



## **Court of Claims Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Public Act 164 of 2013 locates the Court of Claims in the Court of Appeals. When does the new legislation take effect?**

The legislation took immediate effect as of November 12, 2013, when it was signed into law by Governor Rick Snyder.

### **Where do I file my Notice of Intent to File, my Court of Claims case, or pleadings in my existing Court of Claims case?**

You may file at any Court of Appeals District Office:

#### *First District*

Cadillac Place  
3020 West Grand Boulevard, Suite 14-300  
Detroit, MI 48202-6020

#### *Third District*

State of Michigan Building  
350 Ottawa, NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2349

#### *Second District*

Columbia Center  
201 West Big Beaver Road, Suite 800  
Troy, MI 48084-4127

#### *Fourth District*

2nd Floor, Hall of Justice  
925 West Ottawa St.  
PO Box 30022  
Lansing, MI 48909-7522

### **What are the office hours of the Court of Claims?**

The hours are 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for each district office. Clerks are available over the lunch hour.

### **Will the Ingham County Circuit Court Clerk's Office continue to accept filings?**

No. Court of Claims AO 2013-1 authorizes Ingham Circuit Court to process all pleadings, documents, and fees, and to enter orders and opinions, on behalf of the Court of Claims for an additional 60 days. But all filings with the Court of Claims are to be made at Court of Appeals offices. Filers appearing in person at any Ingham Circuit Court office will be directed to file at the Court of Appeals' Lansing District Office.

### **What can I expect when filing with the Court of Claims at the Court of Appeals District offices?**

Your filing will be received and filed as of the date presented, as long as it meets the minimum filing requirements under MCR 8.119(C). You will be issued a receipt and will receive an issued summons, case number, and judge assignment via mail.

### **Will the filing date be preserved as of the date received or as of the date summons is issued?**

The filing date will be preserved as of the date received at any location, provided the filing has no defects.

**Will the Court of Claims accept e-filing?**

No, the Court of Claims is not accepting e-filed documents at this time.

**What are the case type codes used in the Court of Claims?**

The case type codes remain the same and are MD, MH MK, MM, MP, MT and MZ.

- Highway Defect [MD]. All claims involving highway defects.
- Medical Malpractice [MH]. All claims involving health-care provider malpractice.
- Contracts [MK]. All other proceedings involving contractual obligations not otherwise coded.
- Constitutional Claims [MM]. All claims for money damages brought under the Michigan Constitution.
- Prisoner Litigation [MP]. All claims for money damages against the State of Michigan filed by state prisoners.
- Tax-Related Suits [MT]. All claims involving liability for state taxes.
- Other Damage Suits [MZ]. All other claims for money damages.

**How do I pay my filing fee?**

Filing fees should be made payable to the Court of Claims. The Court of Claims will continue to accept cash, check, or money order.

**What are the filing fees in the Court of Claims?**

The filing fees are the same as those in the Circuit Court, as defined in MCL 600.2529.

- Filing fee - \$150
- Motion fee - \$20
- Appeal fee - \$25
- Garnishment, Execution, Discovery Subpoena or Debtor's Exam - \$15

**Who can I contact with questions about the Court of Claims?**

You may contact any Court of Appeals District office at the numbers listed below or you can consult the Michigan Court of Claims website at <http://courts.mi.gov/courts/coc>.

Detroit (313) 972-5766

Grand Rapids (616) 456-0278

Troy (248) 524-8744

Lansing (517) 373-0807

**Where can I read the Court of Claims legislation?**

The Court of Claims legislation is available online by linking to 2013 Public Act 164.

<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2013-2014/publicact/pdf/2013-PA-0164.pdf>