

A Plan for Government

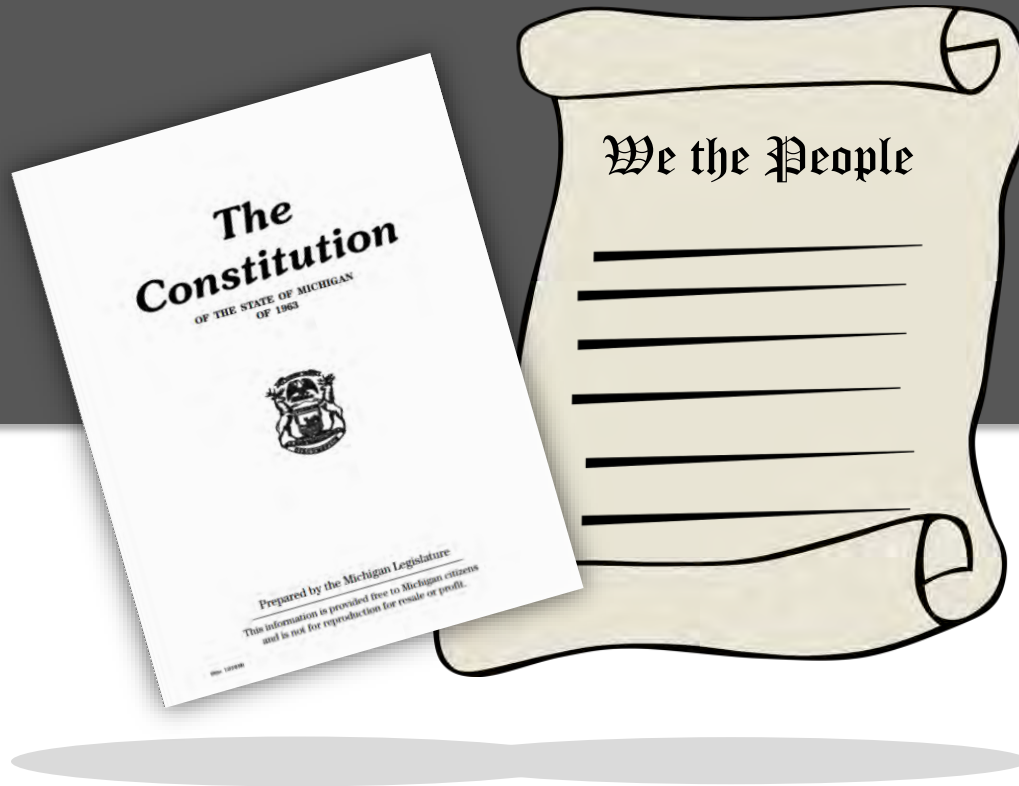


Constitution



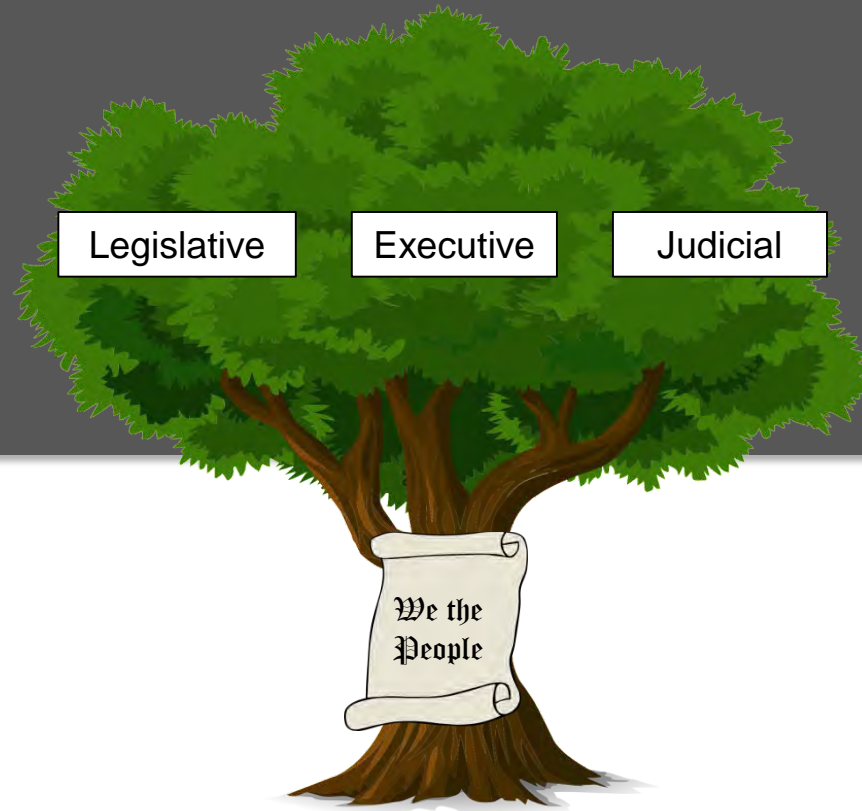
A constitution is a plan for government.

