

CARO AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY

LEGAL RESOURCES FOR THE PUBLIC

STARTING POINTS

COURTS

Tuscola County Circuit Court

Administrator – (989) 672-0075

Assignment and Mediation Clerks – (989) 673-3330

Collections Officer – (989) 672-0278

Probation/Parole – (989) 672-3760

Records Clerk – (989) 672-3775

Tuscola County District Court – (989) 672-3880

Magistrate – (989) 672-3790

Probation – (989) 672-3810

Tuscola County Family Division

Administrator – (989) 672-0075

Assignment Clerk – (989) 672-3852

Records Clerk – (989) 672-3783

Referee – (989) 673-4848 ext. 3214

[Tuscola County Friend of the Court](#) – (989) 673-4848

Tuscola County Juvenile Division – (989) 672-3855

Tuscola County Probate Court – (989) 672-3850

COURT FORMS

Michigan Court Forms – (includes divorce: forms available via library's website while on the grounds)

[Michigan Court Forms](#) – (limited to SCAO-approved forms only)

[Tuscola County Forms](#)

LAW ENFORCEMENT

[Caro Police Department](#) – (989) 673-2402

[Cass City Police Department](#) – (989) 872-2911

Central Dispatch – (989) 673-8738

Gagetown Police Department – (989) 665-9981

Kingston Township Police Department – (989) 683-2286

Mayville Police Department – (989) 843-5301

[Michigan State Police \(Caro Post\)](#) – (989) 673-2157

Millington Police Department – (989) 871-2412

[Reese Police Department](#) – (989) 868-4582

[Tuscola County Prosecuting Attorney](#) – (989) 673-3900

[Tuscola County Sheriff's Office](#) – (989) 673-8161

Unionville Police Department – (989) 674-2244

Vassar Police Department – (989) 823-8531

LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND SELF-HELP

[Michigan Legal Help](#)

[Legal Hotline for Michigan Seniors](#) – (800) 347-5297 – (age 60 and up)

[Lakeshore Legal Aid](#) – (888) 783-8190 – (civil help for seniors and low-income individuals)

[Michigan Indian Legal Services](#) – (800) 968-6877

[Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service](#) – (800) 288-5923 – (disability-related help)

[State Bar of Michigan](#) – (800) 968-0738 – (attorney referral)

[Center for Civil Justice](#) – (800) 724-7441 – (low-income individuals)

[Project SALUTE](#) (University of Detroit Mercy School of Law: disability and pension-related help for low-income veterans)

[Stateside Legal: Military Members, Veterans, and Their Families](#)

[American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan](#) – (313) 578-6800

Mediation – (800) 843-6394 – ([Human Development Commission](#): special education services to schools and families, agriculture, landlord / tenant disagreements, and others)

RESEARCH TOOLS

[American Association of Law Libraries: How to Research a Legal Problem: A Guide for Non-Lawyers](#)

[Michigan How-To Search Michigan Statutes Guide](#)

[Michigan Law Library: Research Guides](#)

[Michigan eLibrary Legal Gateway](#)

[Directory of Michigan Law Libraries](#)

[Michigan Constitution](#)

[Michigan Compiled Laws](#)

[Laws of the United States and Individual States](#)

[Michigan eLibrary: LegalTrac](#)

[FindLaw](#)

Westlaw (available at the library via public access computer – ask staff)

LIBRARY MATERIALS

Legal Research for Beginners: Practical Tips and Strategies Help Non-Lawyers Find Their Way Through the Complexities of Law to Do Their Own Legal Research by Sonja Larsen and John Bourdeau(1997) – Location: **340.07 BOU**

Complete Idiot's Guide to Your Civil Liberties by Michael Levin (2003) – Location: **342.73 LEV**

You Have the Right to Know Your Rights: What Teens Should Know by Maurene J. Hinds (2005) – Location: **YA 342.7308 HIN**

Seniors' Rights: Your Legal Guide to Living Life to the Fullest by Brette McWhorter Sember (2004) – Location: **342.7308 SEM**

More Justice, More Peace: The Black Person's Guide to the American Legal System by Nedra D. Campbell (2003) – Location: **343.73 CAM**

Family Legal Guide by the American Bar Association (2004) – Location: **R349.73 AME**

Michigan Law for Everyone: Plus Law Dictionary by Sherry A. Wells (1996) – Location: **R349.774 WEL**

Michigan eLibrary Recommendations: [Representing Yourself in Legal Matters](#)
(These items can be borrowed via interlibrary loan.)

