

Exploring Careers in the Law

Curious About Legal Careers?

- Learn how lawyers think about legal questions by presenting a moot court case as if before the Supreme Court.
- Meet members of the judiciary, attorneys, and other court professionals.
- Practice skills such as critical thinking and public speaking, which are essential for any career.

Dates & Locations

July 13-17 – Lansing

During this week-long program, students will sharpen their research, writing, and public speaking skills with the guidance of legal professionals. Activities will include guest speakers, presentations, small group discussions, writing labs, and practice sessions. Each day's activities lead up to arguments in the Michigan Supreme Court courtroom. Attendance at all five sessions is expected.

Sessions are 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Hall of Justice, 925 West Ottawa Street, Lansing. Registration is limited to 24 students.

July 30 – Flint

In this fast-paced, one-day program, students learn about the legal issues of the case before they present their arguments in a courtroom, guided by legal professionals. Activities will also include guest speakers, small group discussions, and practice sessions.

Session is 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the historic Genesee County Courthouse, 900 South Saginaw Street, Flint. Registration is limited to 24 students.

Important Details

- Rising 10th-12th grade students (Fall 2026) and 2026 graduates are eligible.
- Applicants are selected on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications must be complete to be considered. There is no fee to apply.
- These are day programs only; no lodging is provided. Participants are responsible for transportation and other travel expenses.
- Questions? Contact Rachael L. Drenovsky, drenovskyr@courts.mi.gov.

Moot Court

A moot court is an appellate court simulation in which a hypothetical case is argued.

About the Case

The defendant created a website claiming that a young woman had falsely accused the defendant's son of a serious criminal offense. The defendant also posted messages and comments on Facebook, and made TikTok videos attacking the young woman's reputation. A jury found the defendant guilty of violating a state law about cyberstalking, and the defendant appealed.

Are the defendant's messages protected by freedom of speech, or do they fall under one of the exceptions that is not protected?

Participants will argue for the prosecution or defense.

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Complete the online application using the link or the QR Code.

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