Constitution



The United States and the State of Michigan have constitutions.

Three Branches



These constitutions separate the powers of government into three branches – the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial branches. Each branch has a different power listed in the Constitution.

Legislative = Makes



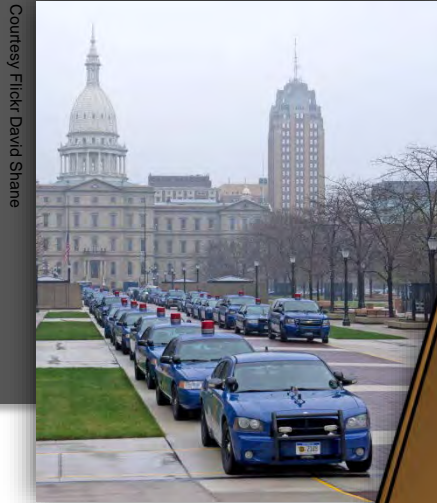
The Legislative Branch makes the laws.

Legislative = Makes

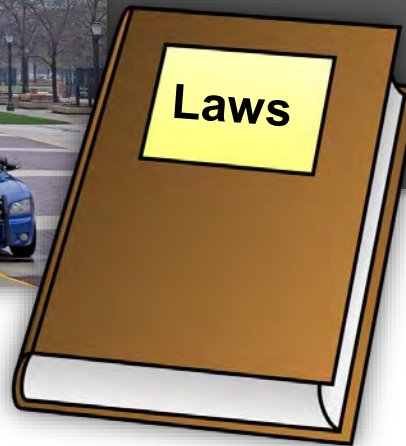


Laws are rules for everyone about all sorts of things, such as safety on streets and roads. Laws tell drivers when to stop and how fast to drive.

Executive = Enforces



Courtesy Flickr David Shane



The Executive Branch enforces the laws,

Executive = Enforces



like making sure people drive safely and follow the laws.

Judicial = Interprets

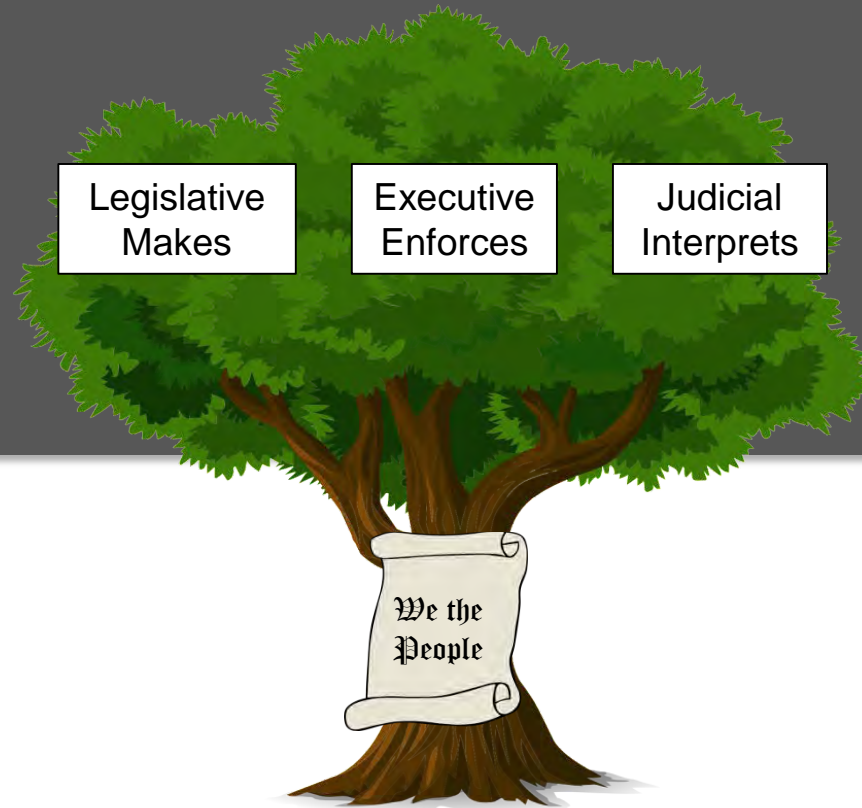
This law means ...

