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The LDF prepares and files amicus briefs in Michigan and federal courts.



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Examples of cases in which the LDF has filed amicus briefs:

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RELIGIOUS RIGHTS v ZONING AUTHORITY

The Greater Bible Way Temple wanted to build an apartment complex contrary to the city's zoning plan. In a very significant decision, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled in favor of the city's zoning authority.

– *Greater Bible Way Temple v City of Jackson*



IS A CITY LIABLE FOR POLICE PURSUITS?

The Michigan Supreme Court ruled a police pursuit resulting in injury or death to a passenger is not necessarily a negligent use of a motor vehicle. This favorable decision limits the scope of a city's liability. (The MML Liability and Property Pool joined the LDF in this amicus brief.)

– *Robinson v City of Detroit*



MEDICAL MARIJUANA

In a key medical marijuana case, the LDF filed an amicus brief focusing on the importance of local control. While the Supreme Court did not uphold the particular ordinance before the Court, significantly the decision stated that "... we do not hold, that the MMMA forecloses all local regulation of marijuana...."

– *Ter Beek v City of Wyoming*



CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AUTHORITY

The Michigan uniform act reduced local control over cable television franchising. The federal district court held that portions of the act are preempted by federal law, which protects local authority.

– *City of Detroit v State of Michigan and Comcast of Detroit*



IS YOUR COMMUNITY A MEMBER OF THE LDF?



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The Legal Defense Fund is the Michigan Municipal League's advocacy arm in Michigan and federal courts.

LDF participates in cases that have the most significant impact on Michigan communities.

LDF cases represent a broad range of issues such as medical marijuana; protecting local zoning authority; reducing municipal liability; protecting local cable television franchise authority; clarifying and protecting local interests regarding the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act; and local control of billboards.

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