) are available.

Available in Westlaw (current session and historical bills, 2005–) and Lexis+ (1991–).

Michigan Bill Tracking

Current and historical (2005–) bill tracking content provided by NetScan. Includes summaries and status information from bill introduction to end of the process.

Available in Westlaw.

Michigan Bill Tracking Reports


Lexis’ StateNet – Michigan Bill Tracking Reports collection includes summary and legislative chronology of pending legislation in Michigan since the 1989 legislative session.

Available in Lexis+.
Legislative History


http://repository.law.umich.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1008&context=librarian

A research guide to Michigan legislative process and intent. Includes resources that may be available to determine legislative intent.

*Sources of Michigan Legislative Information, 2019–2020 Michigan Manual*


An overview of resources available to research the legislative process in Michigan.

Legislative Journals


Published daily while the legislature is in session, arranged by date of session and order of business (actions, communications and roll call votes) as conducted. Bound volumes of the legislative session journals are continuously paginated and contain indexes and tables.


*Journal of the Senate of the State of Michigan*. Lansing, Mich.: 1836–.

STATE PRACTICE MATERIALS

Published daily while the legislature is in session, arranged by date of session and order of business (actions, communications and roll call votes) as conducted. Bound volumes of the legislative session journals are continuously paginated and contain indexes and tables.


B. Case Law Materials

Case Reports


Official decisions of the Court of Appeals of Michigan.

Available in Westlaw (reported and unreported case law 1965–) and Lexis+ (published decisions 1965–; selected unpublished decisions, 1994–).


Official decisions from the Michigan Supreme Court, administrative orders and orders in cases.

Available in Westlaw (1838–) and Lexis+ (1841–).

*West’s Michigan Reporter, 2d.* Eagan, Minn.: Thomson Reuters, 1941–. Multiple volumes, updated with advance sheets.

A reprint of *West’s North Western Reporter’s* Michigan cases.

Available in Westlaw.

*West’s North Western Reporter 2d.* National Reporter Series. Eagan, Minn.: Thomson Reuters, 1941–. Multiple volumes, updated with advance sheets.

Covers opinions and decisions (1942–) of the state courts of Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Editorial enhancements include headnotes, Topics and Key Numbers.
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Available in Westlaw.

Digests and Citators

*Michigan Digest* (Title varies: *Callaghan’s Michigan Digest*). Charlottesville, Va.: LexisNexis Matthew Bender, 1941–. 42 volumes updated annually with pocket parts and softbound pamphlets; volumes replaced as needed.

Topical summaries of all reported decisions of the Michigan Supreme Court and the Michigan Court of Appeals affecting Michigan laws.

Available in Lexis+.


Comprehensive legal case citator with editorial analysis identifying citing and cited decisions. Parallel references to state and regional reporters. Covers Michigan case and statutory law and includes references to Attorney General opinions and law reviews published in Michigan.

Available in Lexis+.

*West’s Michigan Digest, 2d*. Eagan, Minn.: Thomson Reuters, 1989–. 117 volumes updated annually with pocket parts and softbound pamphlets; volumes replaced as needed.

Topical summaries of Michigan cases since 1932. Uses the West Key Number System and includes headnotes, descriptive word index, table of cases, research references and Key Number disposition tables.

Attorney General Opinions

*Attorney General Opinions – 1963 to Present*

http://www.ag.state.mi.us/opinion/opinions.aspx.

From the Office of the Attorney General, search the opinions by full text (1963–), key word (1977–), subject (1977–), headnote (1963–), or opinion number (1963–). Includes numerical and chronological lists of opinions.

Available in Westlaw (1977–), and Lexis+ (1836–).

STATE PRACTICE MATERIALS


A compilation of formal opinions, division reports, tables and an index to opinions for the biennial period.

Available in HeinOnline (State Attorney General Opinions, 1838–).

**Court Records and Pleadings**

_Briefs Search_. Michigan Supreme Court, 2019–.


Search briefs submitted to the Michigan Supreme Court by docket number. Also includes an oral arguments search feature (2013–) which includes links to summaries and some briefs.

**Michigan Briefs**

Lexis’ _Michigan Briefs_ collection contains selected briefs from Michigan’s Supreme Court (1998–), Court of Appeals (1990–) and limited briefs from the circuit courts (2004–). Limited Pleadings and Motions files also available.

Available in Lexis+.

**Michigan Briefs**

Westlaw’s _Michigan Briefs_ collection contains selected briefs from Michigan’s Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, 1995–.

Available in Westlaw.


The Library of Michigan and four of the academic law libraries in the state (Michigan State University, University of Detroit Mercy, University of Michigan and Wayne State University) each hold _Records and Briefs_ collections in print. Check their respective catalogs for details.
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Court Rules

Longhofer, Ronald S. *Michigan Court Rules Practice: Evidence, 4th ed.* Eagan, Minn.: Thomson Reuters, 2009–. 3 volumes updated annually with pocket parts; volumes replaced as needed. (*Michigan Court Rules Practice Series*).


Available in Westlaw.

Longhofer, Ronald S. *Michigan Court Rules Practice: Forms, 3d ed.* Eagan, Minn.: Thomson Reuters, 2013–. 5 volumes updated annually with pocket parts; volumes replaced as needed. (*Michigan Court Rules Practice Series*).

Includes sample forms, notes to forms, cross references and commentary on jurisdiction and venue, parties and their claims.

Available in Westlaw.

Longhofer, Ronald S. *Michigan Court Rules Practice: Text, 7th ed.* Eagan, Minn.: Thomson Reuters, 2012–. 7 volumes updated annually with pocket parts; volumes replaced as needed. (*Michigan Court Rules Practice Series*).

Annotated version of the Michigan Rules of Court 1985 with rule text, staff comment, author’s commentary, research references and Michigan Decisions.

Available in Westlaw.

