

MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT



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MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT HALL OF JUSTICE LEARNING CENTER FACT SHEET

The Hall of Justice Learning Center is a 3,800 sq. ft. interpretive gallery designed to educate visitors about the Michigan justice system and how it affects our lives. Each year, thousands of Michigan students visit Lansing to learn about state government. Students already visit the state Capitol and the Michigan Historical Center to learn about the Executive and Legislative branches of government. The Hall of Justice Learning Center helps visitors complete the circle by providing a unique educational experience about Michigan's judicial branch.

- Michigan is the second state to provide a physical facility (exhibit gallery) for learning about the judicial branch. After the Center opens, web materials, curriculum materials, distance learning and other programs will be created as funding permits.
- The Center provides information about how the court system operates and gives examples of important court decisions. Through stories of actual cases, the Center also demonstrates how laws and court decisions affect Michigan residents.
- The Center is designed using multiple learning styles. Video, computer programs, photographs, text and hands-on activities encourage the visitor to answer questions, explore information and role-play.
- The Center has been designed with input from educators, legal experts, museum professionals, and other content specialists.

Topics in the Center include

- The history of the Michigan court system and former justices
- How a case proceeds through the system from a local court to the Michigan Supreme Court
- Michigan Supreme Court and United States Supreme Court: what are their roles?
- Native American tribal court systems in Michigan
- 1st and 14th amendment legal cases
- Environmental cases in Michigan
- Family Law
- Teen Courts
- Alternative Dispute Resolution and Mediation

Tour Information

- The Learning Center will open for tours November 1, 2002. Monday-Friday 9am-4pm, closed on state holidays.
- Trained docents will lead groups through the gallery.
- The tour is one hour long and group size is limited to 45 people (this includes children and chaperones).
- Reservations are required for groups of eight or more to assure the availability of docents. Walk-in visitors with smaller groups are welcome.
- There is no admission fee to tour the Learning Center.
- For reservations call: 517-373-3449 or 517-373-5027

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