1. Finding a law library

The Library of Michigan maintains an on-line Directory of Michigan Law Libraries. The directory indicates which libraries have on-line catalogs and which are open to the public. This list is the best source for a Michigan-based researcher looking for Michigan legal materials in print.

2. Help with legal research

Some libraries offer guides on how to do legal research using Michigan sources, including:

- How to Read Legal Citations (Davenport University)
- Sources of Michigan Legislative History (University of Michigan)
- Locating the Law (Oakland County Law Library)


In addition, the Michigan courts and the State Bar of Michigan each sponsor an on-line legal help center with helpful information and links relating to various legal topics:

- State Bar of Michigan Online Legal Help Center: https://lrs.michbar.org/
- The Michigan State Bar Foundation and the Legal Services Corporation also sponsor a Michigan Legal Help web site: http://michiganlegalhelp.org/

3. Links to specific Michigan legal resources:


**Executive Branch**
- List of state agency websites: https://www.michigan.gov/som/0,4669,7-192-29701_29702_30045---,00.html
- Michigan Administrative Code and Michigan Register: https://www.michigan.gov/opt/0,5880,7-338-35738_5698---,00.html
- Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Administrative Rules, Decisions & Digests – https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_10576_77525---,00.html
- Attorney General opinions: http://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,1607,7-164-20988---.00.html
- Tax forms: http://www.michigan.gov/taxes
Legislative Branch

Judicial Branch
- Case law (opinions of the Michigan Supreme Court and Michigan Court of Appeals): [http://courts.mi.gov/opinions_orders/Pages/default.aspx](http://courts.mi.gov/opinions_orders/Pages/default.aspx)
- Court Forms (State Court Administrative Office Approved): [http://courts.mi.gov/Administration/SCAO/Forms/Pages/default.aspx](http://courts.mi.gov/Administration/SCAO/Forms/Pages/default.aspx)

Local laws
- Michigan local government websites: [http://www.statelocalgov.net/local-mi.cfm](http://www.statelocalgov.net/local-mi.cfm)
- Michigan local ordinances: [https://www.law.msu.edu/library/substantive/local.html](https://www.law.msu.edu/library/substantive/local.html)

4. Michigan Law Pages on Legal Directories and Law School web sites

Another way to get started with legal research is to consult a legal directory which provides links to many Michigan law resources in one place, such as:

- Findlaw.com: [https://statelaws.findlaw.com/michigan-law.html](https://statelaws.findlaw.com/michigan-law.html)
- American Law Sources On-Line: [http://www.lawsource.com/also/usa.cgi?mi](http://www.lawsource.com/also/usa.cgi?mi)
- State Bar of Michigan: [https://lrs.michbar.org/](https://lrs.michbar.org/)

Michigan law school libraries also provide guides to Michigan legal resources on their web sites. See:
- Michigan State College of Law Library (Michigan Legal Resources)
- Thomas M. Cooley Law School Library (Michigan Major Legal Web Resources)
- University of Michigan Law School Library (Michigan Legal Research)
- Wayne State University Arthur Neef Law Library (Law: Michigan Legal Resources)

5. Legal databases

Check to see whether your local library or a public university library near you has a subscription to one of the specialized legal research databases such as Westlaw, Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe, or Fastcase. These services provide on-line access to Michigan cases, statutes, court rules, and other legal resources.