*Michigan Court Rules – Current*


Uniform rules and procedures adopted by the Michigan Supreme Court for all levels of the Michigan court system.


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Examiners, local court rules, cross-reference tables and Supreme Court administrative orders.

Available in Lexis+.


Available in Westlaw.

C. Regulatory Materials

Many administrative regulations, decisions, orders and other rulings are available directly from the agency or department. Researchers should consult the website of a specific executive department or agency for resource availability. A complete list of Michigan agencies is available at [https://www.michigan.gov/som/0,4669,7-192-29701_29702_30045---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/som/0,4669,7-192-29701_29702_30045---,00.html).

Researchers may also wish to consult Library of Michigan Digital’s collection of selected Michigan government publications ([https://lmdigital.libraryofmichigan.org](https://lmdigital.libraryofmichigan.org)). This site provides current and historical primary and secondary source materials including Michigan administrative law materials.

Administrative Rules and Regulations


[https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_10576_92306_92312---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_10576_92306_92312---,00.html)

This website provides links to the *Michigan Administrative Code*, the *Annual Administrative Code Supplement* and the *Michigan Register*.

*Michigan Administrative Code*

[https://ars.apps.lara.state.mi.us/AdminCode/AdminCode](https://ars.apps.lara.state.mi.us/AdminCode/AdminCode)

Current versions of Michigan rules and regulations are accessible by department and bureau. Archived versions (1944 and 1954) are available in the
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Available in Westlaw and Lexis+.

Annual Administrative Code Supplement to the Michigan Administrative Code of 1979

https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_10576_92306_92312-494260--00.html


Michigan Register

https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_10576_92306_92312_92359--00.html


Administrative Decisions


Michigan state securities laws and regulations, interpretive opinions, no-action letters and administrative orders.

Available in Westlaw (Michigan Blue Sky Administrative Decisions, 1981–).

Available in Wolters Kluwer Cheetah (Securities – State Practice Area).


Michigan tax laws and regulations, explanations, guidance and administrative rulings.

Available in Westlaw (Michigan Taxation Administrative Decisions, 1974–).

Available in Lexis+ (1979–).
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Available in Wolters Kluwer Cheetah (Tax – State & Local)

https://www.michigan.gov/taxtrib/0,4677,7-187-38250---,00.html
Michigan Tax Tribunal opinions from 2008–.
Available in Westlaw (1974–) and Lexis+ (1979–).

https://www.michigan.gov/difs/0,5269,7-303-20594---,00.html
Declaratory rulings, Director’s decisions, final decisions, PRIRA cases, public hearings and prohibition orders. Coverage varies by category.
Available in Westlaw (Enforcement Actions, 2000–; Insurance Bulletins, 1970–).
Available in Lexis+ (Insurance Bulletins, June 30, 1972–).

https://www.michigan.gov/leo/0,5863,7-336-94422_17485_68147---,00.html
Available in Lexis+ (1965–).

Michigan Environmental Administrative Decisions

Lexis’ Michigan Environmental Administrative Decisions collection includes decisions released and related to environmental law issues.
Available in Lexis+ (April 16, 1985–).

Michigan Environmental Administrative Decisions

Westlaw’s Michigan Environmental Administrative Decisions collection includes decisions released related to environmental law issues.
Available in Westlaw (1988–).
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Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR)
https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_10576---,00.html
Created in 2019 by Executive Order, MOAHR is a Type I agency within Michigan’s Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. MOAHR supports a centralized administrative hearing system which conducts administrative hearings (including the Michigan Tax Tribunal) and aids in the promulgation of rules.

Includes case highlights and full-text public sector labor relations decisions including MERC, selected state and federal opinions.
Available in Westlaw (1979–).

Michigan Public Services Commission
https://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,9535,7-395-93309---,00.html
Includes regulatory information, including hearings, for the natural gas and pipelines, electricity, and communications industries.
Available in Lexis+ (1953–).

Contents include Michigan Tax Tribunal Members, Michigan Tax Tribunal Act, Rules of Practice and Procedure, Petitioner, Respondent, Appeals, Topical indexes, Digest of Most Recent Cases and the opinions.

Includes table of cases, statute/regulation tracker, topical index, citator, citation tracker and full-text board and court decisions.
Available in Westlaw (Michigan Workers’ Compensation Administrative Decisions, 1981–).
Available in Lexis + (MI Workers’ Compensation Decisions, March 1989–).

*MIOSHA Digest.* Lansing, Mich.: Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, March 1984 – August 2015.

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Topical summaries of substantive decisions from administrative law judges under the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act.


https://adms.apps.lara.state.mi.us/appellatecommission/opinionsearch

Created in 2019 by Executive Order, this commission addresses appeals from magistrates and directors of the commission under the Workers’ Disability Compensation Act of 1969.

Available in Westlaw (1981–) and Lexis+ (March 1989–).


https://taxdocketlookup.apps.lara.state.mi.us/Search.aspx

Access full-text pleadings via the docket lookup feature.


A research tool for litigants to identify substantive ALJ and court reviews of employee complaints against employers under the Payment of Wages and Fringe Benefits Act, 1978 PA 390, as amended. Full-text of any indexed opinion is available via FOIA request.


Ethics Opinions

Ethics. State Bar of Michigan

https://www.michbar.org/opinions/ethicsopinions


Available in Westlaw (Legal 1972–; Judicial 1988–).

Available in Lexis+ (Judicial, November 22, 1988–).
D. State Constitution

Constitution of Michigan of 1963


Constitution of Michigan of 1963


Searchable version of the current constitution (1963) from the Michigan Legislature.


A reference guide to the current (1963) constitution providing a history of the Michigan constitution, the constitution and commentary by article and section with references to past constitutions and selected case citations.


Available in Westlaw.


Full text of the current constitution (1963) with annotations.

Available in Lexis+.


