



MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT LEARNING CENTER

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School Tours

- Grades 3–12
- One hour in length
- Groups of 10–48
- Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. (except state holidays)
- Scheduled up to a year in advance
- Free

Tour hotline:
517-373-7171

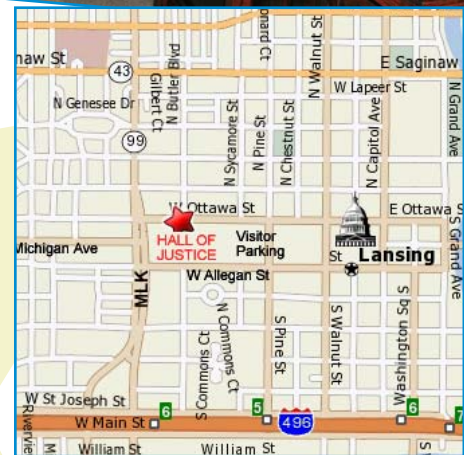
The Learning Center’s award-winning gallery is guaranteed to engage your students. Guided school tours are custom-designed for various grade levels. Tours may be reserved up to one year in advance.

Tour Options

- Judicial Branch of Government (by grade level)
- Core Democratic Values
- Other Law-Related Themes (for special events and upon request)

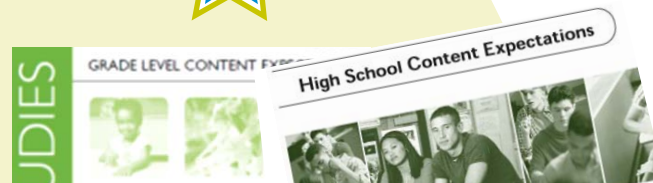
Location

The Learning Center is located on the first floor of the Michigan Hall of Justice—headquarters of the state’s judicial branch of government. The street address is 925 W. Ottawa Street, Lansing, MI 48913. It is within easy walking distance of the State Capitol, Michigan Historical Museum, and other sites in downtown Lansing.



Social Studies Content Expectations & GLCEs

The Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center offers tours, programs, and resources that address numerous Social Studies Content Expectations and Grade Level Expectations (GLCEs).



Civics GLCEs (K-8)

- Purposes of Government (C1)
- Values and Principles of Government (C2)
- Structure and Functions of Government (C3)
- Roles of the Citizen in American Democracy (C5)
- Core Democratic Values—Special tours available!

Civics High School Content Expectations

- Conceptual Foundations of Civic and Political Life (C1)
- Origins and Foundations of Government (C2)
- Structure and Function of Government (C3)
- Citizenship in the United States (C5)
- Citizenship in Action (C6)

For details, see the Learning Center’s Curriculum Resources web page at <http://courts.mi.gov/plc/resources/curriculum.htm>.



School Programs

SWEET JUSTICE: CLARENCE DARROW IN DETROIT, 1925-26

November 1, 2011

As a part of the Great Michigan Read, the Learning Center will present an historical mock trial for high school students on November 1 at 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Limited transportation funds are available upon request. Reservations are required and seating is limited.

Using trial transcripts, the program will reveal the story of Dr. Ossian and Mrs. Gladys Sweet, an African American couple who moved into an all-white Detroit neighborhood in 1925. Expecting violence, they and their friends armed themselves to defend the home, and a member of an angry mob that formed near their house was killed. Was it murder or self-defense? Listen to the prosecution and Clarence Darrow's defense to decide.

A video and curriculum materials will be available online following the event. A companion exhibit will be on display in the Learning Center through February 2012.



Clarence Darrow (right) led the defense team for the 11 defendants, including Henry Sweet (left). *Walter P. Reuther Library, Wayne State University.*



Great Michigan Read

The Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center is part of the Great Michigan Read, which is presented by the Michigan Humanities Council with support from Meijer and the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information, visit <http://michiganhumanities.org/programs/tgmr/>. Resources include a mini-documentary, curriculum materials, and discussion kits for the award-winning book, *Arc of Justice* by Kevin Boyle. The author will speak at six locations throughout the state in late October.

LAW DAY

May 1, 2012



Celebrate America's heritage of liberty under law at the Learning Center's annual Law Day event.

- Law-themed tours for all grade levels
- Judges and other legal experts as guest speakers
- Free curriculum materials

More information

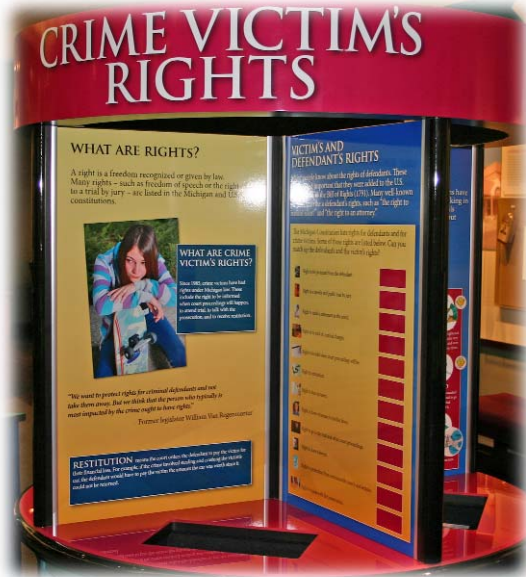
Learning Center Educational Resources: Programs
<http://courts.michigan.gov/plc/resources/programs.htm>

Law Day—American Bar Association
<http://www.lawday.org>





New Exhibit: Crime Victim's Rights



Try out the Learning Center's latest exhibit!

- Put the steps of a criminal case in chronological order
- Match victim rights and defendant rights
- Learn how victim advocates offer assistance during the court process



3. Investigation begins, witnesses identified.

Courtesy Ingham County Prosecuting Attorney.

Resources for Educators



Justitia E-Newsletter

Have you subscribed to Justitia, a free quarterly e-newsletter for educators? Each two-page issue contains Learning Center updates, news, and classroom resources. An archive of all issues is available online at <http://courts.michigan.gov/plc/EducatorNews/>.



Anyone may subscribe by sending an e-mail to LearningCenter-eNews@courts.mi.gov. Please be sure to include your name, e-mail address, and school/organization.

Online Lessons and Information

Learning Center offers helpful online resources for civics teachers Grades 3-12.

