

Classroom Learning Materials

Judicial Branch of Government – Middle School/High School

What is the role of the state's judicial branch of government? How is it organized?

Video: [Judicial Branch Overview](#) (7 min)

Lesson: [Interpreting the Law Lesson](#) (PDF)

Reading: [Michigan Court System](#) (PDF)

Reading: Types of Cases [Civil](#) | [Criminal](#) (PDF)

What is the role of the Michigan Supreme Court?

Video: [Michigan Supreme Court Courtroom](#) (3 min)

Video: [Michigan Supreme Court – Interview with Justice Elizabeth T. Clement](#) (5 min)

Summaries: [Current Cases](#)

What are responsibilities of citizens?

Video: [Jury Orientation](#) (6 min)

Reading: [Jury Service](#) (PDF)

Lessons: [Your Vote, Your Voice](#) (PDF)

Who works for the judicial branch?

Videos: [Careers in the Courts](#) (2–5 min) – Informational interviews with judges and court professionals

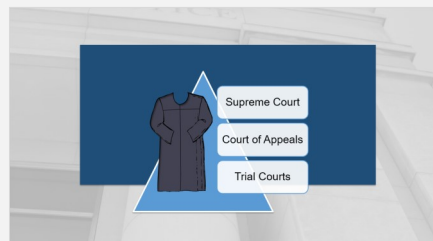
Reading: [Judges](#) (PDF)

Reading: [Judge Ethics Runs for Reelection](#) (PDF)

Learning Center Live! – Middle School/High School

February 18 and May 20 at 10 a.m.

Virtual 30-minute presentations about the role and structure of the judicial branch with opportunities for Q & A. Request a reservation through [this survey](#). Questions? Contact feinauera@courts.mi.gov.



Social Studies Standards: C – 3.2.1, C – 3.2.3