Full text of the current constitution with notes of history, former Constitution sections and constitutionality.
II. Government Resources

A. State Home Page

State of Michigan

http://www.michigan.gov

This website provides quick access to resources about Michigan, including state departments, online services, and the Governor’s office. The website also includes links to information on business, employment, tourism, transportation and more.

B. Government Offices


Legislature

Michigan Legislature

https://www.legislature.mi.gov/

Provides access to legislative information, including bill searching and tracking, legislative activity, Michigan Compiled Laws search, Michigan Constitution, legislative publications since the 1995/1996 legislative session.

Courts

Michigan Courts: One Court of Justice

https://courts.michigan.gov/

Information about Michigan’s appellate, tribal and local courts, court forms, court rules, citation rules, administrative orders, judiciary dashboard, jury instructions and more. Quick links arranged by General Public, Legal Community, Media & News and Judges & Court Staff.
Governor and State Agencies

Governor of the State of Michigan

https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer

The Governor’s website includes information about the Governor, press releases, executive orders and directives, issues and resources as well as information about the Lieutenant Governor.

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments

http://semcog.org/

Supports planning by local governments in southeast Michigan with an emphasis on data-driven decision making. Publications covering demographics, transportation, services and workforce preparation are available.

State Departments

https://www.michigan.gov/som/0,4669,7-192-29701_29702_30045---,00.html

An alphabetical list of Michigan executive branch departments with a brief description and a link to the department as well as a link to contact information.

Cities and Counties

Alpha Listing of City, Village & Townships Web Sites, State of Michigan Government.

http://www.michigan.gov/som/0,1607,7-192-29701_31713_31714_31720-97070--,00.html

An alphabetical listing of the current websites of Michigan cities, townships and villages.

Local and Regional Government [State of Michigan] Michigan Counties List

https://www.michigan.gov/som/0,4669,7-192-29701_31713_31714-97070-- ,00.html

Comprehensive alphabetical listing of links to Michigan’s 83 counties government websites.
C. Tribal Governments

Michigan is home to twelve federally acknowledged Indian tribes. Such tribes are not merely organizations of citizens who happen to be of Native American descent, rather they are sovereign governments that exercise direct jurisdiction over their territory, members and, in some circumstances, other citizens. Tribes in Michigan enjoy special status under federal laws and treaties and provide a wide array of governmental services to their members. Tribal governments pass laws and support tribal police and court systems. Tribes interact with Michigan and federal governments on a “government-to-government” basis and the state generally does not have legal authority inside tribal territories.

Michigan Tribal Governments

https://www.michigan.gov/som/0,4669,7-192-29701_41909---,00.html
Provides links to the twelve federally acknowledged Indian tribes as well as compacts, accords and decrees with the State of Michigan.

Bay Mills Chippewa Indiana Community
http://www.baymills.org/

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
http://www.gtbindians.org/

Hannahville Potawatomi Indian Community
http://www.hannahville.net/

Huron Potawatomi-Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi
https://nhbp-nsn.gov/

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
http://www.ojibwa.com/

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
https://www.saultribe.com/

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
https://lrboi-nsn.gov/

Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians
https://ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/
Michigan

Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan (Gun Lake Tribe)
   https://gunlaketribe-nsn.gov/

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
   https://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
   http://www.sagchip.org/

Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
   https://www.lvd-nsn.gov/
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III. State-Specific Resources

A. Bar Associations

State Bar of Michigan
https://www.michbar.org

Local & Special Purpose Bar Associations
https://www.michbar.org/resources/local-special-bar

B. Bar Journals

Many sections of the State Bar of Michigan publish section newsletters that include information important to section membership. See individual section websites for more information (https://connect.michbar.org/communities/sections). Additional information regarding sections of the State Bar of Michigan is available at https://www.michbar.org/sections/home.

https://www.michbar.org/journal/home (current issue)

This journal has general interest and themed issues containing feature articles, regular columns, rules changes and professional notices as well as Orders of Discipline and Disability appearing monthly. The annual bar directory of members and Michigan, federal and tribal courts, and Michigan government as well as general information about the State Bar is published as the April issue. An archive (2000–) is available at https://www.michbar.org/journal/archive.

Available in Westlaw (selected coverage, 1984–, full coverage, 1994–), Lexis+ (September 1995–) and HeinOnline (1921–).


Each issue has a theme related to the standing committees of the section.

https://connect.michbar.org/rplsreview/about (Fall 2016–)
Peer-reviewed articles on current real estate topics as well as legislation and judicial decisions affecting real property.

Available in Westlaw (2008–).


https://connect.michbar.org/tax/mitaxlawyer/archive

The *Michigan Tax Lawyer*, the publication of the State Bar’s Taxation Section, is available to current section members via a login to the Section library. The archive is publicly available with an embargo on current issues—available one year after publication. It is “designed to be a practical and useful resource for the tax practitioner.”

Available on Lexis+ (Winter 2007–).

**C. Continuing Legal Education**

The Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE)

https://www.icle.org

Established in 1959 to provide and support accurate, practical and accessible educational services to the State’s Bar. ICLE offers essential resources—seminars, publications and how-to resources—authored by staff, practicing attorneys and expert contributors for practicing attorneys and researchers of Michigan law.

**D. Newspapers and Newsletters**

*Courthouse News Service*

http://courthousenews.com/

Subscription-based civil and bankruptcy litigation news and fee-based access to full-text pleadings. Offers reports covering Michigan federal, state and selected local courts.