BANRUPTCY AND DEBT

[Nolo: Bankruptcy Reference](#)

[Nolo: Debt Management and Collection Agencies](#)

[Michigan Legal Help: Consumer](#)

[Federal Trade Commission: Military Personnel](#)

[United States Bankruptcy Court: Eastern District of Michigan](#)

[United States Courts: Bankruptcy Basics](#)

LIBRARY MATERIALS

Everything You Need to Know About Credit Cards and Fiscal Responsibility by Meg Green (2001) – Location: **YA 332.765 GRE**

How to File for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy by Stephen Elias (2004) – Location: **346.73078 ELI**

Getting Paid: How to Collect From Bankrupt Debtors by Stephen R. Elias (2003) – Location: **346.73078 ELI**

The New Bankruptcy: Will it Work for You? by Stephen Elias (2007) – Location: **346.73078 NEW**

Chapter 13 Bankruptcy: Repay Your Debts by Robin Leonard (2004) – Location: **346.73078 LEO**

The Small Business Owner's Guide to Bankruptcy by Wendell Schollander and Wes Schollander (2003) – Location: **346.73078 SCH**

The Business Turnaround and Bankruptcy Kit by John Ventura (2003) – Location: **346.73078 VEN**

Representing Yourself in Court: How to Prepare and Try a Winning Case by Paul Bergman and Sara J. Berman-Barrett (2005) – Location: **347.735 REP**

Michigan eLibrary Recommendations: [Bankruptcy](#), [Credit](#), [Debtor and Creditor](#), [Foreclosure](#)
(These items can be borrowed via interlibrary loan.)

CONSUMER LAW

[Michigan Consumer Protection](#)

[Michigan's Lemon Law: Avoid Getting Stuck with a Lemon](#)

[Federal Trade Commission: Bureau of Consumer Protection](#)

[Federal Trade Commission: Identity Theft](#)

[Federal Trade Commission: Military Personnel](#)

LIBRARY MATERIALS

Credit Repair by Robin Leonard (2011) – Location: **332.743 CRE**

More Justice, More Peace: The Black Person's Guide to the American Legal System by Nedra D. Campbell (2003) – Location: **343.73 CAM**

The Foreclosure Survival Guide by Stephen Elias (2008) – Location: **346.7304 FOR**

Everybody's Guide to Small Claims Court by Ralph Warner (2008) – Location: **347.7328 EVE**

Representing Yourself in Court: How to Prepare and Try a Winning Case by Paul Bergman and Sara J. Berman-Barrett (2005) – Location: **347.735 REP**

Identity Theft : How to Protect Your Name, Your Credit and Your Vital Information – and What to do When Someone Hijacks Any of These by Kristin Loberg, Steven Son, Megan Thorpe, and James Walsh (2004) – Location: **364.163 IDE**

Return to Sender: Getting a Refund of Replacement for Your Lemon Car by Nancy Barron (2000) – Location: **629.222 BAR**

Michigan eLibrary Recommendations: [Credit](#), [Debtor and Creditor](#), [Foreclosure](#)
(These items can be borrowed via interlibrary loan.)

COPYRIGHT, TRADEMARKS, AND PATENTS

[Nolo: Patent, Copyright, and Trademark](#)

[Michigan Compiled Laws: Brands, Labels, and Trademarks](#)

[Michigan Compiled Laws: Names, Titles, Insignia, and Emblems](#)

[United States Patent and Trademark Office](#)

[United States Copyright Office](#)

[Stanford University: Copyright and Fair Use](#)

LIBRARY MATERIALS

Free Culture: How Big Media Uses Technology and the Law to Lock Down Culture and Control Creativity by Lawrence Lessig (2004) – Location: **343.7309 LES**

Patent, Copyright, and Trademark by Stephen Elias and Richard Stim (2006) – Location: **346.7304**

Every Writer's Guide to Copyright and Publishing Law by Ellen M. Kozak (2004) – Location: **346.7304 KOZ**

Patent It Yourself by David Pressman (2004) – Location: **346.7304 PRE**

The Illustrated Story of Copyright by Edward Samuels (2000) – Location: **346.7304 SAM**

Patent, Copyright and Trademark: An Intellectual Property Desk Reference by Richard Stim (2006) – Location: **346.7304 STI**

