

## Summer Moot Court for High School Students



A moot court program will be offered by the Learning Center, July 16–20. Students

entering grades 10–12 in Fall 2018 and 2018 graduates are eligible.

[Application](#) – Deadline May 25.

## Tours for 2018–2019



Are you planning for next year? Tours may be scheduled up to one year in advance.

Call 517-373-7171 today, while popular dates and times are still available.

## Calendar

### May

1 [Law Day](#)

23 [MSC Public Hearing](#)

### July

16–20 [Moot Court for High School Students](#)

31 [MSC 2017–18 Term Ends](#)

## A Day in Court – Now Online!

[A Day in Court](#), featured in the Learning Center courtroom exhibit, is being upgraded for the gallery and is already online for desktop browsers.\* The games can be used pre-/post-tour or as a separate activity.

The companion [Educator Resources](#) include links to lessons, a glossary, curriculum connections, tech information, and tips for contacting legal professionals in your community.

[courts.mi.gov/dayincourt](https://courts.mi.gov/dayincourt)



\* Compatible with desktop computers, including modern Chromebooks. For best results, use the latest Chrome or Firefox browsers.

## Activities

Players learn more about the judicial branch of government, especially roles in a trial.

**Witness** | Test your powers of observation.

**Prosecutor/Defense Attorney** | Use witness statements and other sources to build a case.

**Jury** | Question people called from the community and then select the person you think will make the best juror.

**Judge** | Analyze different types of questions to decide whether the attorneys are following the rules in a trial.

**Court Overview** | Learn more about state government, state courts, and legal careers with this research tool.

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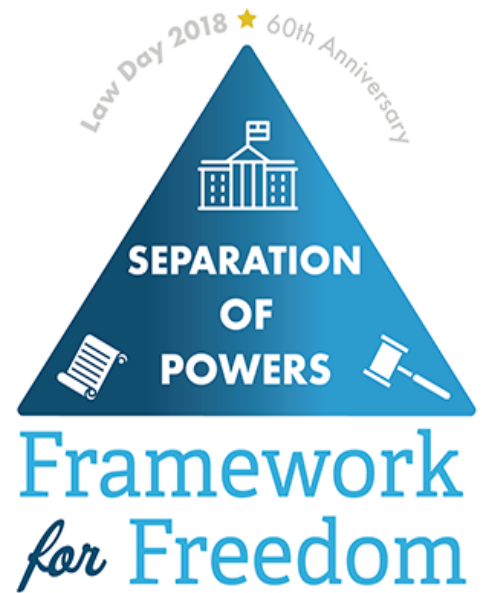


## In Brief: Separation of Powers

The Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center participates annually in **Law Day (May 1)**. This year's theme, [Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom](#), focuses on the separation of powers as fundamental to the constitutional purpose of government.

In the United States, the federal government has distinct and independent branches. The [U.S. Constitution](#) defines the federal government's legislative, executive, and judicial branches and their powers in Articles I–III. These three separate branches of government share power, and each branch serves as a check on the power of the others.

State governments follow the same model. The [Michigan Constitution](#) outlines the branches of government and their powers in Articles IV–VI.



Branch	Power	U.S. Constitution	Michigan Constitution
<b>Legislative</b>	Makes	<a href="#">Article I</a> Congress (Senate, Representatives)	<a href="#">Article IV</a> Senate, House of Representatives
<b>Executive</b>	Enforces	<a href="#">Article II</a> President	<a href="#">Article V</a> Governor
<b>Judicial</b>	Interprets	<a href="#">Article III</a> Supreme Court, Lower Courts Established by Congress	<a href="#">Article VI</a> Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Circuit Court, Probate Court, and Courts of Limited Jurisdiction Established by the Legislature

### Featured Resources

[Law Day 2018 Lessons](#) American Bar Association  
For elementary, middle, and high school

[Branches of Power Game](#) iCivics  
Use the powers of all three branches of government to win points

[Engaging Congress Games](#) Center on Representative Government  
Analyze primary sources, including the Constitution

[Separation of Powers](#) TED-Ed  
A video overview of the three branches of federal government

### Constitutions Online

[Constitution, Charters of Freedom](#) National Archives

[Interactive Constitution](#)  
National Constitution Center

[Michigan Constitution \(Current and Historical\)](#)  
Michigan Legislature