Detroit’s leading business publication, *Crain’s Detroit Business* includes financial, corporate governance and legal news of interest to practitioners. Includes weekly lists of employers, professional organizations and largest professional services firms compiled annually as the *Book of Lists*. 
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Available in Lexis+ (July 26, 1993–).

http://www.sado.org/Page/35/Collections-Criminal-Defense-Newsletter
Includes case law summaries, technology tips, public defense updates, court rules changes, practice and procedure notes and an in-depth lead article on “hot” issues.

http://www.legalnews.com/detroit/

http://www.grbj.com/
West Michigan’s leading business publication.
Available in Westlaw (2000–).

https://milawyersweekly.com/
Issues cover legal news and reports on opinions from Michigan state and federal courts, verdicts and settlements, and attorney discipline.
Available in Westlaw (July 2001–) and Lexis+ (July 2001–).

https://www.michbar.org/Publications/Subscriptions
Subscriptions available to the e-Journal (summaries of opinions from the Michigan Court of Appeals, Michigan Supreme Court and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals); Newslinks (latest legal news); Practice Management Update or Public Policy Update.
E. Directories


https://www.zekbeek.com/SBM

This directory allows searching for member attorneys by name, keyword or legal need.


https://difs.state.mi.us/locators?searchtype=Home

A locator directory with information about companies and professionals in financial and insurance industries doing business in Michigan. Includes service of process agents for bank and trust entities.

*Directory of Michigan Libraries with Legal Collections*

https://www.michigan.gov/som/0,4669,7-192-29929-52451--.00.html

The Library of Michigan’s listings of law libraries and libraries with legal collections by regions within the state.


Provides legal form of government, contact information, demographic information, elected officials, municipal manager and department heads for over five hundred Michigan communities.

*Directories.* Michigan Courts (One Court of Justice)


Contact information, trial courts directories, websites and online services directories.


http://sado.org/locate

Locate an attorney by county, practice area, federal or state case, trial or appeal cases.
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https://www.michbar.org/memberdirectory/home

The classic directory allows searching for attorneys, city attorneys, foreign consular offices, geographic roster, legal programs by county, Litigator’s List, Michigan courts, Michigan lawyer distribution by counties and cities as well as veteran/military legal assistance programs. An attorney search template, by name or practice area, is available to the public under the ‘Find Legal Assistance’ tab.


Contact information for courts, state and local government and lawyer associations. Categories include general information, Michigan courts, federal courts and agencies, tribal courts and Michigan government.

F. Law Libraries

Arthur Neef Law Library, Wayne State University
https://library.wayne.edu

Genesee County Circuit Court Law Library (7th Judicial Circuit Court)
https://7thcircuitcourt.com/law-library

John F. Schaefer Law Library, Michigan State University College of Law
https://www.law.msu.edu/library/index.html

Kresge Law Library, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law
https://lawschool.udmercy.edu/library/index.php

Marquette County Law Library
https://www.co.marquette.mi.us/departments/courts/law_library.php#.YG89NecpCM8

Oakland County Legal Resources Center
https://www.oakgov.com/lawlibrary

Raymond W. Fox Law Library, Kalamazoo Public Library
http://www.kpl.gov/law-library
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State Law Library, Library of Michigan
https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,9327,7-381-88854_89989---,00.html

Western Michigan University – Cooley Law Libraries
https://www.cooley.edu/students/library

G. Law Schools

Michigan State University College of Law
https://www.law.msu.edu/

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law
https://law.udmercy.edu/

University of Michigan Law School
https://www.law.umich.edu

Wayne State University Law School
https://law.wayne.edu/

Western Michigan University Cooley Law School
https://www.cooley.edu/
IV. General Jurisprudence

A. Encyclopedias

*Michigan Civil Jurisprudence.* Eagan, Minn.: Thomson Reuters, 1957–. 33 volumes updated annually with pocket parts and softbound pamphlets; volumes replaced as needed.

One of two Michigan legal encyclopedias, this title covers civil law topics providing an overview of the law with references to cases and statutes as well as research references to West’s Key Number digest topics and other Thomson Reuters products.

Available in Westlaw and Lexis+.


Covers civil and criminal topics providing an overview of the law with case and statutory citations as well as Library References to other LexisNexis products.

Available in Lexis+.

B. General Legal Research


In-depth reviews cover recently published law and law-related titles.

Available in Westlaw (1985–, selected coverage 1982–), Lexis+ (November 1982–) and HeinOnline (1902–).


http://waynelawreview.org/archive/ (Fall 2009–)

Each year, the *Wayne Law Review* publishes an annual survey of Michigan law which covers recent developments, changes and positions in Michigan law.


https://www.cali.org/lesson/8967

This online, interactive tutorial on Michigan primary resources introduces legal researchers to the Michigan Constitution, session laws and statutes, court structure, reporters, digests, citators and administrative rules.


Covers the research process, judicial opinions, enacted law, legislative history, administrative law, secondary sources, research strategies and legal citation.


This publication provides legal information for all fifty states, including Michigan. Provides concise bibliography of codes and session laws, administrative law, court reports, digests, encyclopedias, practice sets, citators, CD-ROM products, state legal histories and research guides. Includes leading web sites for state law research and leading publishers of state-specific publications with pricing information.

Available in Lexis+ (2006–).


Covers Michigan constitutions, constitutional conventions, executive, legislative and judicial materials, local government and selected treatise titles. Includes print and web-based resources.

Available in HeinOnline (Spinelli’s Law Library Reference Shelf).


Includes primary legal documents in Michigan published by the State of Michigan and selected commercial publications. Entries include a summary, title,
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document number, frequency and format. Although dated, the summaries and descriptions are useful to researchers.
Available in HeinOnline (Spinelli’s Law Library Reference Shelf).

https://www.cali.org/lesson/17896
This online, interactive tutorial on Michigan secondary resources introduces legal researchers to Michigan legal encyclopedias, American Law Reports, treatises and practice guides, law reviews and journals, and current awareness tools.

C. General Practice and Procedure

General Practice

Covers twenty-two areas of law practice in Michigan summarizing the law, providing practical guidance and sample forms.
Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

This manual provides an introduction to civil practice in Michigan, including business transactions, real estate transactions, corporations, administration of estates, creditors’ rights, bankruptcy, immigration, Social Security, and consumer protection and rights.