The Copyright Guide: A Friendly Handbook to Protecting and Profiting from Copyrights by Lee Wilson (2003) – Location: **346.7304 WIL**

Downloading Copyrighted Stuff from the Internet: Stealing or Fair Use? by Sherri Mabry Gordon – Location: **YA 346.730482 GOR**

Patents and Trademarks Plain and Simple by Michael H. Jester (2003) – Location: **608.773 JES**

CRIMINAL LAW

[Nolo: Criminal Law](#)

[Nolo: DUI / DWI and Traffic Tickets Center](#)

[Michigan Penal Code](#)

[Michigan Compiled Laws: Code of Criminal Procedure](#)

[Michigan Compiled Laws: Criminal Procedure](#)

[Michigan Compiled Laws: Crimes and Offenses](#)

[Michigan Legal Help: Expungement](#)

[Michigan Department of Community Health: Crime Victim Services](#)

[Michigan Department of Corrections](#)

[Michigan State Appellate Defender Office and Criminal Defense Resource Center](#)

[Code of Laws of the United States](#)

[Stateside Legal: Military Members, Veterans, and Their Families](#)

LIBRARY MATERIALS

The Rights of the People: How Our Search for Safety Invades our Liberties by David K. Shipler (2011) – Location: **323.0973 SHI**

More Justice, More Peace: The Black Person's Guide to the American Legal System by Nedra D. Campbell (2003) – Location: **343.73 CAM**

Nolo's Encyclopedia of Everyday Law by Shae Irving (1998) – Location: **349.73 NOL**

Michigan Law for Everyone: Plus Law Dictionary by Sherry A. Wells (1996) – Location: **R349.774 WEL**

Michigan eLibrary Recommendations: [Criminal Law](#), [Representing Yourself in Legal Matters](#)
(These items can be borrowed via interlibrary loan.)

EMPLOYMENT

[Nolo: Employment Law](#)

[Nolo: Disability Law](#)

[Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs](#)

[Michigan Compiled Laws: Miscellaneous Labor Laws](#)

[Michigan Compiled Laws: Labor Disputes and Employment Relations](#)

[Michigan Rehabilitation Services](#)

[Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#)

[Cornell University Law School: Fair Labor Standards](#)

[United States Department of Labor](#)

[Stateside Legal: Military Members, Veterans, and Their Families](#)

LIBRARY MATERIALS

Sexual Harassment in the Workplace by Mary L. Boland (2005) – Location: **344.7301 BOL**

The Employer's Legal Handbook by Fred S. Steingold (2007) – Location: **344.7301 EMP**

Employers's Rights: Your Legal Handbook from Hiring to Termination and Everything in Between by Charles H. Fleischer (2004) – Location: **344.7301 FLE**

Age Discrimination in the American Workplace: Old at a Young Age by Raymond F. Gregory (2001) – Location: **344.7301 GRE**

The Essential Guide to Family and Medical Leave by Lisa Guerin & Deborah C. England (2007) – Location: **344.7301 GUE**

The Employer's Legal Advisor: Handling Problem Employees Effectively, Knowing When and How to Work with an Attorney, Staying Out of Court – or Winning Your Case if You Get There by Thomas M. Hanna (2007) – Location: **344.7301 HAN**

ESTATE PLANNING, TRUSTS, AND PROBATE

[Nolo: Estate Planning](#)

[State Bar of Michigan: Wills, Estate Planning, and Probate](#)

[Michigan Compiled Laws: Probate Code](#)

[Michigan Compiled Laws: Probate](#)

[Michigan Compiled Laws: Estates and Protected Individuals Code](#)

[Stateside Legal: Military Members, Veterans, and Their Families](#)

LIBRARY MATERIALS

Seniors' Rights: Your Legal Guide to Living Life to the Fullest by Brette McWhorter Sember (2004) – Location: **342.7308 SEM**

The Alzheimer's Advisor: A Caregiver's Guide to Dealing with Tough Legal and Practical Issues by Vaughn E. James (2009) – Location: **344.7304 JAM**

AARP Crash Course in Estate Planning: The Essential Guide to Wills, Trusts, and Your Personal Legacy by Michael T. Palermo (2005) – Location: **346.73052 PAL**

Plan Your Estate by Denis Clifford and Cora Jordan (2012) – Location: **346.73052 PLA**

8 Ways to Avoid Probate by Mary Randolph (2004) – Location: **346.73052 RAN**

The Michigan Estate Planning Book: A Complete Do-It Yourself Guide to Planning an Estate in Michigan by Michael Maran (2000) – Location: **346.774 MAR**

Guiding Those Left Behind in Michigan: Settling the Affairs of Your Loved One by Amelia E. Pohl and Steven T. Lett (2005) – Location: **346.774 POH**

Long-Term Care: How to Plan and Pay for It by Joseph L. Matthews (2010) – Location: **362.16 LON**

Michigan eLibrary Recommendations: [Estate Planning](#), [Executors and Administrators](#), [Wills](#)
(These items can be borrowed via interlibrary loan.)

