

# LITIGATOR'S LIST

## Court Costs, Fees, and Information Sources

The following rates are subject to change. Please confirm with the specific courts.

### FEDERAL COURTS

#### U.S. Supreme Court—

<http://www.supremecourt.gov>

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|---|--------------|
| Petition for Writ of Certiorari . . . . .                         | \$300        |
| Admission to the Bar of the United States Supreme Court . . . . . | \$200        |
| Duplicate copy of admissions . . . . .                            | \$15         |
| Copying fees . . . . .  | no charge    |
| Certified copies . . . . .  | \$1 per page |
| Certificate of Good Standing . . . . .                            | \$10         |
| Supreme Court Rules — See website                                 |              |

#### U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit—

<http://www.ca6.uscourts.gov>

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| Appeal fee (payable to District Court Clerk) . . . . .                | \$500 |
| 28 USC 1913   |       |
| Search of court records, photocopies, and certification — See website |       |
| Admission to the Bar of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals . . . . .  | \$181 |

### U.S. DISTRICT COURTS

#### U.S. District Court - Eastern District—

<http://www.mied.uscourts.gov>

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| Admission fee . . . . .                     | \$300 |
| Certification, photocopy fees — See website |       |
| Civil filing fee—28 USC 1914 . . . . .      | \$400 |
| Notice of Appeal . . . . .                  | \$505 |

#### Bankruptcy Court - Eastern District—

<http://www.mieb.uscourts.gov>

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| Filing fees — See website                   |  |
| Certification, photocopy fees — See website |  |

#### U.S. District Court - Western District—

<http://www.miwed.uscourts.gov>

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|---|--------------|
| Admission fee . . . . .                     | \$205        |
| Civil filing fee—28 USC 1914 . . . . .      | \$400        |
| Habeas Corpus petition . . . . .            | \$5          |
| Notice of Appeal . . . . .                  | \$505        |
| Certification, photocopy fees — See website |              |
| Witness fee . . . . .                       | \$40 per day |

#### Bankruptcy Court - Western District—

<http://www.miwed.uscourts.gov>

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| Filing fees — See website                   |  |
| Certification, photocopy fees — See website |  |

### STATE COURTS

#### Supreme Court—

<http://courts.mi.gov/courts/michigansupremecourt/pages/default.aspx>

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| Application for Leave to Appeal or any original action                   |       |
| —MCR 7.319(C)(3) . . . . .   | \$375 |
| Electronic filing system fee—MCL 600.1986 . . . . .                      | \$25  |
| Motion for Immediate Consideration/Expedited Appeal . . . . .            | \$150 |
| Motion fee—7.319(C)(3) . . . . .   | \$75  |
| Additional appeal fee paid to Circuit Court Clerk                        |       |
| —MCL 600.2529 (1) (g) . . . . .  | \$25  |
| Certificate as Member in Good Standing of Bar (small document) . . . . . | \$10  |

#### Court of Appeals—

<http://courts.mi.gov/courts/coa/pages/default.aspx>

(Click on “Clerk’s Office” then “Internal Operating Procedures”)

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|---|-------|
| Entry fee for each lower court number . . . . .                       | \$375 |
| (claim, application, cross-appeal, or original action—MCL 600.321(1)) |       |
| Electronic filing system fee—MCL 600.1986 . . . . .                   | \$25  |
| Motion for Immediate Consideration . . . . .                          | \$200 |
| Motion to Expedite Appeal . . . . .                                   | \$200 |
| Motion fee—MCL 600.321(1) . . . . .                                   | \$100 |