Covers conduct of civil and criminal trials including jury selection, evidentiary issues, witnesses, damages, jury instructions, trial rules and procedures.
Available in Westlaw.
Appellate Practice and Procedure

https://mjieducation.mi.gov/benchbooks/appeals-ops
Covers general appellate issues, circuit court appeals (including administrative appeals) and opinions.

Hughes, Theodore E. *Michigan Litigation Forms and Analysis, 2d ed.* Eagan, Minn.: Thomson Reuters. 6 volumes updated annually with pocket parts; volumes replaced as needed.
Covers Michigan trial and appellate civil litigation.
Available in Westlaw.

https://courts.michigan.gov/Courts/MichiganSupremeCourt/Pages/reporters-manual.aspx
A citation and style guide used in Michigan court pleadings.

Covers Merit Briefs and Joint Appendix, Records, Oral Argument and Decision-Making Process. Intended to assist attorneys with their oral and written advocacy before the Michigan Supreme Court.

Covers fundamentals, preparation, standards of review, discretionary review, motion practice, briefs, oral argument, appeals to the circuit court, Court of Appeals, Supreme Court and administrative appeals. Includes forms, checklists, sample briefs and motions, and reference charts.
Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.
Civil Practice and Procedure


Provides a general overview of pleading, civil litigation summaries and complaints for causes of action: torts, business torts, contracts, employment claims, real property and special actions.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

Hughes, Theodore E. *Michigan Litigation Forms and Analysis, 2d ed.* Eagan, Minn.: Thomson Reuters, 2006–. 6 volumes updated annually with pocket parts; volumes replaced as needed.

Covers Michigan trial and appellate civil litigation.

Available in Westlaw.


Accrual of the cause of action, tolling, equitable estoppel, laches, procedure issues, accrual, tolling and other aspects of limitations. References to statutes of limitation in commercial, criminal, and family law; governmental units and operations, insurance and labor law, personal actions or injuries, probate, real property and taxation. Statutory summaries by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


Michigan civil procedure before and during trial including legal summaries, practical advice and sample forms.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

*Michigan Civil Practice Forms*. Eagan, Minn.: Thomson Reuters. 17 volumes updated annually with pocket parts; volumes replaced as needed.

Sample forms by topic, A-Z, includes practice notes.

Available in Westlaw.
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_Michigan Pleading and Practice, 2d ed._ Eagan, Minn.: Thomson Reuters. 27 volumes updated annually with pocket parts; volumes replaced as needed.

Guide to Michigan civil proceedings. Includes research references, case and statutory citations with sample forms.

Available in Westlaw.


https://mjieducation.mi.gov/documents/benchbooks/15-civilbb/file

Chapters include: Common Issues Arising in Trial Court; Jurisdiction, Venue and Standing; Pleadings and Process; Pretrial Procedure; Discovery; Trial Alternatives; Trial; Posttrial Proceedings; and Rules in Particular Actions.


Concise analysis of the Michigan court rules, intended as an aid to practitioners.

Available in Lexis+.

Courts

Longhofer, Ronald S. _Michigan Court Rules Practice: Forms, 3d ed._ Eagan, Minn.: Thomson Reuters, 2013–. 5 volumes updated annually with pocket parts; volumes replaced as needed. (_Michigan Court Rules Practice Series_)

Sample forms, notes to form, cross references and commentary on jurisdiction and venue, parties and their claims.

Available in Westlaw.

Longhofer, Ronald S. _Michigan Court Rules Practice: Text, 7th ed._ Eagan, Minn.: Thomson Reuters, 2012–. 7 volumes updated annually with pocket parts; volumes replaced as needed. (_Michigan Court Rules Practice Series_).

Annotated version of the Michigan Rules of Court 1985 with rule text, staff comment, author’s commentary, research references and Michigan Decisions.

Available in Westlaw.
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https://courts.michigan.gov/Administration/SCAO/Forms/Pages/search-for-a-form.aspx

Includes district, circuit, and Michigan court forms from the State Court Administrative Office.

Available in Westlaw and Lexis+.


https://mjieducation.mi.gov/benchbooks/contempt

Covers nature of contempt power, types of contempt of court, procedural requirements, sanctions and common forms of contempt of court.

Criminal Law and Procedure


A quick reference of possible consequences of conviction: sex offender’s registry, driver’s license sanctions, immigration issues and forfeiture. Includes commentary, analysis, case and statutory citations and sample forms.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


https://sado.org/Products/detail/39

Provides explanation of relevant constitutional provisions, statutes, administrative rules and policy directives of Michigan’s commutation process. Offers helpful tips on writing successful commutation applications.


https://sado.org/Products/detail/117

Covers the challenging and complex area of federal court review of state convictions. Includes comprehensive information about practice and procedure, sample pleadings and court forms for use by indigent petitioners.
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https://sado.org/Products/detail/115

Addresses pre-trial practice and commonly filed motions on such issues as bail, substitution of counsel, suppression of illegally seized evidence, admission of expert and scientific evidence, and discovery. Includes form pleadings and templates.


https://sado.org/Products/detail/113

Part of a two-binder set with the *Defender Trail Book*, the *Defender Plea, Sentencing and Post-Conviction Book* provides guidance on issues relating to the taking of a guilty plea including the enforcement of plea bargains. Covers economic penalties, repeat offender enhancements, probation, sentencing procedure, sentencing alternatives, post-trial motions and appeals, scope and standards of review, remedies, and expungement. Includes sentencing checklists.


https://sado.org/Products/detail/113

Part of a two-binder set with the *Defender Plea, Sentencing and Post-Conviction Book*, the *Defender Trial Book* provides guidance on issues from arrest through trial. Covers criminal offenses, lesser included offenses and penalties, pre-trial procedures, evidence, defenses and jury instructions.


