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Not the kind of list Michigan wants to rank on

New Judicial Hellholes® report shows state's capital city ranking No. 6

(Lansing, Mich.) – The Michigan Chamber released the following statement from Wendy Block, senior vice president of business advocacy, in response to the American Tort Reform Foundation's just-released 2023-24 annual *Judicial Hellholes* report that landed Lansing among the most challenging justice climates:

"It is alarming to see Lansing landing on the 2023-24 Judicial Hellholes list. This unfortunate ranking should serve as a warning to the Michigan Legislature and Michigan Supreme Court to be cautious in the rush to overturn longstanding laws and legal precedent. A state's litigation climate is a significant factor for job providers in determining growth and expansion plans. Michigan's policymakers should take note. A stable, predictable and fair legal system is essential to protecting the state's hardworking families, taxpayers and businesses, upholding faith in this system, and ensuring Michigan can reach its economic potential."

The full report can be viewed <u>here</u>.

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