It applies to
this case ...



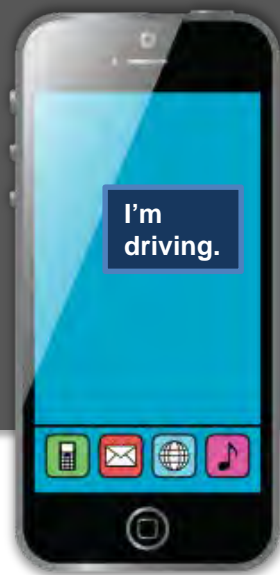
The Judicial Branch interprets and applies laws.

Three Branches



Make. Enforce. Interpret. That's how our government works. But what does that mean? Here's an example.

That's not safe!



There was a problem. Drivers were crashing because they were texting and driving.

Legislative = Makes



So the Legislature made a law to tell drivers “no texting and driving.”



And the Governor signed the law.

Executive = Enforces

Courtesy Michigan State Police



OFFICER'S NOTES

Pine St.
Main St.

Poor lane centering. Did not light change. Officer saw was looking at and tapping

WEATHER
 Clear
 Cloudy
 Hailing
 Snowing
 Fog
 Sleet

HIGHWAY
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 Muddy
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C.I.
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 JUV.

State of Michigan Uniform Law Citation

Ticket No. 8675309

Incident No. _____ Dept. No. _____

The People of the State of Michigan
 Township City Village County

OF **Metropolis**

THE UNDERSIGNED SAYS THAT ONE: Month 04 Day 20 Year XX At approximately 6:00 P.M. On 09 Month 10 Year XX

State Oper./Chauff. Driver License Number G 123 123 123 123 Sex XXXX (SSN) (last 4 digits)

Race _____ Sex _____ Height _____ Weight _____ Hair _____ Eyes _____ Occupation/Employer _____

Name (First, Middle, Last) Shaun Garvey

Street 456 Oak St.

City Ville State MI Zip Code 49444

Vehicle Plate No. ABC 789 Year XX State MI Vehicle Description (Year, Make, Color) GMC Terrain Black Veh. Type _____

THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE, in violation of § MCL602b

Local Ordinance State Law Administrative Rule

UPON Main

AT OR NEAR Pine CITY VILLAGE TOWNSHIP OF Metropolis

COUNTY OF Ingham

Building Code Spacing _____ MPH in a _____ MPH Zone (formerly _____ MPH Zone)

Nuisance Ordinance Plumbing Code Electrical Code Disobey Traffic Signal

Zoning Ordinance Mechanical Code Disobey Stop Sign

Sign, Lighting & Display Ordinance Telegraphic Equipment No Operator's License in Possession

Other Texting While Operating

Describe-Remarks: _____

Soon, police started writing tickets for texting while driving.

Courtesy Michigan State Police



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Ticket No. **8675309** Victim Involved

C.I.
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Incident No. _____ Dept. No. _____

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Local Use/Arrest No. _____ Offense Code _____

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 Animal & Fowl Ordinance Telegraph Equipment No Operator's License in Possession
 Other **Texting While Operating**

Describe-Remarks: _____

But a driver can say, "I didn't break that law! I want to take my case to court."

