



**WAYNE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
GUIDE TO LOCATIONS AND
SERVICES FOR LITIGANTS**

CIVIL DIVISION

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center (CAYMC)

2 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226

- Matters involving claims of more than \$25,000
- Types of cases include medical malpractice, products liability, auto negligence, personal injury, contracts, employment discrimination & appeals from Wayne County District Courts & Administrative Agencies

FAMILY DIVISION-DOMESTIC RELATIONS SECTION

Coleman A. Young Municipal Center (CAYMC)

2 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226

- Divorce, paternity, custody, child support, personal protection orders, parental waivers, emancipation of minors, name changes, infectious diseases
- **Wayne County Friend of the Court (FOC), located in the Penobscot Building, 645 Griswold Street, Detroit MI 48226** assists the Domestic Relations courts in matters related to custody, parenting time & child support, with the goal of supporting the best interests of the children
- **24 hour case information access available at <http://www.michigan.gov/michildsupport>**

FAMILY DIVISION-JUVENILE SECTION

Lincoln Hall of Justice (LHJ)

1025 E. Forest Avenue, Detroit MI 48201

- Juvenile delinquency, child abuse & neglect, adoption, guardianship

CRIMINAL DIVISION

Frank Murphy Hall of Justice (FMHJ)

1441 St. Antoine Street, Detroit MI 48226

- Felony cases bound over from District Courts in Wayne County, District Court criminal appeals

WAYNE COUNTY PROBATE COURT

CAYMC- Located on 12th and 13th Floors

2 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226

- Decedents' estates, conservatorships, guardianships, involuntary mental health treatment
- Forms and information at <http://wcpc.us>

IMPORTANT COURT LOCATIONS IN CAYMC

2 Woodward Avenue, Detroit 48226

- **201 CAYMC** /Wayne County Clerk's Office – To file civil or domestic relations court documents
- **900A CAYMC**/FOC Branch Office - Where you take your FOC motions after filing them in 201
- **928 CAYMC** – Request, modify or terminate a Personal Protection Order (PPO)
- **770 CAYMC** – Order transcripts of court proceedings
- **1307 CAYMC** – Probate Court
- **1711 CAYMC** – Sheriff Detail
- **1909 CAYMC** – Child support payments

IMPORTANT COURT LOCATIONS FOR FOC

645 Griswold Street, Detroit 48226

Information in person: 1st Floor Penobscot

Information by phone: 1-844-785-7593

Information by website: www.3rdcc.org or

www.michigan.gov/michildsupport

Child Support Payments-1st Floor Information Service

To Resolve Bench Warrant-1st Floor Information Service

- **Rooms 1032 &1033:** Consent Hearings

IMPORTANT COURT LOCATIONS IN LHJ

1025 E. Forest Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201

- **330 LHJ, Bldg. A-**Administrations Dept.-General information and Court filings
- **LHJ Bldg. C-**Clinic for Child Study
- **LHJ 118, Bldg. B-**CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)
- **LHJ, Bldg. B-**Order transcripts

IMPORTANT COURT LOCATIONS IN FMHJ

1441 St. Antoine Street, Detroit, MI 48226

- **1st floor-**Pay court costs, post bonds, pay restitution
- **931 FMHJ**(Pre-trial services)-Report on personal bond
- **100 FMHJ**-Jury Services
- **917 FMHJ**-Order transcripts, request interpreters

Probation Dept. – 426 Clinton St., Detroit, 48226

To request an accommodation from the Circuit Court, email ADA-Accommodation-Request@3rdcc.org

RESOURCES FOR SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANTS

Michigan law prohibits court employees from giving legal advice

On-Site Assistance – Visitors have to go through security & comply with security requirements in that location.

- **Michigan Legal Self-Help Centers**
 - **1145 Penobscot Building (at the FOC), 645 Griswold, Detroit, Monday through Thursday, 9am-4pm (sign in by 2:30pm)**
 - **1901 CAYMC, 2 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Fridays 9am-4pm (sign in by 2:30pm)**
- Computers and Self-Help Center staff (called “navigators”) help visitors find information & court forms on the website & answer basic questions about court procedures.
- **Navigators cannot give legal advice.**
- **Salvation Army/William Booth Legal Aid Clinic**
784 CAYMC, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.
 - Free legal aid & assistance to qualifying individuals
 - Visitors must arrive early and sign in
 - 1st Thursday each month for default issues only
- **The Detroit Legal Services Clinic**
 - 13th Floor Penobscot Building on specific Tuesdays each month from 12pm to 3pm
 - Free legal advice from volunteer attorneys on domestic relations issues, expungement, self-representation, general civil law
 - See detroitlawyer.org/clinic or call (313) 961-6120 for dates

