



MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT

March 2026 Session Calendar

Revised Notice of Cases to be Argued

HON. MEGAN K. CAVANAGH,
Chief Justice

Elizabeth Kingston-Miller,
Clerk

HON. BRIAN K. ZAHRA,
HON. RICHARD H. BERNSTEIN,
HON. ELIZABETH M. WELCH,
HON. KYRA H. BOLDEN,
HON. KIMBERLY A. THOMAS,
HON. NOAH P. HOOD,
Justices

Kimberly Muschong,
Reporter

Ryan Tomlinson,
Crier

Oral arguments will be held on Tuesday, March 10; Wednesday, March 11; and Thursday, March 12, 2026. All cases will be argued in the 6th floor courtroom at the Michigan Hall of Justice, 925 W. Ottawa, Lansing. If you are misidentified as the attorney arguing a case or have a conflict with the argument dates, you must immediately notify the Clerk's Office at (517) 373-0120 or MSC_Clerk@courts.mi.gov. The schedule of arguments with their approximate start times will be linked on the Court's homepage at <http://www.courts.mi.gov/courts/supreme-court/> on February 18, 2026.

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Calendar Cases

No. 1 167895 (20-minute argument per side)

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MI,
Plaintiff-Appellee,

Thomas Ginster

v (Appeal from Ct of Appeals)
(Montcalm CC – Kreeger, S.)

DANIELLE HEAVEN-LEAH HESS,
Defendant-Appellant.

Emma Lawton

No. 2 168335-9 (20-minute argument per side, appellants and appellees to divide at their discretion)

In re APPLICATION OF ENBRIDGE ENERGY TO REPLACE
AND RELOCATE LINE 5.

LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS, BAY
MILLS INDIAN COMMUNITY, GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OF
OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS, NOTTAWASEPPI HURON
BAND OF THE POTAWATOMI, ENVIRONMENTAL LAW &
POLICY CENTER, and MICHIGAN CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK,
Appellants,

Christopher M. Bzdok,
David C. Scott

v (Appeal from MPSC)
(Scripps, D.; Peretick, K.; Carreon, A.)

MPSC, MACKINAC STRAITS CORRIDOR AUTHORITY,
MICHIGAN PROPANE GAS ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL
PROPANE GAS ASSOCIATION, and MICHIGAN LABORERS'
DISTRICT COUNCIL,
Appellees,

Daniel E. Sonneveldt,
Ashley G. Chrysler,
Megan Boelstler

and

ENBRIDGE ENERGY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP,
Petitioner-Appellee.

John J. Bursch

No. 3 168346 (20-minute argument per side, appellees to divide at their discretion)

In re APPLICATION OF ENBRIDGE ENERGY TO REPLACE
AND RELOCATE LINE 5.

FOR LOVE OF WATER,
Appellant,

Riyaz A. Kanji

v (Appeal from MPSC)
(Scripps, D.; Peretick, K.; Carreon, A.)

MPSC, MACKINAC STRAITS CORRIDOR AUTHORITY,
MICHIGAN PROPANE GAS ASSOCIATION, NATIONAL
PROPANE GAS ASSOCIATION, and MICHIGAN LABORERS'

Daniel E. Sonneveldt,
Ashley G. Chrysler,
Megan Boelstler

DISTRICT COUNCIL,
Appellees,

and

ENBRIDGE ENERGY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP,
Petitioner-Appellee.

John J. Bursch

No. 4 168483 (20-minute argument per side, appellees to divide at their discretion)

BRIAN ZEZULA,
Plaintiff-Appellee,

Daniel A. Groves

v (Appeal from Ct of Appeals)
(Oakland CC – Matthews, C.)

NINA BROWN and DTE ENERGY COMPANY,
Defendants,

and

KALTZ EXCAVATING CO., INC.,
Defendant-Appellee,

Michael F. Schmidt

and

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND COUNTY,
Defendant-Appellant.

Margaret T. Debler

Oral Arguments on the Applications

MOAA 166766 (15-minute argument per side)

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MI,
Plaintiff-Appellee,

Mark Sanford

v (Appeal from Ct of Appeals)
(Berrien CC – Schrock, S.)

JAMES ELLIS, JR.,
Defendant-Appellant.

Jessica L. Zimbelman

MOAA 167315 (15-minute argument per side)

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MI,
Plaintiff-Appellee,

Autumn A. Wilmot

v (Appeal from Ct of Appeals)
(Clare CC – Mienk, R.)

ALEXANDER JAMES HAUPT,
Defendant-Appellant.

Stuart G. Friedman

MOAA 167391 (15-minute argument per side)

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MI,
Plaintiff-Appellee,

Lori Baughman Palmer

v (Appeal from Ct of Appeals)
(Wayne CC – Evans, W.)

DAREN DONELL FENDERSON,
Defendant-Appellant.

Coral M. Watt

Amicus curiae Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan
(to share 5 minutes of DFAT time)

Sofia Nelson

MOAA 167772 (15-minute argument per side)

JOSEPH CANTY,
Plaintiff-Appellant,

Erik J. Stone

v (Appeal from Ct of Appeals)
(Wayne CC – McCarthy, K.)

MICHAEL CHESTER MASON,
Defendant-Appellee.

Michael J. Cook

MOAA 167899 (15-minute argument per side)

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MI,
Plaintiff-Appellee,

Elizabeth L. Allen

v (Appeal from Ct of Appeals)
(Ingham CC – Aquilina, R.)

JOHN HAROLD SANDERS,
Defendant-Appellant.

Mary Chartier

Amicus curiae the Innocence Project
(5 minutes of independent time)

Lauren Gottesman

MOAA 168243-4 (20-minute argument per side, appellees to divide at their discretion)***NPH not participating**

EXCLUSIVE CAPITAL PARTNERS, LLC,
Plaintiff-Appellee,

Anthony J. Bologna

v (Appeal from Ct of Appeals)
(Oakland CC – Brennan, M.)

CITY OF ROYAL OAK,
Defendant-Appellant.

Anne M. McLaughlin

QUALITY ROOTS, INC.,
Plaintiff-Appellee,

William C. DiSessa

v (Appeal from Ct of Appeals)
(Oakland CC – Brennan, M.)

CITY OF ROYAL OAK,
Defendant-Appellant,

and

PGSH HOLDINGS, LLC,
Intervening Defendant-Appellee.

Anne M. McLaughlin

David E. Schlackman
