

Order of Business
For Oral Arguments before the Michigan Supreme Court

- The Crier bangs the gavel to call the Court into session.
- The Justices file into the courtroom in the order in which they are seated
- The Chief Justice calls each case to be heard
- The attorney for the appellant presents his/her argument for initiating the appeal
- The Justices may ask questions of that attorney at that time
- The attorney for the appellee presents her/his argument
- The Justices may ask questions of that attorney at that time
- The attorney for the appellant may then use time for a rebuttal if they so requested and have reserved time during their initial oral argument.
- If several cases have been argued together due to similar legal issues, the attorney for each appellant and each appellee is allocated approximately fifteen minutes for their argument

Explanation of Terms used in the order of business for oral arguments

- Appellant: A person who initiates, or starts, an appeal from one court to another
- Appellee: The party in a lawsuit against whom an appeal has been taken
- Crier: The person who calls the court into session and announces the start of session. Crier also serves as timekeeper and records official actions taken by the Court.
- Rebuttal: To answer or explain, to disprove evidence produced by the party.