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SUMMER LAW PROGRAMS FOR JUNIOR HIGH, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO BE OFFERED BY MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT LEARNING CENTER

LANSING, MI, March 4, 2011 – This summer during two week-long sessions, the Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center will host junior high and high school students who are interested in learning about Michigan courts and legal careers.

The two student programs, entitled “Exploring Careers in the Law,” will be offered at the Michigan Hall of Justice in Lansing. The high school program, for students entering grades 10 through 12 in fall 2011, is scheduled for June 20 – 24 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. Students entering grades 7 through 9 in fall 2011 are eligible for the junior high program, which is scheduled for July 18 – 22 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon daily.

Learning Center Coordinator Rachael Drenovsky said, “The goal of the programs is to have students examine the structure of Michigan’s judicial system and give them a real-life view of legal careers.”

Junior high students will explore a range of law-related careers through tours and activities. Participants will meet with judges, lawyers, and other legal professionals, and observe proceedings at a local trial court.

High school students will participate in a “moot court,” similar to arguments before the Michigan Supreme Court. Participants will hear from Justices, lawyers, and other legal professionals.

Registration for each program is limited to 20 students, selected on a first-come, first-served basis; the application deadline is May 13, 2011. The registration fee is a \$75 donation to the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society Learning Center Fund.

All sessions will meet at the Michigan Hall of Justice, 925 West Ottawa Street, Lansing. Contact Rachael L. Drenovsky at drenovskyr@courts.mi.gov or (517) 373-5027. Applications and additional information are available at <http://www.courts.mi.gov/plc/>.

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