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Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center Educator Newsletter

CALENDAR

Nov 26–27	Closed, State Holidays
Dec 8–10	MSC Oral Arguments, Public Administrative Conference (Dec 10)*
Dec 24–25	Closed, State Holidays
Dec 31–	Closed, State Holidays
Jan 1	
Jan 12–14	MSC Oral Arguments, Public Administrative Conference (Jan 14)*
Jan 18	Closed, State Holiday
Jan 27	Public Administrative Conference, Public Hearing*
Feb 15	Closed, State Holiday

*Proceedings of the Michigan Supreme Court are broadcast on Michigan Government Television (MGTV). The State Bar of Michigan also archives proceedings online at www.michbar.org/courts/virtualcourt.cfm.

Happy Birthday

This issue marks one year for *Justitia*! Thank you for subscribing and for referring this publication to your colleagues. We hope that you read and enjoy every issue. Please email any comments, questions, or suggestions to LearningCenter-eNews@courts.mi.gov.



Tour the Learning Center in 2009–2010

Prime Reservation Times Still Available

It's not too late. A limited number of Learning Center tours are still available for the school year. The Center's award-winning gallery is filled with activities to help your students understand the Judicial Branch of Government and Core Democratic Values. To schedule, call 517-373-7171.

Connections to the Social Studies Content Expectations are located at <http://courts.michigan.gov/plc/resources/curriculum.htm>.

Law Day – May 3, 2010

What will the law be like when your students are grown? Legal minds are imagining what the answer might be. Join us for Law Day when we investigate the theme **Law in the 21st Century: Enduring Traditions, Emerging Challenges**.

The day's events will include:

- Tours to stimulate thought about the law now and in the future.
- Judges and other legal experts as guest speakers.
- Free curriculum materials for your classroom.

Limited tours are available. Call 517-373-7171 to schedule today. More information is also available at on the Learning Center's web site at <http://courts.michigan.gov/plc/resources/programs.htm>.



The secret is out! Law Day is a great experience for students.



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In Brief

Tribal Law

In Michigan there are twelve federally recognized American Indian tribes. Each tribe is a separate sovereign. Therefore, each has its own tribal government, existing under terms governed by treaties signed between the tribes and the federal government. Each tribe determines how its government functions and writes its own laws.

The tribes have jurisdiction in Indian Country, a phrase defined in federal law. Indian Country includes reservation lands and some other lands under tribal control.

Most tribes in Michigan exercise judicial authority through a tribal court. The courts have broad civil and criminal jurisdiction within the tribal community. The tribes' jurisdiction over non-members is more limited.

Under a court rule adopted by the Michigan Supreme Court in 1996, the judgments and orders of a tribal court are enforceable in state courts. State orders are likewise enforceable in tribal court, under provisions adopted by each of Michigan's tribal courts.

Indian Tribal Courts Located in Michigan

<http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/services/TribalCourts/tribal.htm>

Michigan's Tribal Governments

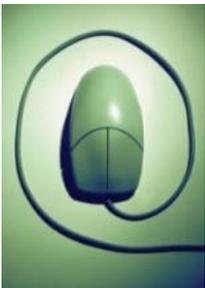
http://www.michigan.gov/som/0,1607,7-192-29701_41909---,00.html

Federally Recognized Tribes in Michigan

- Bay Mills Indian Community
- Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
- Gun Lake Tribe (Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians of Michigan)
- Hannahville Potawatomi Indian Community
- Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
- Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
- Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
- Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
- Nottawaseppi Huron Potawatomi
- Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians



Best of the Web ANISHNAABEG IN MICHIGAN



Elementary/Middle School – Michigan Indian Treaties Curriculum, Nokomis Center

<http://www.nokomis.org/teacherresources.php>

Lessons that discuss modern implications of past treaties and tribal sovereignty.

High School – People of the Three Fires: The Ottawa, Potawatomi, and Ojibway of Michigan (1986)

http://www.eric.ed.gov/ERICDocs/data/ericdocs2sql/content_storage_01/0000019b/80/20/a3/94.pdf

Book and workbook written for the high school level. The online version is free, but the reproduction quality is poor. Also available for purchase and at many local libraries.

Language and Culture – Gun Lake Tribe (Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band of Pottawatomi of Michigan)

<http://www.mbpi.org/Administration/languageculture.asp>

Downloadable information about the tribe's language.



The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association are accepting applications for the *We the People* Bookshelf project. Selected libraries will receive 17 books for young readers, as well as bonus materials for readers of all ages, for use in their communities. The books will complement library programs observing the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. Public and school (K-12) libraries are invited to apply online now through January 29, 2010, at publicprograms.ala.org/bookshelf.