Michigan Judicial Branch

State Court Administrative Office

Supreme Court
7 Justices

Jurisdiction (Court of Last Resort)
- Considers applications for leave to appeal, mainly from decisions of the Court of Appeals; grants appeals as a matter of discretion.

Court of Claims
4 judges from at least 2 COA districts

Court of General Jurisdiction
- Claims and demands against state over $1,000 except where circuit court has jurisdiction. State Administrative Board has discretionary authority in claims up to $1,000.
- Jury trials possible.
- No workers' comp claims.

Court of Appeals
4 Districts
25 Judges

Jurisdiction (Intermediate Appellate Court)
- Appeals by right from circuit court, court of claims, probate court, and other tribunals as established by law or rule.
- Considers applications for leave to appeal, primarily interlocutory; grants appeals as a matter of discretion.

Circuit Court (57)
217 Judges

Court of General Jurisdiction
- Equity; general civil over $25,000.
- Felonies.
- Appeals from district court, de novo or on record.
- Administrative appeals.
- Jury trials.

Family Division Jurisdiction
- Domestic relations.
- Delinquency, child protective proceedings, and adoptions.
- Ancillary jurisdiction for mental health, guardianship/conservatorship.
- No jury trials for domestic relations or adoptions.

District Court (103)
235 Judges

Court of Limited Jurisdiction
- Civil litigation up to $25,000 excluding equity. Small claims up to $6,000.
- Misdemeanors.
- Ordinance violations.
- Felony preliminary exams.
- Landlord/tenant or summary proceedings.
- Jury trials.
- Traffic.

Municipal Court (4)
4 Judges

Court of Limited Jurisdiction
- Civil, landlord/tenant up to $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 preliminary exams.
- Jury trials.

Probate Court (78)
103 Judges

Court of Limited Jurisdiction
- Cases pertaining to guardianships, conservatorships, protective proceedings, estates, trusts, and the mentally ill.
- Jury trials
- No jury trials for minor proceedings).
- Certain civil cases and miscellaneous.

(#) - Indicates number of courts. ↑ Indicates route of appeal.

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