Comprehensive coverage of substantive and procedural criminal law in Michigan. Includes commentary, analysis, case and statutory citations, research references and sample forms.

Available in Westlaw.


https://courts.michigan.gov/Courts/MichiganSupremeCourt/criminal-jury-instructions/Pages/default.aspx

Text, use notes, history and reference guide. Available in Westlaw and Lexis+ (2017–).


Available on Lexis+ and Westlaw.

Discovery


Covers state and federal employment discrimination, wrongful discharge, whistleblower and retaliation, noncompetition agreements, discovery, settlement and damages.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


Michigan civil procedure before and during trial including legal summaries, practical advice and sample forms.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


Deposition strategy and preparation including planning, scheduling, opponent’s experts, and defending depositions. Includes checklists and forms.
Evidence


Text of the rule, history, explanation and practice tips, with annotations and federal rule discussion, if applicable.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


Provides commentary, state and federal rules, statutory references and other authority, comparison to the federal rule and case references.

Available in Lexis+.


https://mjieducation.mi.gov/benchbooks/evidence

General matters, relevancy, witnesses, expert witnesses, hearsay, and exhibits are covered.


Evidentiary foundations and sample witness examinations for over sixty types of evidence.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

Longhofer, Ronald S. *Michigan Court Rules Practice: Evidence, 4th ed.* Eagan, Minn.: Thomson Reuters, 2009–. 3 volumes updated annually with pocket parts; volumes replaced as needed. (*Michigan Court Rules Practice Series*).

**Jury Instructions**

*Michigan Model Civil Jury Instructions.* Lansing, Mich.: Michigan Supreme Court Committee on Model Jury Instructions, 2002–. Online only.  
http://courts.mi.gov/Courts/MichiganSupremeCourt/mcji/Pages/home.aspx  
Text, use notes, comment and history.  
Available in Westlaw and Lexis+.  

*Mic**

Text, use notes, history and reference guide.  
Available in Westlaw and Lexis+ (2017–).  

*Mic**

Text of the instructions with notes and histories; commentary includes elements, penalty, common lesser included offenses, common defenses and legal overview, additional special considerations, ICLE resources.  
Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.  

Alternative or additional instructions to the model instructions. Includes text, research references, comment and authority.  
Available in Westlaw.  

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Alternative or additional instructions to the model instructions. Includes text, research references, comment and authority.

Available in Westlaw.

D. General Reference


Although dated, this guide provides an introduction to the Michigan Court System, legal research techniques, as well as primary and secondary sources of Michigan law. It may assist researchers with identifying sources that are no longer published but often cited in case law and secondary sources.

Citizens Research Council of Michigan (CRC)

https://crcmich.org/

Non-partisan research organization focusing on state and local government organization and finance. Many of their research reports provide information and background on issues of interest to legal researchers.


Volume 1: A–M includes an overview of pre-statehood Michigan including French and British rule, the Northwest Territories, Michigan Territory, and the sources of law (statutes and case reports) available for each period.

Magazine


https://courts.michigan.gov/Courts/MichiganSupremeCourt/Pages/reporters-manual.aspx

A citation and style guide used in Michigan court pleadings.


The State’s official manual covers Michigan history, constitutions, legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government, Michigan’s congressional delegation, higher education institutions, local government, and elections.
V. Practice Materials by Topic

Administrative Law and Practice


Covers fundamental concepts, delegation of powers, rules and rulemaking, adjudication and judicial review. Includes commentary, analysis, case and statutory citations, research references and the text of laws.

Available in Westlaw.

Automobile Law


https://mjieducation.mi.gov/benchbooks/traffic

Covers procedures for civil infractions, misdemeanors and felonies; juvenile traffic offenses; and moving and non-moving traffic violations.


Covers substantive law and penalties, defenses, sentencing and appeals. Includes commentary, analysis, case and statutory citations and sample forms.

Available with an ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


Covers practice under Michigan’s no-fault insurance act including overview, coverage for injury standard, priority rules, first-party benefits, reductions and litigation, property protection, uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


https://mjieducation.mi.gov/benchbooks/rec-veh
Provides information on the jurisdiction and authority of district court magistrates for the use of recreation vehicles in Michigan including off-road vehicles, snowmobiles, marine vessels and personal watercraft. Also includes discussion of penalties, sanctions and mens rea standards.

**Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Law**


Creating, perfecting and enforcing property interests under Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. Includes discussion of statutory liens. Provides commentary, case and statutory citations and forms.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


Covers establishing a collection practice, collections issues with sample forms, commentary, case and statutory citations.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


Covers an overview of the bankruptcy system, representing consumers, representing creditors, representing Chapter 7 trustees, representing small business debtors, and litigation in bankruptcy court.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

**Business Law**


Planning, formation, dissolution and succession planning for privately held Michigan businesses. Includes forms and checklists.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.
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Covers the purchase, sale, or merger of a business, providing forms and explanations including due diligence, tax, intellectual property, environmental and employment issues.
Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

Provides an overview of LLCs in Michigan and covers formation, management and taxation.
Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

Provides an overview, forms with commentary for business entities, as well as contract drafting, business operations, employment, succession planning, commercial finance, purchase and sale of a business, electronic commerce, intellectual property, debt collections and bankruptcy, and taxation.
Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

A comprehensive guide to commercial torts: tortious interference, covenants not to compete, trade secrets, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, securities claims, civil conspiracy, business defamation, tortious breach of contract and remedies.
Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

Commercial Law

Creating, perfecting and enforcing property interests under Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. Includes discussion of statutory liens. Provides commentary, case and statutory citations and forms.
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Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

Construction Law


Provides an overview and basic coverage of the Construction Lien Act, creating and perfecting liens, removal and discharge, foreclosure of liens, surety bonds and bankruptcy considerations.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

Contracts


Drafting contract language with more than fifty sample clauses. Covers sources and types of contracts, formation, statute of frauds, performance, defenses, damages and equitable remedies.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

Corporations


Explanation, analysis and practical guidance to the Michigan Business Corporation Act. Includes forms and statutes.


