



**Position Available**  
**Research Attorney**  
**Michigan Court of Appeals**  
**Salary Range \$69,384.24 - \$89,867.52**

The Research Division of the Michigan Court of Appeals is currently seeking qualified applicants for Research Attorney positions. Reporting to a Research Supervisor, the primary responsibilities for this position include:

- Prepare research reports in civil, criminal, and administrative appeals. For each case assigned, read the appellate briefs, review the lower court records, request records missing from the files as necessary, and conduct independent research on the issues raised in the appeal. Research reports contain a comprehensive and neutral presentation of the material facts with citation to the lower court record, a recitation of the issues raised by the parties, a summary of the parties' arguments, a thorough analysis of the law and facts related to each issue, and a recommendation as to the appropriate disposition based on a well-reasoned application of the law to the facts with citation to supporting authority.
- Prepare a proposed opinion to accompany each research report unless publication is recommended in the report.
- Meet quality and production expectations as required by the Research Division with respect to research reports and proposed opinions.
- Maintain an accurate record of time spent on each case and submit weekly production reports to the Research Supervisor and Research Assistant.
- Attend training, special meetings, and work-related sessions to keep current on developments and changes in the law.
- Read newly released opinions and legal publications to keep abreast of the law.
- Act as a mentor to, and work closely with, newly hired research attorneys and assist in ensuring that research reports and proposed opinions meet the quality standards set forth in the research manual.

**EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:** Juris Doctor (JD) from an accredited law school. Basic computer skills and excellent legal writing, legal research, and analytical skills.

Active membership in the State Bar of Michigan. A grace period is permitted for recent law school graduates. Exceptions are considered for Research Attorneys licensed in another state and those who plan to practice outside Michigan following their limited term of employment with the Court of Appeals.

**LOCATION AND TERM:** Detroit, Grand Rapids, or Lansing; please include your location preference(s) in your cover letter. A hybrid remote work option may be available for this position; however, the candidate selected for the position must reside in Michigan after acceptance of employment. The tenure of a Research Attorney is a limited term of one to three years, but the position could lead to other positions with the Court, including judicial clerkships.

**TO APPLY:** Please send your cover letter, resume, writing sample, and law school transcript as a single PDF file to [kloomis@courts.mi.gov](mailto:kloomis@courts.mi.gov). Please include "Research Attorney Application" in the subject line.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open until filled.**  
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