

Michigan Judicial Branch

**State Court
Administrative Office**

Supreme Court

7 Justices

Jurisdiction (Court of Last Resort)

- ◆ Considers applications for leave to appeal, mainly from decisions of the Court of Appeals; grants appeals as a matter of discretion.

Court of Claims

4 judges from at least 2 COA districts

Court of General Jurisdiction

- ◆ Claims and demands against state over \$1,000 except where circuit court has jurisdiction. State Administrative Board has discretionary authority in claims up to \$1,000.
- ◆ Jury trials possible.
- ◆ No workers' comp claims.

Court of Appeals

4 Districts
25 Judges

Jurisdiction (Intermediate Appellate Court)

- ◆ Appeals by right from circuit court, court of claims, probate court, and other tribunals as established by law or rule.
- ◆ Considers applications for leave to appeal, primarily interlocutory; grants appeals as a matter of discretion.

Circuit Court (57)

221 Judges

Court of General Jurisdiction

- ◆ Equity; general civil over \$25,000.
- ◆ Felonies.
- ◆ Appeals from district court, de novo or on record.
- ◆ Administrative appeals.
- ◆ Jury trials.

Family Division Jurisdiction

- ◆ Domestic relations.
- ◆ Delinquency, child protective proceedings, and adoptions.
- ◆ Ancillary jurisdiction for mental health, guardianship/conservatorship.
- ◆ No jury trials for domestic relations or adoptions.

District Court (103)

231 Judges

Court of Limited Jurisdiction

- ◆ Civil litigation up to \$25,000 excluding equity. Small claims up to \$6,500
- ◆ Misdemeanors.
- ◆ Ordinance violations.
- ◆ Felony preliminary exams.
- ◆ Landlord/tenant or summary proceedings.
- ◆ Jury trials.
- ◆ Traffic.

Municipal Court (4)

4 Judges

Court of Limited Jurisdiction

- ◆ Civil, landlord/tenant up to \$1,500 (\$3,000 if a resolution is passed).
- ◆ Conciliation division up to \$100 (\$600 if a resolution is passed).
- ◆ Misdemeanors, traffic and ordinance violations with fines less than \$500 and sentence less than 1 year, felony preliminary exams.
- ◆ Jury trials.

Probate Court (78)

103 Judges

Court of Limited Jurisdiction

- ◆ Cases pertaining to guardianships, conservatorships, protective proceedings, estates, trusts, and the mentally ill.
- ◆ Jury trials
- ◆ No jury trials for minor proceedings.
- ◆ Certain civil cases and miscellaneous.