Judicial = Interprets

OFFICER'S NAME: _____

Metropolis

Pine St.

Main St.

Month 04

Day 09

Year 10

State MI

Vehicle Description (Year, Make, Color) MI GMC Terrain Black

Zip Code 49444

Vehicle License ABC

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Vehicle License MCL602B

County of Ingham

City Metropolis

Weather: Clear, Cloudy, Hazy, Snowing, Fog, Sleet, Dry, Wet, Murky, Greasy, Icy, Loose material

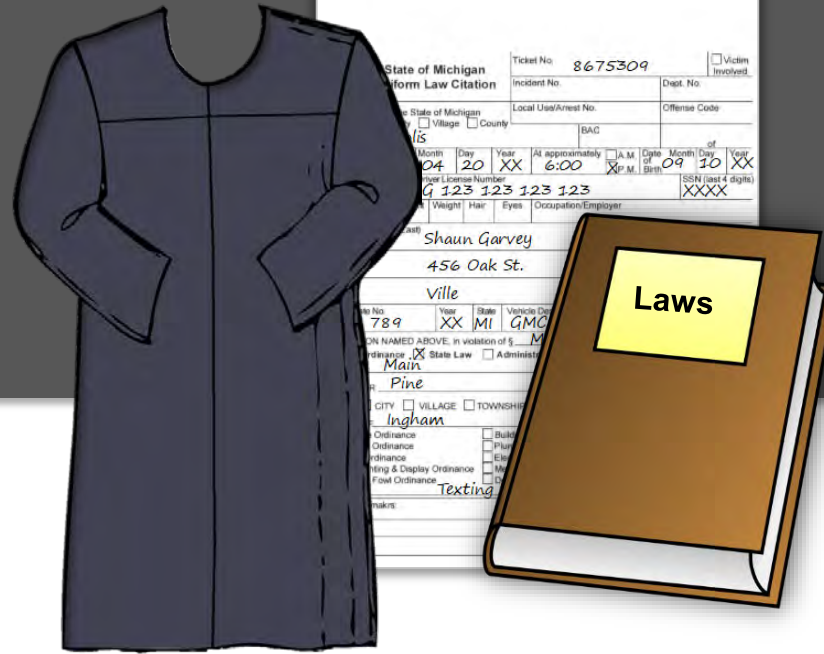
Highway: Clear, Blue, Ice, Wet

DID THE FOLLOWING: Speeding, Zone (formerly MPH Zone), Disobey Traffic Signal, Disobey Stop Sign, No Operator's License in Possession

While Operating

What might the Judicial Branch do next?

Judicial = Interprets



In the Judicial Branch, courts interpret the law and apply the facts to decide.

Judicial = Interprets

The facts say ...

