

INTRODUCTION TO 2026 EDITION

This Handbook is meant to be a comprehensive source of all of the many legal rules that govern criminal prosecutions in the courts of Michigan. New and revised rules have been added throughout the book, and case discussions and author commentary have been updated.

Chapter 1 provides the text of the Michigan Rules of Criminal Procedure and the Authors' Commentary on them. These rules are the basic and often the ultimate source of law governing criminal procedure in Michigan. The subchapters are:

- 6.000 General Provisions
- 6.100 Preliminary Proceedings
- 6.200 Discovery
- 6.300 Pleas
- 6.400 Trials
- 6.500 Post-Appeal Relief
- 6.600 Criminal Procedure in District Court
- 6.900 Juveniles in Circuit or District Court

Chapters 2 and 3 cover sentencing:

- Chapter 2 Michigan Sentencing Guidelines Statutes and Authors' Commentary
- Chapter 3 Michigan Sentencing Guidelines Manual

Chapters 4-10 contain further sources of law governing Michigan criminal procedure:

- Chapter 4 Selected Michigan Criminal Procedure Statutes
- Chapter 5 Selected Civil Procedure Provisions
- Chapter 6 Michigan Rules of Evidence
- Chapter 7 Michigan Supreme Court Administrative Orders
- Chapter 8 Selected Provisions of the U.S. and Michigan Constitutions
- Chapter 9 Michigan Juvenile Court Statutes
- Chapter 10 Criminal Provisions of the Michigan Mental Health Code

Chapters 11 to 14 contain definitions of offenses and other substantive matters:

- Chapter 11 Michigan Penal Code
- Chapter 12 Michigan Controlled Substances Act
- Chapter 13 Selected Provisions of the Michigan Vehicle Code
- Chapter 14 Michigan Sex Offender Registry Act