

# MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT



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### **MICHIGAN COURT RULES NOW ONLINE AT MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT WEBSITE**

LANSING, MI, March 4, 2003 – Rules governing Michigan courts are now available online at the Michigan Supreme Court website, the Michigan Supreme Court announced today.

“This new feature is a wonderful resource for anyone who wants to have a better understanding of Michigan’s justice system,” said Chief Justice Maura D. Corrigan. “The Court believes that the public should have full access to the rules that govern our state courts, including ethical standards for judges and attorneys.”

Until today, only recently adopted court rules and administrative orders, in addition to proposed court rule changes, were available on the Court’s website. The website now offers the full text of the Michigan Court Rules, Michigan Rules of Evidence, local court rules, rules for the Board of Law Examiners, and State Bar of Michigan rules. Also included are the Michigan Code of Judicial Conduct, which sets ethical standards for state judges, and the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct, which applies to attorneys. The feature also includes the Michigan Uniform System of Citation, which provides a uniform way to cite court opinions, statutes, and other sources of legal authority in court documents.

To view the court rules web page, go to: <http://www.courts.michigan.gov/supremecourt>; the feature is located under the heading “Resources.” The rules are also linked to the “One Court of Justice” website at <http://www.courts.michigan.gov> under “Current Court Rules.”

Other features on the Michigan Supreme Court website include:

- a schedule of cases that will be argued before the Court, with briefs and case summaries;
- filing requirements and an overview of how cases progress through the Court;
- Supreme Court and Court of Appeals opinions;
- links to web pages for the Michigan Court of Appeals, State Court Administrative Office, and related judicial branch agencies;
- links to publications and resources;
- a newsroom with press releases and special features; and
- general information about the Court, including biographies of the Justices.