MICHIGAN JUDICIAL BRANCH

STATE COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

SUPREME COURT
7 Justices
Jurisdiction:
- Considers applications for leave to appeal, mainly from decisions of the Court of Appeals, grants appeals as a matter of discretion.

Court of last resort

COURT OF APPEALS
4 Districts
28 Judges
Jurisdiction:
- Appeals by right from Circuit Court, Court of Claims, and other tribunals as established by law or rule.
- Considers applications for leave to appeal, primarily interlocutory; grants appeals as a matter of discretion.

Intermediate appellate court

COURT OF CLAIMS
This is a function of the 30th Circuit Court. (Ingham County)
Jurisdiction:
- Jurisdiction over claims and demands against State over $1,000 except where Circuit Court has jurisdiction. State Administrative Board has discretionary authority in claims under $1,000.
- No jury trials.

CIRCUIT COURT (57)
210 Judges
Jurisdiction:
- Equity, and general civil over $25,000.
- Exclusive felony jurisdiction except where there are special criminal courts.
- Appeals de novo or on record.
- Administrative appeals.
- Jury trials.

FAMILY DIVISION
(Division of Circuit Court)
Jurisdiction:
- Exclusive domestic relations.
- Exclusive delinquency, child protective proceedings and adoptions.
- Ancillary jurisdiction – mental health, guardianship/conservatorship.
- No jury trials: domestic relations and adoptions.

Courts of general jurisdiction

DISTRICT COURT (104)
258 Judges.
Jurisdiction:
- Exclusive civil litigation under $25,000 excluding equity. Small claims under $3,000.
- Misdemeanors, ordinance violations with sentence less than 1 year, felony preliminaries.
- Landlord/tenant or summary proceedings.
- Jury trials.

PROBATE COURT (78)
106 Judges
Jurisdiction:
- Exclusive jurisdiction over cases pertaining to guardianships, estates, trusts, and the mentally ill.
- Jury trials.
- Certain types of cases may be appealed directly to the Court of Appeals.

MUNICIPAL COURT (5)
6 Judges
Jurisdiction:
- Civil, landlord/tenant under $1,500 ($3,000 if a resolution is passed).
- Conciliation division up to $100 ($600 if a resolution is passed).
- Misdemeanors, traffic and ordinance violations with fines less than $500 and sentence less than 1 year, felony preliminaries.
- Jury trials.

Courts of limited jurisdiction

(#) – Indicates number of courts.

↑ **Indicates route of appeal**

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