Covers formation, operation, and termination of businesses in Michigan. Provides commentary, analysis, forms, case, and statutory citations.

Available in Lexis+.

Transactional forms covering pre-incorporation, incorporation, stock, general and limited partnerships, professional corporations, nonprofit corporations and limited liability companies in Michigan.

Available in Lexis+.

**Damages**


Guidance on monetary damages and other remedies available in Michigan. Provides commentary with case and statutory references. Continues *Michigan Law of Damages and Other Remedies*.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

**Elder Law**


Analysis of Medicaid laws and regulations with guidance on eligibility, planning, application process and estate recovery. Includes sample forms.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


Provides an overview and addresses incapacitated individuals, legally incapacitated individuals, minors, developmentally disabled persons and discussion of conservatorships and protective orders. Contains forms, commentary with case and statutory citations.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


https://mjieducation.mi.gov/qrm-probate/conservatorship-proceedings
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An introduction to conservatorships and guardianships including appointment checklists.


Covers elder law practice, capacity issues, estate planning, Medicare, Medicaid, social security, veteran’s benefits, housing, long-term care options, developmental disabilities, guardianship and conservatorship, family law issues and end-of-life medical decision making. Includes commentary, case and statutory citations and forms. Continues *Advising the Older Client or Client with a Disability.*

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

Environmental Law


https://connect.michbar.org/envlaw/reports/deskbook

Publication from members of the State Bar of Michigan’s Environmental Law Section covering various areas of importance to practitioners providing legal authority and analysis.

Estate Planning (see Wills, Trusts and Estates)

Family Law


Comprehensive coverage of family law practice including divorce, child custody, support and non-marital relationships.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

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Contains the manual, official guidelines, and schedules needed for child support obligations. Relevant statutes and court rules are included.

Available in Westlaw.


Prepared for the State Court Administrative Office (SCAO), this benchbook provides concise summaries of the law covering divorce procedure, child custody and support, property division, tax considerations, paternity, adoption, guardianships and conservatorships, Indian child welfare status and other issues addressed by family law division judges.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

**Foreclosure**


Provides an overview of property taxation, real and personal property tax, property tax appeals, transfer taxes, tax liens, forfeitures, and foreclosures. Includes commentary and sample forms.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

**Insurance Law**


Provides an overview of insurance practice in Michigan, types of liability coverage (commercial general liability, commercial property, employment practices liability, boiler and machinery, homeowners and automobile), and coverage disputes. Includes commentary and case and statutory citations.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

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Covers practice under Michigan’s no-fault insurance act including overview, coverage for injury standard, priority rules, first-party benefits, reductions and litigation, property protection, uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

Jury Verdicts


Selected jury verdicts and settlements from Michigan courts. Summary of action, court, judge, attorneys and experts.

Available in Westlaw (July 2001–) and Lexis+ (July 2, 2001–).

Michigan Jury Verdicts & Settlements

Westlaw’s *Michigan Jury Verdicts & Settlements* collection includes a compilation of selected state and federal jury verdicts from Thomson Reuters, Jury Verdict Research, and ATLA.

Available in Westlaw.


Selected jury verdicts and settlements from Michigan courts.


VerdictSearch: Michigan

http://verdictsearch.com/state/mi/

Selected jury verdicts and settlements from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties from ALM Media.

Available on Lexis+ (2012–).

Juvenile Law


Provides quick and easy access to information categorized by hearing type. Includes issues briefs, standards, guidelines and other resources for judges, attorneys and other child welfare professionals.


Covers guardianships for incapacitated individuals, minors, developmentally disabled persons, guardian ad litem and conservatorships.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


https://mjieducation.mi.gov/qrm-family/juvenile-justice-proceedings

Provides tables and checklists covering delinquency hearings, designated proceedings and other proceedings involving a juvenile.


Table covering procedures for handling juvenile life-without-parole (LWOP) sentencing.


https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551_11120_17286---,00.html

Includes chapters on reporting, investigation, jurisdiction, placement, petition, preliminary proceedings, pre-trial, trial, disposition, reviews, termination, appeals, Indian children, negotiation and mediation, guardianship, confidentiality, lawyers, liability and an index.


https://mjieducation.mi.gov/benchbooks/cpp

Includes reporting and investigating suspected abuse or neglect, obtaining protective custody, establishing paternity, placement, mediation, pretrial pro-
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ceedings, common evidentiary issues, termination of parental rights, post termination review, rehearings and appeals. Appendices provide tables summarizing statutes, court rules, time and notice requirements, rules of evidence and standards of proof. Also includes tables of Authority.


https://mjieducation.mi.gov/benchbooks/juv-just

Covers delinquency hearings, minor personal protection order proceedings, traditional waiver proceedings, designated and automatic waiver proceedings, custody and detention, diversion and consent, service of process, preliminary hearings, pretrial proceedings, pleas, trials, dispositions, probation, appointment of counsel, costs, imposition of adult sentence and referee review.

**Labor and Employment Law**


Covers state and federal employment discrimination, wrongful discharge, whistleblower and retaliation, noncompetition agreements, discovery, settlement and damages.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

**Land Use Law**

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Provides an overview and includes land use approvals, regulatory approvals, zoning boards of appeal, constitutional limitations, judicial challenges and remedies and litigation issues. Includes commentary, annotations and forms.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

Landlord-Tenant


Covers drafting residential and commercial leases, statutes governing leases and landlord conduct, summary proceedings to recover possession and other remedies. Includes sample clauses, commentary, case and statutory citations.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


https://mjieducation.mi.gov/benchbooks/res-lt-law

Covers general landlord-tenant law, specific landlord-tenant laws, governmentally subsidized housing, summary proceedings and defenses, post judgment proceedings and home ownership issues.

