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Citation or example	Name of authority	Website	URL
PA Example: 1969 PA 306	Michigan public act	Michigan Legislature	http://legislature.mi.gov , see “Public Acts (Signed Bills)” link. To find the current version of the act in the MCL, use the “Public Act MCL Search” link
MCL MCL 257.1801	Michigan Compiled Laws	Michigan Legislature	http://legislature.mi.gov , see MCL Keyword Search box
SB or HB 4497	Michigan bill	Michigan Legislature	http://legislature.mi.gov , see Bill Number Search box or “Bills” link for bills from an older session (from 1997 to date). It is only necessary to put in the number
MCLA or MCLS	Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated Michigan Compiled Laws Service	\$\$ - Lexis or Westlaw	Annotated editions of MCL. The text of the statute sections is the same as MCL. Access print source at a law library, see Michigan Directory of Law Libraries at http://www.michigan.gov/lawlibrary
P.L. P.L. 111-148	Public law (federal)	Thomas	http://thomas.loc.gov
U.S.C. 11 USC 354	United States Code	LII/Legal Information Institute (Cornell) GPO Access	http://www.law.cornell.edu www.gpoaccess.gov , www.fdsys.gov
H.R. or S. H.R. 3590	Congressional bill	Thomas	http://thomas.loc.gov
USCS or USCA	United States Code Annotated and United States Code Service	\$\$ - Lexis or Westlaw	Access to hard copy at law libraries, see Michigan Directory of Law Libraries at http://www.michigan.gov/lawlibrary
MI Admin C R 322.1	Michigan Administrative Code	State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules	http://www.michigan.gov/soahr , “MI Admin Code” link and then find rule by Numeric Range or Department
Proposed or final rules MR 2010 MR 17	Michigan Register	State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules	http://www.michigan.gov/soahr , “Michigan Register” link

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CFR 10 CFR 2.1509	Code of Federal Regulations	Electronic Code of Federal Regulations	http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov
FR 74 FR 67051	Federal Register	GPO Access	http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr
98cv104 98cr104 1 F Supp 456 201 F2d 233 U.S., LEd, SCt	Docket numbers (for obtaining filings in federal cases) and case citations from U.S. district, circuit and Supreme Court decisions	\$\$ -PACER US Courts LexisONE	http://www.pacer.gov , “Court Links” http://www.uscourts.gov (more recent decisions may be freely available) http://www.lexisone.com/caselaw/freecaselaw
123 Mich App 1 451 Mich 1	Michigan Court of Appeals Michigan Supreme Court	Michigan Court of Appeals Michigan Official Historical Reports	http://coa.courts.mi.gov , “Resources” link, then Court Opinions. http://government.westlaw.com/miofficial/historical There is also a link to this site from the MI Court of Appeals website
99-123456 DO	Michigan circuit court case number	Michigan Courts	http://courts.michigan.gov/scao/trial.htm Generally, circuit court cases are NOT available online. Some circuits have electronic docket or filings information available
MCR MCR 2.116	Michigan Court Rule	Michigan Court of Appeals	http://coa.courts.mi.gov/rules
OAG, 1985-1986, No 6406, p431 Op Atty Gen 6406	Michigan Attorney General Opinion	Michigan Attorney General	http://www.michigan.gov/ag , “Opinions” link
Additional info about state court procedures	Michigan Circuit Court Benchbook	Michigan Judicial Institute	http://www.courts.mi.gov/mji , “Publications” link
Additional source of citation information	Michigan Uniform System of Citation	Michigan Court of Appeals	http://coa.courts.mi.gov/rules under “Other Rules”