#### Circuit Court—

<http://courts.mi.gov/courts/trialcourts/pages/default.aspx>

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| Filing fee—MCL 600.2529(a) . . . . .   | \$150                         |
| Electronic filing system fee—MCL 600.1986 . . . . .  | \$25                          |
| Motion fee—MCL 600.2529(1)(e) . . . . .  | \$20                          |
| Case evaluation panel member fees—MCR 2.403(H)   |                               |
| Attorney panel member . . . . .  | \$75                          |
| Judge member . . . . .   | \$50                          |
| Mediation - other general civil—See MCR 2.411(D)(1) - mediator entitled to reasonable compensation on an hourly rate |                               |
| Mediation - domestic relations— See MCR 3.216(J)   |                               |
| Jury trial fee payable on the day jury demand is filed   |                               |
| —MCL 600.2529(1)(c) . . . . .  | \$85                          |
| Garnishment fee, attachment fee, execution fee, judgment - debtor discover subpoena MCL 600.2529 (1)(h) . . . . .    | \$15                          |
| Certification fee —MCL 600.2546 . . . . .  | \$10 + \$1 per page           |
| Divorce filing fee . . . . .   | \$150 + one of the following: |
| Judgment fee   |                               |
| - In action in which support of minor child is determined . . . . .  | \$40                          |
| - In action in which custody or parenting time of minor children is determined . . . . .                             | \$80                          |
| Witness fee must be served on witness together with payment of one day’s attendance and mileage—MCR 2.506(G)(1)      |                               |
| Per day—MCL 600.2552 . . . . .   | \$12                          |
| Per half-day—MCL 600.2552 . . . . .  | \$6                           |

Mileage rate is benchmarked on the IRS rate and changes annually on January 1. See <http://www.michigan.gov/dtmb>— (Choose “Services & Facilities” then “Travel”) MCL 600.2552 (5)

Expert witness fee — by order of the court—MCL 600.2164

Attorney fees taxable as costs in Circuit Court —MCL 600.2405(6)

Proceedings before trial—MCL 600.2441(2)(a) . . . . . \$20

Motions that result in dismissal or judgment— MCL 600.2441(2)(b) . . . . . \$20

Attorney fee if trial is had—MCL 600.2441(2)(c) . . . . . \$150

If default or consent judgment is entered —MCL 600.2441(2)(e) . . . . . \$75

For taxable costs other than attorney fees, see MCL 600.2405 and MCL 600.2501

**District Court—**

See <http://courts.mi.gov/Administration/admin/Pages/Fines%2c-Fees%2c-Costs%2c-and-Rates.aspx>

Filing fee—MCL 600.8371

If claim is over \$10,000 . . . . . \$150

If claim is over \$1,750 to \$10,000 . . . . . \$65

If claim is over \$600 to \$1,750 . . . . . \$45

If claim is \$600 or less . . . . . \$25

Electronic filing system fee—MCL 600.1986

For civil actions filed in the district court, including summary proceedings actions . . . . . \$10

For civil actions filed in the district court if a claim for money damages is joined with a claim for relief other than money damages . . . . . \$20

For civil actions filed in the small claims division . . . . . \$5

Motion fee—MCL 600.8371(10) . . . . . \$20

Jury demand fee payable by party requesting the jury —MCL 600.8371(9) . . . . . \$50

Garnishment fee, attachment fee, execution fee, judgment debtor discovery subpoena — MCL 600.5757 . . . . . \$15

Summary proceedings fee — MCL 600.5756

For possession of premises only . . . . . \$45

When a claim for money damages is joined with a claim for relief for other than money damages, a supplemental fee is required:

If claim is over \$10,000 . . . . . \$150

If claim is over \$1,750 to \$10,000 . . . . . \$65

If claim is over \$600 to \$1,750 . . . . . \$45

If claim is \$600 or less . . . . . \$25

Small claims fees

If claim exceeds \$1,750 . . . . . \$65

If claim exceeds \$600 but does not exceed \$1,750 . . . . . \$45

If claim is \$600 or less . . . . . \$25

Appeal to Circuit Court

Fee to District Court Clerk—MCL 600.6536 . . . . . \$25

plus fee to Circuit Court Clerk—MCL 600.2529(1)(b) . . . . . \$150

Certified copy—MCL 600.2546 . . . . . \$10 + \$1 per page

**Probate Court—**

See <http://courts.mi.gov/Administration/SCAO/Pages/default.aspx>. Choose “Trial Court Administration,” “Fines, Fees, Costs, and Rates,” then “Probate Court Fee Schedule.”

Electronic filing system fee—MCL 600.1986 . . . . . \$25

**STATE AGENCIES**

**Secretary of State—Automobile and Driver Records**  
<http://www.michigan.gov/sos>

**Michigan State Police—Accident Reports**  
<http://www.michigan.gov/msp>

Forms and instructions available on the website under Freedom of Information Act Requests link.

**Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs—Corporate Records**  
<http://www.michigan.gov/lara>

**INTEREST ON MONEY JUDGMENTS**

<http://courts.mi.gov/Administration/admin/Pages/Fines%2c-Fees%2c-Costs%2c-and-Rates.aspx>