

Michigan Legal Help Websites

Legal help websites, when properly implemented, bridge the gap between uninformed members of the public who need help for a specific problem, and the legal professionals and resources that are available to provide a solution. Following is a non-exhaustive compilation of legal help websites, sponsored by the courts, the State Bar of Michigan, and other agencies and organizations. The information provided in the sites is not a substitute for the services of a licensed attorney.

Court-Sponsored Websites

The State Court Administrative Office has a self-help website at <http://www.courts.michigan.gov/scao/selfhelp/selfhelphome.htm>. This site provides links to information about finding an attorney; libraries and other resources; definitions; services, rights, and responsibilities; alternative dispute resolution; going to court; and the types of matters the courts handle.

The Michigan Court of Appeals offers pro per manuals for both appellants and appellees on its website at <http://courtofappeals.mijud.net/clerkoffice/ppmanual.htm>.

Calhoun County maintains a website at <http://courts.co.calhoun.mi.us/index.html>, which includes links and information about district court, circuit court, family court, probate court, and informational pamphlets on a variety of subjects.

The Kalamazoo County Circuit Court's self-help website at <http://www.kalcounty.com/Courts/proper.htm> includes information on conduct and courtroom etiquette, libraries, clinics, and available legal aid for indigents.

Washtenaw County provides information on small claims, mediation, domestic violence, and other topics at <http://courts.ewashtenaw.org/selfhelp.htm>.

The Wayne County Probate Court has links to information and pamphlets at its website at <http://www.wcpc.us/services/services.HTM>.

Bar-Sponsored Websites

The State Bar of Michigan has several online sites providing access to legal resources. A compilation of legal forms, research, resources, and publications is at <http://www.michbar.org/resources/legalforms.cfm>. Information on legal aid programs is available at http://www.michbar.org/public_resources/

[legalaid.cfm](http://www.michbar.org/public_resources/legalaid.cfm). The State Bar Committee on Libraries, Legal Research, and Legal Publications has a self-help web page at <http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/libraries/self-help.cfm>. Links include information on finding a lawyer, finding a law library, researching Michigan law, Michigan law websites, family law, elder law, criminal law, wills and trusts, and landlord tenant law.

Other Agencies and Organizations

The Michigan Legislature has a variety of informational pamphlets available online at <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/mileg.asp?page=publications>.

The Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries lists Michigan legal research sites at <http://web.mel.org/viewtopic.jsp?id=2638&pathid=3015>.

The State Appellate Defender Office has a link on its web page to self-help information, located at <http://www.sado.org/selfhelp.htm>.

The Michigan Poverty Law Program maintains a legal help website at <http://www.mi.lawhelp.org/MI/index.cfm>. This site includes information on consumer law, family law, elder law, housing law, help for farmworkers, and public benefits.

Prison Legal Services of Michigan has self-help resources, including information packets, on its website at http://www.plsminc.org/selfhelp_main.htm. ♦

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