

## Educator Guide, 2020–21

(8/20)



In response to COVID-19, all Learning Center tours and in-person events are currently suspended.

### A Day in Court Games



For desktop browsers, including Chromebooks, at [courts.mi.gov/dayincourt](https://courts.mi.gov/dayincourt). Players learn more about the judicial branch, especially roles in a trial.

The Court Overview can be used as a research tool about state government, the judicial branch, and legal careers.

#### Related Links

[Educator Resources](#) (PDF)

[Student WebQuest](#) (Fillable PDF)

#### Constitution Day, September 17

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#### More Virtual Resources

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## We've Gone Virtual

In this guide you'll find **LIVE** programs and **ASYNCHRONOUS** resources to support your Michigan Studies and Civics teaching. More are being introduced throughout the year. **COST – FREE.**

For monthly updates, subscribe to the [Justitia e-newsletter](#). Select "Justitia" from the list of options.

### Learning Center Live!

30-minute virtual programs with Learning Center fieldtrip themes. Request a reservation through [this survey](#). Questions? contact [feinauera@courts.mi.gov](mailto:feinauera@courts.mi.gov).

#### October 15

- 10 a.m. Judicial Branch Overview (Elem)
- 1 p.m. Symbols of the Judicial Branch (Elem)

#### November 19

- 10 a.m. Symbols of the Judicial Branch (Elem)
- 1 p.m. Judicial Branch Overview (MS/HS)

#### December 17

- 10 a.m. Judicial Branch Overview (Elem)
- 1 p.m. Symbols of the Judicial Branch (Elem)

More programs on January 21, February 18, March 18, April 15, May 20, and June 3. [Full schedule](#) (PDF)

#### About the Live Programs

**Judicial Branch Overview** | Learn about the role and structure of the judicial branch, including how a case can get to the Michigan Supreme Court.

**Symbols of the Judicial Branch** | Find out how symbols like Lady Justice and judges' robes reflect Constitutional Principles and Democratic Values.

# Special Events

## Constitution Day September 17

Celebrate the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787 by reciting the Preamble to the Constitution and asking a Michigan Supreme Court Justice questions about this founding document.

**Live – 30-minute webinar (Zoom)**

10 a.m. [Register your Class](#)

1 p.m. [Register Your Class](#)



## More Ideas & Resources

Best of Justitia – [Constitution Day](#) (PDF)

Need asynchronous? [Read along with the Constitution's Preamble](#) video by U.S. Courts



## Law Day May 3

[Law Day](#) celebrates the role of law in society. The national theme will be announced by the American Bar Association later this fall. More details forthcoming.

## Exploring Careers in the Law Week of July 19

Do you know high school students interested in legal careers? Participants learn from a variety of legal professionals from law students to attorneys to members of the judiciary.

More details will be available in spring 2021.

## Michigan's Virtual Courts

[Michigan Supreme Court](#)

[Court of Appeals](#)

[Trial Court Courtroom Directory](#) (statewide)



# Virtual Resources – Available Anytime!

## Judicial Branch Overview



Presentations and extension activities

- Three branches of government
- Role and organization of Michigan’s judicial branch
- Questions and answers

[Elementary](#) (10 min) | [MS/HS](#) (4 min)

Hosted by the [MJeducation](#) website

## Learning Center [YouTube Channel](#)



Highlighted videos:

- [Hall of Justice Virtual Tour](#) (7 min)
- [The Michigan Supreme Court’s Decision-Making Process](#) (20 min)

## [A Day in Court](#) Games



For desktop browsers, including Chromebooks

Support provided in part by the Michigan State Bar Foundation and the Michigan Supreme Court Historical Society Learning Center Fund

## Best of *Justitia*

Content readings by topic compiled from past issues of the *Justitia* educator e-newsletter at [courts.mi.gov/justitia](https://courts.mi.gov/justitia)

Topics (PDF)

[Constitution Day](#) | [Constitution of Michigan](#)  
[History of Women in the Law in Michigan](#)  
[Judges](#) | [Jury Service](#) | [Lady Justice](#)  
[Michigan Court System](#)  
[Tribal Courts in Michigan](#)  
Types of Cases – [Civil](#) | [Criminal](#)

## Career Planning



[Interviews](#) about court-related careers

**More resources will be added throughout the year**

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