Wayne County Friend of the Court Outreach

- **UAW** – 15140 Livernois, Detroit MI 48238 – 1ST Friday of every month, 9am-3pm
- **ACCESS: Arab Community Center for Economic & Social Services** – 6450 Maple, Dearborn MI 48126 – 2nd Friday of every month, 9am-3pm
- **LA SED: Latin Americans for Social and Economic Development** – 4138 Vernor Hwy, Detroit MI 48209 – 2nd Friday of every month, 10am -4pm
- **Focus: HOPE** - 1200 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48238 – 4th Wednesday of every month, 9am-3 pm
- **Team Wellness Center** – 6309 Mack Avenue, Detroit MI 48207 – 4th Thursday of every month, 9am-3pm
- **Starfish Family Services-** 26429 Michigan Ave, Inkster 48141- 2nd Friday of every month
- **The Resource Network-** 11816 Jos Campau, Hamtramck 48212- 3rd Tuesday of every month

Check the Court's website for a monthly listing of these events (www.3rdcc.org – click on Family Domestic/FOC, then on Free Child Support Help)

Legal Representation

Lakeshore Legal Aid

<https://Lakeshorelegalaid.org>
New Clients: (888) 783-8190

Eligibility and Services: Eligibility is determined based on federal poverty guidelines and other factors. Provides legal representation and assistance in the following areas: family law, protection from abuse, housing (including foreclosure cases), consumer protection, public benefits, income tax, individual rights (such as making a will), estates and guardianships, expungement, education, LGBT rights, senior services, and driver's license restoration.

Southeastern Michigan Administrative Services Group (SEMASG) - Legal Aid and Defender Association (LADA)

<http://semasg.org/lada/> 613 Abbott Street, 6th Floor
Detroit, MI 48226
Legal help: (877) 964-4700
General Information: (844) 859-0363

Services Offered: Provides low-moderate income individuals with full representation in public benefits/SSI cases, tax foreclosure and mortgage foreclosure cases, and landlord-tenant cases. Provides legal counsel regarding bankruptcy, education issues, and to victims of human trafficking.

Eligibility Requirements: Eligibility is determined based on federal poverty guidelines. Generally, individuals at 125% FPG (income of \$15,075 for an individual, \$24,600 for a family of 4) will qualify for services. All potential clients must undergo screening to determine financial eligibility and ensure there are no conflicts of interest.

Free Legal Aid Clinic-Detroit

FLAC@detroitflac.com
5425 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, MI 48202
(313) 833-0058

Offers advice and direct representation in the area of family law to income-eligible individuals.

Elder Law Advocacy Center

(313) 937-8291
Offers direct representation to individuals aged 60 or older who reside in Wayne County in the areas of landlord-tenant law and probate.

Legal Self-Help

Michigan Legal Help

www.michiganlegalhelp.org

Self-help Centers:

- 645 Griswold (Penobscot Building), Room 1145, open 9-4, Monday-Thursday (sign in by 2:30)
- 1901 CAYMC, 2 Woodward Ave. in Detroit, Fridays 9-4 (sign in by 2:30)
- Spanish and English speakers at 5716 Michigan Avenue, Ste. 4100 in Detroit

Offer access to michiganlegalhelp.org and navigators to assist with use of website. **Website** offers legal information on topics such as housing/landlord-tenant issues, debt collection, and unemployment benefits.

Legal Aid Clinics

The Salvation Army William Booth Legal Aid Clinic

<http://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/emi/williamboothlegalaidclinic>

3737 Lawton, Detroit, MI 48208
(313) 361-6340

Assists with legal needs of individuals at or below federal poverty guidelines in the areas of family law, landlord-tenant, wills, expungements and driver's license restoration. **Clinics in Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, 2 Woodward Ave., Rm 784, Detroit, every Thursday of each month** (the 1st Thursday of the month is for default divorces only), beginning at 9:30 a.m.; ID and proof of income required.

Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services:

(313) 874-5820

Free Legal Aid Clinic-Detroit:

(313) 833-0058
FLAC@detroitflac.com

Detroit Legal Services Clinic: Staffed by volunteer attys. on specific Tuesday dates from 12-3 p.m. on 13th floor of Penobscot Bldg., 645 Griswold in Detroit. For dates, see detroitlawyer.org/clinic or call (313) 961-6120.

Hotlines

Counsel and Advocacy Law Line (CALL) - (888) 783-7024

CALL provides legal advice over the phone and free of charge on a wide range of issues.

Referrals

Michigan State Bar Referral Hotline

Consultations for \$25.
(800) 968-0738
www.michbar.org/programs/lawyerreferral.cfm

Modest Means Program

<http://lrs.michbar.org>

ONLINE RESOURCES

www.3rdcc.org - The Wayne County Circuit Court website contains a lot of helpful information, including Wayne County FOC forms with filing instructions, and information about e-filing.

<http://courts.mi.gov/Administration/SCAO/Forms/Pages/search-for-a-form.aspx>

Court forms approved for use by the State Court Administrative Office.

<http://courts.mi.gov/self-help/center/pages/default.aspx>

The State Court Administrative Office Self-Help Center is a useful resource for self-represented litigants.