Municipal / Local Government Law


Covers local government relationships and policy, finance, ordinance drafting and enforcement, sunshine laws, eminent domain, liability, taxation, public contracts, liquor licenses and medical marijuana. Includes commentary, case law and statutory citations.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

Personal Injury (see Tort Law)

Practice of Law

*Economics of Law Practice.* Lansing, Mich.: State Bar of Michigan, 2000–.

https://www.michbar.org/opinions/content
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Based on a periodic survey of membership and published every three years, this report presents characteristics of respondents, billing rates for private practitioners, attorney income, law practice management, uncollectible fees and service charge policies, attorney-client contact, job satisfaction and expectations as well as law school debt.


Covers 22 areas of law practice in Michigan summarizing the law, providing practical guidance and sample forms.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


Covers privilege, work product, confidences and secrets. Includes commentary, case and statutory citations.


Sample agreement forms for 13 areas of practice with commentary. Includes discussion on ethics and practical issues in fee arrangements.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

**Probate (see Wills, Trusts and Estates)**

**Real Estate and Real Property**


Provides real estate transaction forms with brief explanations. Includes references to *Michigan Real Property Law* (see entry below).


The authoritative and comprehensive treatise on real property law in Michigan. Provides commentary, case and statutory citations, and sample forms.

Covers drafting residential and commercial leases, statutes governing leases and landlord conduct, summary proceedings to recover possession and other remedies. Includes sample clauses, commentary, case and statutory citations.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


Covers real estate descriptions, brokers, agreements, financing, conveyancing, title issues, water and mineral interests, construction, taxes, boundary issues, leases, property restrictions, environmental issues, closings, bankruptcy issues and remedies.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


http://connect.michbar.org/realproperty/publicresources/landtitle

“Series of selected statements on the law of land titles with case and statutory citations” prepared by the Land Titles Standards Committee of the Real Property Section of the State Bar of Michigan.


Covers sale and purchase of a home. Includes brokers, purchase agreements, seller disclosure, financing, inspections, title insurance, closings, condomini-ums and cooperatives. Includes forms.

Available in ICLE Premium Partnership.


Provides an overview of property taxation, real and personal property tax, property tax appeals, transfer taxes, tax liens, forfeitures, and foreclosures. Includes commentary, case and statutory citations, and sample forms.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.
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Taxation


Statutes, regulations and administrative rulings organized by sales and use tax, individual income tax, motor fuel taxes, business taxes, miscellaneous taxes and administrative guide. Includes case annotations and tax forms.


Provides an overview of property taxation, real and personal property tax, property tax appeals, transfer taxes, tax liens, forfeitures, and foreclosures. Includes commentary, case and statutory citations, and sample forms.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

Tort Law


Covers personal injury, civil rights, commercial torts, and torts to property interests. Provides an overview of negligence, damages, settlements, releases, judgments, liability insurance, and liens.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


Covers statutory and common law sources of immunity, exceptions and limits of immunity, agency liability, pleading and practice. Provides explanation, case and statutory citations, and forms.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

A comprehensive guide to commercial torts: tortious interference, covenants not to compete, trade secrets, fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, securities claims, civil conspiracy, business defamation, tortious breach of contract and remedies.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


Summary of tort law in Michigan with case and statutory references. Includes general principles, No Fault, government liability, malpractice, intentional torts, premises and product liability, and utilities.

**Wills, Trusts and Estates**


Covers will drafting, tax considerations, health care decision making and trust administration. Includes sample clauses.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


Includes EPIC and the Michigan Trust Code with commentary.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


Comprehensive treatise covering rights based on an individual’s status, claims, intestate succession, spouse’s and children’s inheritance, testate succession, formal administration, independent probate, trusts, trustees, guardians and conservators, business interests and tax aspects.

Covers formal or informal administration, non-probate assets, taxes and special problems. Includes commentary, case and statutory citations, and forms.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


Prepared for the Supreme Court Administrative Office (SCAO), this benchbook covers decedent estate, trust, minor and miscellaneous proceedings, guardianship, conservatorships and protective orders. Summarizes the law and includes checklists and sample orders.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


Covers Michigan probate statutes, court rules, and selected federal tables and forms. Also includes Michigan probate registers and legal newspapers.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


Covers an overview of procedural issues, intestacy, will contests, spousal rights, joint property challenges, creditor’s claims, fiduciary fees. Includes commentary, case and statutory citations and forms.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


Covers estate administration, wills, informal and formal probate, trusts and conservatorships. Includes sample letters and forms.

Available in Westlaw.
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Covers drafting and planning issues with Michigan trusts including tax aspects, incapacity, spousal elections, trustees, retirement benefits, and joint, special needs and qualified domestic trusts. Includes commentary, case and statutory references, and forms. Continues *Michigan Revocable Grantor Trusts*.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


Covers trustee duties and liabilities, investments, distributions, reports, tax issues, probate court jurisdiction and winding up the trust. Includes commentary, case and statutory citations, and forms.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

**Worker’s Compensation**


A desk-book containing the act, rules of the agency and hearing system, and index.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.


Provides an overview of workers’ compensation practice in Michigan with chapters on insurance, disability, benefits, rehabilitation, procedures, appeal, compromise and settlement, and attorney fees. Includes commentary and case and statutory citations.

Available with ICLE Premium Partnership subscription.

**Zoning (see Land Use Law)**
VI. Appendix:
Michigan Publishers of Legal Materials

Crain Communications
1155 Gratiot Ave.
Detroit, MI 48207-2732
(313) 446-6000

Detroit Legal News
1409 Allen Rd., Suite B
Troy, MI 48083
(248) 577-6100
(800) 875-5275
http://legalnews.com/detroit/

Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE)
1020 Greene Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1444
(734) 764-0533
(877) 229-4350
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