FAMILY LAW

[Nolo: Divorce and Family Law](#)

[State Bar of Michigan: Family Law](#)

[Michigan Legal Help: Family Law](#)

[Michigan Legal Help: Protection from Abuse](#)

[Stateside Legal: Military Members, Veterans, and Their Families](#)

[State of Michigan: Domestic Violence](#)

[Michigan Compiled Laws: Marriage](#)

[Michigan Compiled Laws: Divorce](#)

LIBRARY MATERIALS

But Dad! A Survival Guide for Single Fathers of Tween and Teen Daughters by Gretchen Gross and Patricia Livingston (2012) – Location: **306.8742 GRO**

The Good Divorce: How to Walk Away Financially Sound and Emotionally Happy by Raoul Felder and Barbara Victor (2011) – Location: **306.89 FEL**

More Justice, More Peace: The Black Person's Guide to the American Legal System by Nedra D. Campbell (2003) – Location: **343.73 CAM**

Rightfully Yours: How to Get Past-Due Child Support, Alimony, and Your Ex's Pension by Gary A. Shulman (2002) – Location: **346.7301 SHU**

Grandparents' Rights: Your Legal Guide to Protecting Your Relationship with Your Grandchildren by Traci Truly (2005) – Location: **346.7301 TRU**

Living Together: A Legal Guide for Unmarried Couples by Ralph Warner, Tonu Ilara, and Frederick Hertz (2001) – Location: **346.73016**

Nolo's Essential Guide to Child Custody and Support by Emily Doskow (2011) – Location: **346.730173 DOS**

Put it in Writing! Creating Agreements Between Family and Friends by Deborah Hutchison and Lynn Toler (2009) – Location: **346.7302 HUT**

The Michigan Divorce Book: A Guide to Doing an Uncontested Divorce Without an Attorney: Without Minor Children by Michael Maran (2007) – Location: **346.774 MAR**

The Michigan Divorce Book: A Guide to Doing an Uncontested Divorce Without an Attorney: With Minor Children by Michael Maran (2007) – Location: **R346.774 MAR**

After the Divorce: A Do-It Yourself Guide to Enforcing or Modifying a Divorce Judgment in Michigan by Michael Maran (1999) – Location: **R346.744 MAR**

Representing Yourself in Court: How to Prepare and Try a Winning Case by Paul Bergman and Sara J. Berman-Barrett (2005) – Location: **347.735 REP**

The Parents' Guide to Psychological First Aid: Helping Children and Adolescents Cope with Predictable Life Crises edited by Gerald P. Koocher and Annette M. La Greca (2011) – Location: **649.1 PAR**

Michigan eLibrary Recommendations: [Custody of Children](#), [Divorce](#), [Domestic Relations](#), [Grandparents' Rights](#), [Parent and Child](#), [Single Parents](#)

(These items can be borrowed via interlibrary loan.)

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION

[Nolo: Immigration Law](#)

[United States Citizenship and Immigration Services](#)

[Stateside Legal: Military Members, Veterans, and Their Families](#)

[Code of Laws of the United States: Aliens and Nationality](#)

[Immigration Law Help: Michigan](#) (low income clients)

[Michigan Immigrant Rights Center](#)

[CitizenshipWorks](#)

LIBRARY MATERIALS

Everything You Need to Know if You and Your Parents are New Americans by Edward J. Santos (2002) – Location: **YA 304.873 SAN**

Practice for U.S. Citizenship and Legalization of Status Tests by Carlos F. Paz (1990) – Location: **323.6 PAZ**

Michigan eLibrary Recommendations: [Immigration](#)

(These items can be borrowed via interlibrary loan.)

