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Wash Law Legal Research on the Web: <http://www.washlaw.edu/>
Provides links to state, federal, international and foreign sources.

Thomas M. Cooley Law School Michigan Research Guide (Ardena Walsh):
http://www.cooley.edu/library/research_guides/Michigan_Web_Resources.pdf
More links.

Cornell Legal Information Institute: <http://www.law.cornell.edu/states/index.html>
(Search by jurisdiction or topic.)

Findlaw Cases and Codes: <http://www.findlaw.com/casecode/>

Findlaw Legal Forms: <http://www.findlaw.com/> > “Visit our professional site” > Forms

Findlaw Legal Newsletters by topic and jurisdiction: <http://www.findlaw.com/> > “Visit our professional site”
> Newsletters

Links to Findlaw pages for non-lawyers: <http://public.findlaw.com/>

Research Guides:

Georgetown Law Library – Free and Low Cost Legal Research:
<http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/freelowcost.cfm>

AALL’s Public Library Toolkit: <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/lisp/toolkit.htm>

AALL State Specific Toolkit for Michigan : <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/lisp/michigan.pdf>

How to Research a Legal Problem: A Guide for Non-Lawyers: <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/lisp/research.htm>

Georgetown Law Library – Research Guides for Jurisdictions:
http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/research/browse_jurisdictions.cfm

Michigan Research Guide: <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/states/michigan.cfm>

Michigan Specific Guides and Self-Help Sites:

Michigan Lawyer’s Weekly: <http://www.michlaw.com/> > Court Opinions; Legal News

Michigan Legal Aid – Legal Resource Library: http://www.michiganlegalaid.org/library_view

State Bar of Michigan – Michigan Legal Online Help Center:
<http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/libraries/selfhelp.cfm>

State Bar of Michigan Resources for the Public: <http://www.michbar.org/> > Public Resources

Michigan Courts Self-Help Center: <http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/libraries/selfhelp.cfm>

Michigan Topic Specific Sources (including national sources when appropriate)

Civil Rights, Persons with Disabilities:

- Michigan Civil Rights Commission:
http://www.michigan.gov/mdcr/0,1607,7-138-42240_43561-153171--,00.html
How to file a complaint.
- Americans with Disabilities Act – Legal Information Institute (Cornell):
http://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/index/php/Disability_law
- Civil Rights Division of the DOJ: <http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/>
- Americans with Disabilities Act: <http://www.ada.gov/>
- Ragged Edge – Resources for Disabled persons: <http://ragged-edge-mag.com>
- U.S. Social Security Administration – Benefits for People with Disabilities:
<http://www.ssa.gov/disability/>

Drunk Driving:

- Michigan OWI Laws & Procedure – Maze Legal Group: <http://www.owidenselaw.com/>
This website includes some excellent information on drunk driving charges, but it is a commercial site sponsored by a law firm.

Elder Law:

- Michigan Services for Seniors Brochure:
<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/publications/ServicesforSeniors.pdf>
- Michigan Poverty Law Program: <http://www.mplp.org/>
Includes information for senior citizens, immigrants, and low income individuals and families.

Estate Planning and Probate:

- American Bar Association Estate Planning Site: <http://www.abanet.org/rppt/public/home.html>
- Cornell's Estate and Trusts Law Materials:
Estate Planning: http://topics.law.cornell.edu/wex/Estate_Planning
Estate Taxes: http://topics.law.cornell.edu/wex/Estate_Tax
Estates & Trusts: http://topics.law.cornell.edu/wex/Estates_and_Trusts
- Crash Course on Wills and Trusts: <http://www.mtpalermo.com/httoc.htm>
Reviewed and approved by AARP.
- U. S. Social Security Administration: <http://www.ssa.gov/>
- Michigan Probate Process: <http://courts.co.calhoun.mi.us/notes000.htm>

Family Law:

- State Bar of Michigan – Family Law: <http://www.michbar.org/generalinfo/libraries/familylaw.cfm>
- Findlaw Family Law Center: <http://family.findlaw.com/>
- ABA Family Law Section: <http://www.abanet.org/family/>
- Michigan Domestic Relations Self Help page on Courts' website: <http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/selfhelp/intro/family/domrel.htm>

Foreclosure and Bankruptcy Information:

- Avoid Foreclosure – Michigan Attorney General: <http://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,1607,7-164-34391-180413--,00.html>
- Michigan Foreclosure Prevention Project: <http://miforeclosure.mplp.org/>
- Michigan Foreclosure Laws: http://www.foreclosurelaw.org/Michigan_Foreclosure_Law.htm ; http://www.foreclosure.com/statelaw_MI.html
- New Michigan foreclosure statutes -- 2009 Public Acts 29, 30 & 31: <http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2009-2010/publicact/pdf/2009-PA-0029.pdf>
<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2009-2010/publicact/pdf/2009-PA-0030.pdf>
<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2009-2010/publicact/pdf/2009-PA-0031.pdf>
- Michigan Bankruptcy Law (Commercial Websites): <http://www.michiganbankruptcy.com/> ; <http://www.thebankruptcysite.org/state/michigan.html>
- U.S. Bankruptcy Courts: <http://www.uscourts.gov/bankruptcycourts.html>
Provides links to forms, explanations of various kinds of bankruptcy.
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan: <http://www.mieb.uscourts.gov/>
Provides links to local forms and instructions.
- U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Michigan: <http://www.miwb.uscourts.gov/>
>General Information>Filing Without an Attorney:
 - [Pro-Se Debtor Guide](#)
 - [Filing for Bankruptcy Without an Attorney](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
 - [Types of Bankruptcy \(Audio\)](#)

Also includes a link to the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and consumer Protection Act of 2005.

Health Care Directives:

- Advance Directives/Living Wills – University of Michigan Health Systems:
<http://www.med.umich.edu/1libr/aha/umadvdir.htm>
Defines Advance Directives and Living Wills. Includes basic forms for Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, Living Will, Do-Not-Resuscitate Order.
- Advance Directives: Planning for Medical Care in the Event of Loss of Decision-Making Ability – State Bar of Michigan: <http://www.michbar.org/elderlaw/adpamphlet.cfm>
Defines advance directives and living wills, also includes information on organ donation.
- Consumer’s Toolkit for Health Care Advance Planning – ABA: <http://www.abanet.org/aging/toolkit/>

Identity Theft and Other Criminal Activity:

- Michigan State Police – Identity Theft Unit & Services: http://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,1607,7-123-1589_35832---,00.html
Includes contact information for Michigan State Police Identity Theft Unit, also provides access to resource information and forms.
- Michigan Criminal Law: <http://www.megalaw.com/mi/top/micriminal.php>
- ABA Primer on Criminal Law: <http://www.abanet.org/publiced/practical/criminal/basics.html>
- Kruglick’s Criminal Law: federal criminal law:
<http://www.findlaw.com/01topics/09criminal/index.html>
- White Collar Crime (Cornell’s overview):
http://topics.law.cornell.edu/wex/White-collar_crime
Also provides links to information on specific crimes.

Landlord Tenant Law:

- Landlord Tenant Guide from Michigan Legislature:
<http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/Publications/tenantlandlord.pdf>
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- Landlord Tenant Self Help – Michigan Courts:
http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/selfhelp/landlord/lt_help.htm

Selling/Buying a Home:

- Buying or Selling a Home – Calhoun County Courts: <http://courts.co.calhoun.mi.us/book020.htm>
Summary of the issues involved with buying or selling a home.
- Selling a House in Michigan – Lawyers.com:
<http://research.lawyers.com/Michigan/Selling-a-House-in-Michigan.html>
Pointers from a commercial firm.

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Small Business:

- Michigan Commercial Services & Corporations: <http://www.michigan.gov/cis/0,1607,7-154-35299---,00.html>
- U.S. Small Business Administration: <http://www.sba.gov/index.html>
- Michigan Economic Development Corporation: <http://www.michigan.org/medc/>

State and Federal Taxation

- Michigan Tax Tribunal: <http://www.michigan.gov/taxtri>
The Tribunal hears appeals for Michigan property, business and personal income tax issues.
- Michigan Department of Treasury: <http://mich.gov/treasury>
Information and forms regarding Michigan personal income, business, estates and property taxes.
- How to Avoid Tax Shelter Scams:
<http://www.taxprophet.com/hot/Trustscam.shtml> ; <http://www.son-of-boss.com/>
- Internal Revenue Service: <http://www.irs.ustreas.gov>
- IRS Forms: <http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/prod/forms>

Workers Compensation and Employment Law:

- An Overview of Workers Compensation in Michigan – Michigan Workers' Compensation Agency: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/wca_PUB-004_135317_7.pdf
- Michigan Employment Relations Commission (MERC decisions): http://www.michigan.gov/dleg/0,1607,7-154-10576_17485---,00.html
- Michigan Worker's Compensation Agency: <http://www.michigan.gov/wca>
- Michigan Worker's Compensation Appellate Commission (ACAC) decisions: http://www.dleg.state.mi.us/ham/wcac/sr_wcac.asp
- U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.dol.gov>
- Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP): <http://www.dol.gov/esa/owcp/index.htm>
- Wage and Hours Division (WHD): <http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd/index.htm>