

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 law students.
- Practice professional skills such as critical thinking and public speaking, which are essential for any career.



Dates & Locations

July 14-18 – Lansing

During this week-long program, students will sharpen their research, writing, and public speaking skills with the guidance of law students, attorneys, and court staff. 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.

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

July 25 – Detroit

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

Session is 9 a.m.–3 p.m. at the Wayne County Criminal Justice Center, 5301 Russell Street. Registration is limited to 24 students.

Important Details

- Rising 10th–12th grade students and 2025 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.

Moot Court

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

About the Case

Police officers approached a vehicle, claiming to have smelled marijuana. The defendant was ordered out of the vehicle's front passenger seat, and an officer found a gun beneath it during a warrantless search. The defendant was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and other firearms charges.

Was the search reasonable under the Fourth Amendment, or did it violate the defendant's constitutional rights? Can the evidence be used against him?

Participants will argue for the prosecution or defense.

Questions?

Contact Rachael L. Drenovsky,
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Select a Session

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Student Information

Student

Parent/Guardian

Street Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Email(s)

School

Grade (Fall 2025)

In Case of Emergency

Contact

Relationship

Contact Phone

Alternate Contact

Relationship

Phone

Student Applicant Goals

What interests you in attending the Exploring Careers in the Law moot court program? (1–2 paragraphs)

What do you hope to learn by attending the program? (1–2 paragraphs)

To Apply

Forward completed the form to Rachael L. Drenovsky at drenovskyr@courts.mi.gov or mail to Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center, Attn Learning Center Coordinator, PO Box 30048, Lansing, MI 48909.