LANDLORDS AND TENANTS

[Nolo: Landlords and Rental Property](#)

[Nolo: Renters' and Tenants' Rights](#)

[Michigan Legal Help: Housing](#)

[Stateside Legal: Military Members, Veterans, and Their Families](#)

[Michigan State Housing Development Authority](#)

[U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: Michigan](#)

LIBRARY MATERIALS

The Successful Landlord: How to Make Money Without Making Yourself Nuts by Kenneth Roth (2004) – Location: **333.5068 ROT**

More Justice, More Peace: The Black Person's Guide to the American Legal System by Nedra D. Campbell (2003) – Location: **343.73 CAM**

Renters' Rights by Janet Portman and Marcia Stewart (1999) – Location: **346.7304**

Michigan eLibrary Recommendations: [Landlord and Tenant](#), [Rental Housing](#)

(These items can be borrowed via interlibrary loan.)

NEIGHBOR LAW

[Nolo: Michigan Laws on Property Disputes Between Neighbors](#)

[Tuscola County Ordinances](#)

[Akron Township](#)

[Almer Township](#)

[Arbela Township](#)

[Columbia Township](#)

[Dayton Township](#)

[Denmark Township](#)

[Elkland Township](#)

[Ellington Township](#)

[Elmwood Township](#)

[Fairgrove Township](#)

[Fremont Township](#)

[Gilford Township](#)

[Indianfields Township](#)

[Juniata Township](#)

[Kingston Township](#)

[Koylton Township](#)

[Millington Township](#)

[Novesta Township](#)

[Tuscola Township](#)

[Vassar Township](#)

[Watertown Township](#)

[Wells Township](#)

[Wisner Township](#)

LIBRARY MATERIALS

Neighbor Law: Fences, Trees, Boundaries and Noise by Cora Jordan and Emily Doskow (1991) – Location: **346.7304 NEI**

REAL ESTATE

[Nolo: Real Estate](#)

[Stateside Legal: Military Members, Veterans, and Their Families](#)

[Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs: Real Estate Brokers](#)

[Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs: Construction Code](#)

[State Bar Association of Michigan: Land Title Standards](#)

[FindLaw: Michigan Property and Real Estate Laws](#)

[Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development: Farmland Preservation](#)

LIBRARY MATERIALS

Real Estate License Examinations: A Complete Guide to Salesperson, Broker, and Appraisal Exams by Joseph Martin (2002) – Location: **333.33 MAR**

Michigan Real Estate: Principles and Practices by Marge Fraser (2004) – Location: **346.77404 FRA**

The Frugal Homeowner's Guide to Buying, Selling and Improving Your Home by Julie Garton-Good (1999) – Location: **643.12 GAR**

Sell Your Home in Any Market: 50 Surprisingly Simple Strategies for Getting Top Dollar Fast by Jim Remley (2008) – Location: **643.12 REM**

SMALL BUSINESSES

[Nolo: Small Businesses](#)

[Nolo: Business Formation](#)

[Michigan Non-Profit Association](#)

[Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs: Business Services](#)

[Michigan Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Act](#)

LIBRARY MATERIALS

Incorporate Your Business: When to Do It and How by Robert A. Cooke (2005) – Location: **346.7306 COO**

Incorporate! An Easy Step-by-Step Plan for Entrepreneurs by Karen B. Nathan and Alice H. Magos (2003) – Location: **346.7306 NAT**

Legal Guide for Starting and Running a Small Business by Fred S. Steingold (2005) – Location: **346.7306 STE**

Establishing a Charitable Foundation in Michigan by Duane L. Tarnacki (1996) – Location: **346.774 TAR**

Starting and Building a Nonprofit: A Practical Guide by Peri H. Pakroo (2011) – Location: **658.048 STA**

TAX

[Nolo: Taxes](#)

[State of Michigan: Taxes](#)

[Internal Revenue Service](#)

[Internal Revenue Service: Tax Code, Regulations and Official Guidance](#)

LIBRARY MATERIALS

Tax Reform by James John Jurinski (2000) – Location: **343.7304 JUR**

Easy Ways to Lower Your Taxes: Simple Strategies Every Taxpayer Should Know by Stephen Fishman (2008) – Location: **343.7305 FIS**

Tax Power for the Self-Employed: Straightforward Advice from an Expert by James O. Parker (2005) – Location: **343.7305 PAR**

The IRS Problem Solver: From Audits to Assessments – How to Solve Your Tax Problems and Keep the IRS Off Your Back by Daniel J. Pilla (2004) – Location: **343.7304 PIL**