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- Who: Journalists, mark your calendars
- What: Law School for Journalists, livestreamed from the Supreme Court Courtroom
(See attached agenda)
- Where: Your Choice:
Gather in the Supreme Court Courtroom
Michigan Hall of Justice, 925 W. Ottawa, Lansing or
Watch [Online](#) From Your Home or Office
- When: Friday, March 18, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Details: Questions about Michigan courts? Have them answered by a panel of distinguished presenters including justices, judges, and staff representing district, circuit, and probate courts; Court of Appeals; and Michigan Supreme Court. Join your colleagues for an up-close look at Michigan's court system with an interactive opportunity for questions.

Reporters can attend the event in one of two ways: in person in the Supreme Court courtroom or watch from anywhere [online](#).

Please let us know if you plan to attend in person, and we'll save you a seat in the courtroom. Those planning to be seated in the courtroom will have to go through security so please plan to arrive in plenty of time to make your way to the 6th floor courtroom by 9 a.m. RSVP to browneb@courts.mi.gov.

Those planning to attend [online](#) can e-mail a question in advance to nevinj@courts.mi.gov or tweet a question live [@misupremecourt](https://twitter.com/misupremecourt).

A Journalist's Guide to Covering Michigan State Courts can be found at this [link](#).



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Moderator John Nevin, Communications Director**

- 9:00 **Welcome**
Justice Joan L. Larsen
- 9:05 **Which Court? District, Circuit, Probate (15 min. each)**
Hon. Louise Alderson, 54A District Court - Ingham County
Hon. Michelle Rick, 29th Circuit Court - Clinton County
Hon. Thomas Byerley, Eaton County Probate Court
- 9:50 **They're Appealing: Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court (10 min. each)**
Jerry Zimmer, Michigan Court of Appeals Chief Clerk
Larry Royster, Michigan Supreme Court Clerk and Chief of Staff
- 10:10 **State Court Administrative Office – What SCAO Does and Doesn't Do**
Jodi Latuszek, Region II Administrator
- 10:25 Break
- 10:40 **Behind the Scenes – How the Michigan Supreme Court Makes Decisions**
Justice David F. Viviano
- 10:50 **The MSC's Rule-making Function**
Anne Boomer, Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Counsel
- 11:00 **Specialty Courts – Drug, Mental Health, Veterans**
Dana Graham, Management Analyst
- 11:15 **Judicial Performance Dashboards**
Jennifer Warner, Trial Court Services Director
- 11:30 **Anatomy of a Criminal Case: What You Need to Know about Criminal Procedure**
William Vaillencourt, Livingston County Prosecutor
- 11:45 **Attorney Grievance Commission**
Alan Gershel, AGC Administrator
- Noon **Practical Tips for Covering the Courts**
Rick Pluta, Michigan Public Radio Managing Editor
- 12:15 **Closing Remarks**
Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr.