

Calendar

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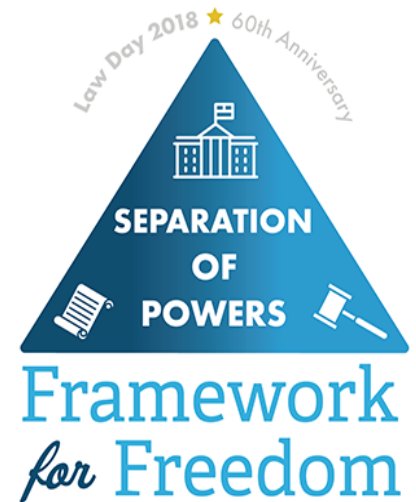
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Law Day, May 1

Law Day 2018 examines Separation of Powers: Framework for Freedom. Activities will demonstrate the importance and purpose of this constitutional principal. Groups will meet with a justice, judge, or lawyer and receive curriculum materials.

Limited openings (9–10 a.m., 2–3 p.m., and 3–4 p.m.) are available. Call 517-373-7171 to schedule for the Learning Center's Law Day event!



Can't make Law Day? Visit year-round, Mondays–Fridays, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., except court holidays. Call 517-373-7171 to schedule or to find out more!

Moot Court for High School Students, July 16–20



Do you know students considering legal careers? Are they eager to sharpen their research, writing and public speaking skills?

The Learning Center offers a summer program in which participants argue a moot court case as if they are justices and attorneys at the Supreme Court. To prepare, they meet with a variety of legal professionals both formally and informally.

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

[Application](#) – Deadline: May 25.

THE CASE | *Carpenter v United States*. Defendant was convicted of armed robberies based, in part, on months of cell phone location history. Records were obtained from his cell provider by law enforcement without a warrant. Is this a search under the Fourth Amendment? Is a warrant required? Participants will argue and decide.

"I am an attorney, and these kids were given a real legal experience. I wish I could've done this when I was young." – Parent



In Brief: Michigan Legal Help

Where can people go if they have legal problems but aren't sure of the next steps? The [Michigan Legal Help](#) website is a great place to start.

- The [Guide to Legal Help](#) tool asks questions to help identify a legal problem and to find the community and legal resources available.
- A chat forum assists users.
- Resources include toolkits, articles, forms, and videos.

In addition to the website, Michigan Legal Help provides information and assistance to individuals through local [self-help centers](#) in 14 counties. The centers allow visitors to access computers, printers, internet, and legal information (but not [legal advice](#)).

 <p>Family Divorce, Custody, Parenting Time, Child Support, Paternity, Guardianship, Name Change, and Emancipation.</p>	 <p>Personal Safety Domestic Violence, Stalking, Personal Protection Orders (PPO).</p>
 <p>Housing Leases, Landlord/Tenant matters, Mobile Homes, Eviction, Security Deposits, Subsidized Housing.</p>	 <p>Money and Debt Debts and Debt Collection, Garnishment, Small Claims, Installment Payment Plans and Bankruptcy.</p>
 <p>Public Assistance Food Stamps, Cash Assistance, Medicaid, Disability Benefits, Social Security, and others.</p>	 <p>Taxes Earned Income Tax Credit, Free Tax Preparation, Innocent Spouse Relief, Tax Refund Garnishment.</p>
 <p>Crime, Traffic, and ID Criminal law, Expungement of Convictions, Traffic Tickets, Drivers' Licenses/IDs, ID Theft.</p>	 <p>Employment Unemployment Benefits, Payment for Work, Discrimination and Wrongful Termination.</p>
 <p>End of Life Planning Wills, Small Estates, Transfers After Death, Probate Law, and Conservatorships.</p>	 <p>Education Special Education, Accommodations, Discipline, Student Rights, Students With Limited English.</p>
 <p>Farmworker Employment, Housing, Know-Your-Rights, and other information for migrant and seasonal farmworkers.</p>	 <p>Health and Long-Term Care Health Insurance, Nursing Homes, Patient Rights, and Health and Financial Decision-Making.</p>

Ideas

- Find [courts and agencies](#) in your county.
- Look at [categories of legal problems](#) to see ways courts serve the public every day.
- Assign a legal problem to older students and have them walk through the [Guide to Legal Help](#) tool. (Not all legal problems listed have resources available.)
- Read about [mediation](#) and other alternatives to court.
- Watch the [Going to Court](#) video, which emphasizes being prepared and explains court staff roles.
- Review the [Education](#) section, which includes articles, toolkits, and forms for special education/accommodations, discipline, students rights, and students with limited English.

I'm Sorry – I Can't Provide Legal Advice

To remain neutral and impartial, [court staff cannot provide legal advice](#), but they can:

- Provide legal and procedural definitions.
- Cite statutes, court rules, and ordinances.
- Provide public case information.
- Provide general information on court operations.
- Provide options.
- Provide general referrals.
- Provide instructions on how to complete forms.

Why Court Employees Can't Provide Legal Advice

Impartiality

Court employees have an **"absolute duty of impartiality."**



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