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Volunteer Docents Needed for Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center

LANSING, MI, September 2, 2015 – The Michigan Supreme Court is looking for volunteer docents to guide school groups and other visitors through its 3,800-square-foot Learning Center, located on the first floor of the Hall of Justice in Lansing. Activities and exhibits at the Learning Center reflect the Supreme Courts commitment to increasing access and educating the public about the third branch of government.

“Learning Center docents are ambassadors for the judicial branch,” explained Justice Richard Bernstein, the Court’s liaison to the Learning Center. “While legal and educational experience is not necessary, volunteers must be enthusiastic, passionate about learning, and committed to connecting with people of all ages and abilities.”

Responsibilities include leading interactive activities and demonstrating hands-on exhibits at the center, including a virtual courtroom, as well as assisting at special events. Volunteers must be willing to commit to working a minimum of eight hours per month. Applications are due September 15 to allow time for application screening and interviews.

Once hired, docents are required attend a series of three-hour orientation sessions, which will start September 30 and take place on five consecutive Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Classes will include information about the Michigan judicial system, Learning Center exhibits, and tips for giving great tours.

[Click here](#) for an application, or contact Learning Center Coordinator Rachael Drenovsky at (517) 373-5027 or drenovskyr@courts.mi.gov. Interviews and background checks are required for all applicants.

The Learning Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tours are free, and typically last 60–90 minutes. Groups of 10 more must schedule in advance for guided tours; self-guided, walk-in tours are available for smaller groups.

The Learning Center offers online resources for educators and students, including lesson plans, educational games, and a free e-newsletter. For more information, visit www.courts.mi.gov/learningcenter.

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