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<input type="checkbox"/> Snowing	<input type="checkbox"/> Slushy	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow
<input type="checkbox"/> Frost	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
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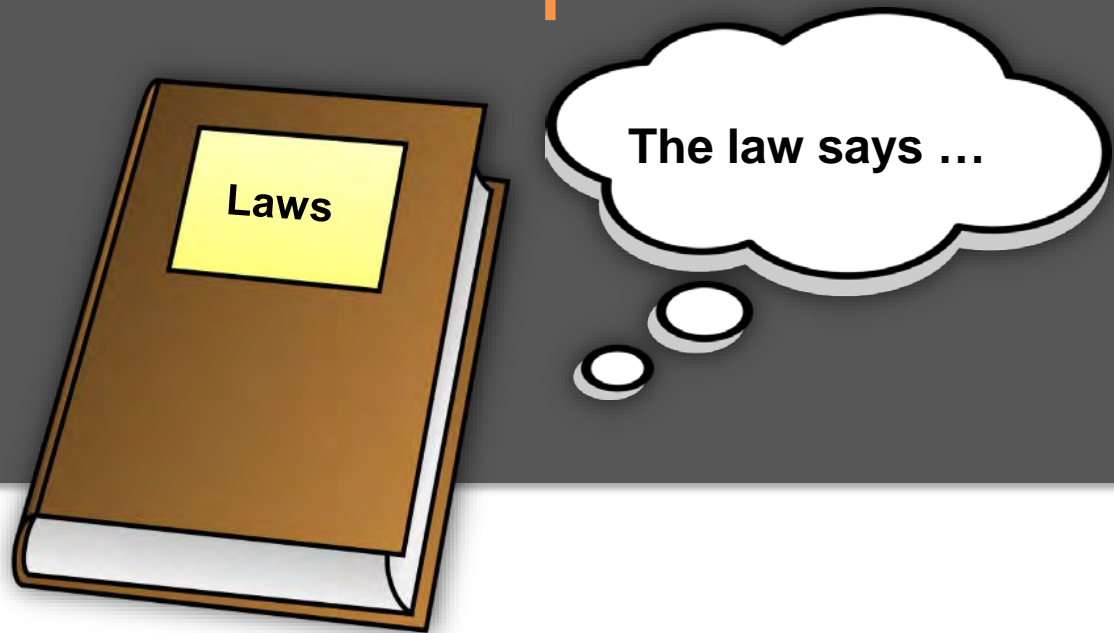
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<input type="checkbox"/> Sign, Lighting & Display Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical Code	<input type="checkbox"/> No Operator's License in Possession
<input type="checkbox"/> Animal & Fowl Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Highway Encroachment	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other	<u>Texting While Operating</u>	

Describe/Remarks: _____

What happened according to the facts?

Judicial = Interprets



What does the law say? What should be included? What should not be included?

Judicial = Interprets



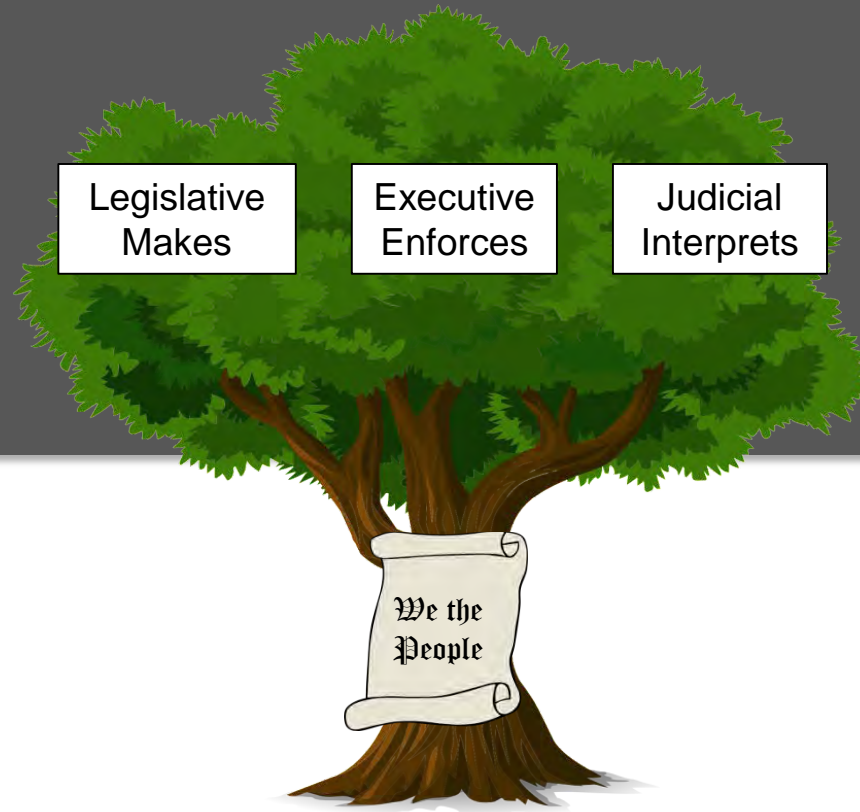
Did Text & Drive
Responsible



Did Not Text & Drive
Not Responsible

By applying the facts to the law, the court decides whether the driver is responsible for texting and driving.

Questions?



Make. Enforce. Interpret. Are there any questions?