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# Michigan's Judicial Branch

## Courts Resolve Disputes

Trial courts are where cases start and most cases are resolved.

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

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

- Court of Appeals
- Supreme Court



Michigan Supreme Court



Court of Appeals



Trial Courts

### 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

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