

Michigan's Judicial Branch



INTERPRET THE LAW

To Decide What a Law Means

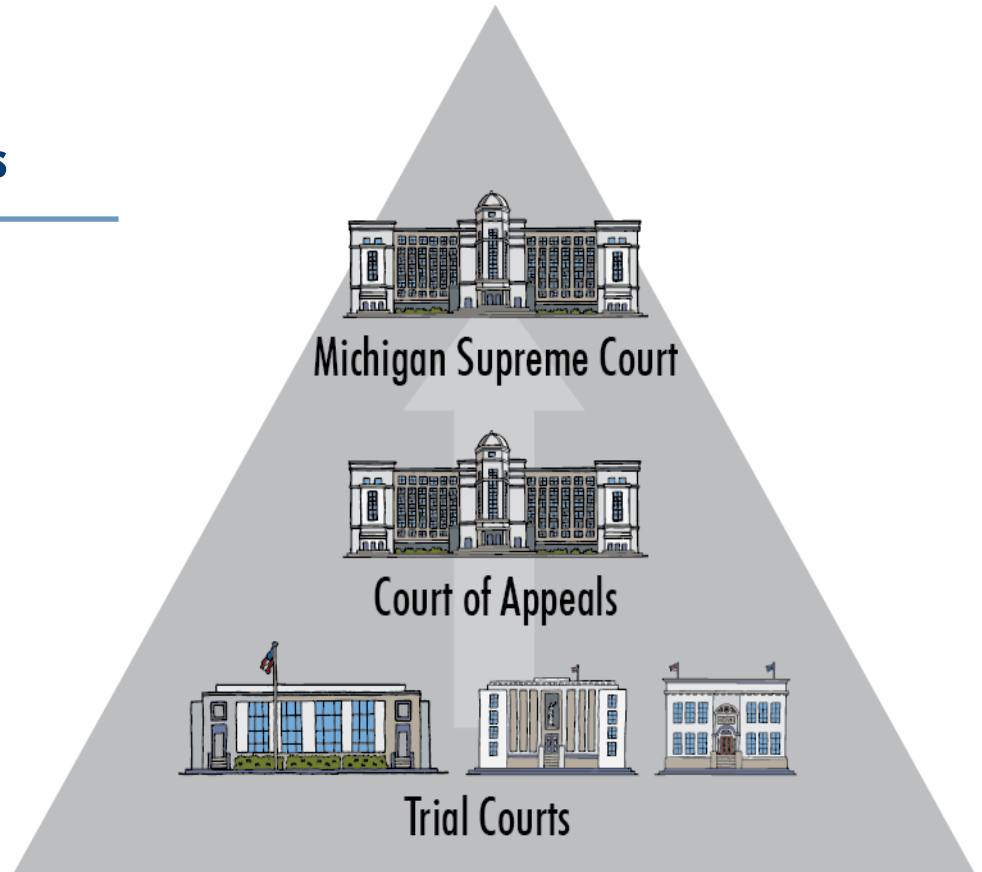
Courts Resolve Disputes

Trial courts are where most cases start and are resolved.

- Circuit Court
- Probate Court
- District/Municipal Court
- Court of Claims

Appellate courts review decisions of lower courts when a party (side) appeals.

- Court of Appeals
- Michigan Supreme Court



Trial Courts

Facts Are Decided
6-12 Jurors, Witnesses
1 Judge

Court of Appeals

Error-Correcting Court
No Jurors, No Witnesses
3-Judge Panels

Supreme Court

State's Highest Court
No Jurors, No Witnesses
7 Justices

Careers in the Courts ([video interviews](#)) – Listen to judges at all levels of the judicial branch talk about the responsibilities of each court and the role of a judge.