



Maryland Legal Forms

Quick Tips

What can “form” mean?

- ▶ Standardized -> Filed with a court
- ▶ Unrestricted -> Not filed with a court

Remember

There is not a form for every legal action.

May Include:

- ▶ Powers of Attorney (POA)
- ▶ Property Ownership (deeds)
- ▶ Wills and Trusts
- ▶ Advance Directives
- ▶ Guardianships
- ▶ Supported Decision Making (SDM)

Common Issues

- ▶ Types and wording of documents
- ▶ Filing or storage of documents
- ▶ Updating and changing documents
- ▶ Structuring guardianships

What you need to know

- ▶ Where, geographically?
- ▶ What court?
- ▶ What type of matter?
- ▶ Narrow the topic
- ▶ Narrow the goal

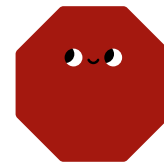
We can offer

- ▶ Templates or samples to choose from
- ▶ Materials that talk about the topic



We cannot offer

- ▶ The perfect form
- ▶ Answers to fill-in-the-blanks



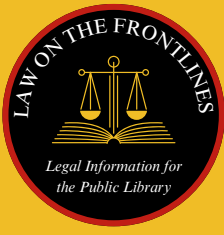
Where to Look for Maryland Forms

- ▶ Maryland Courts Website - [Court Forms](#) and access to [Guide & File](#)
- ▶ Maryland Rules - information about content, structure
- ▶ Maryland Code - statutory forms
- ▶ People’s Law Library - [Find Court and Legal Forms](#)

Other sources of “forms”

- ▶ Government agency websites
- ▶ Federal court sites
- ▶ Books - sample forms in many legal treatises
- ▶ Databases - GALE and others provide examples
- ▶ Websites - be sure to check for reliability





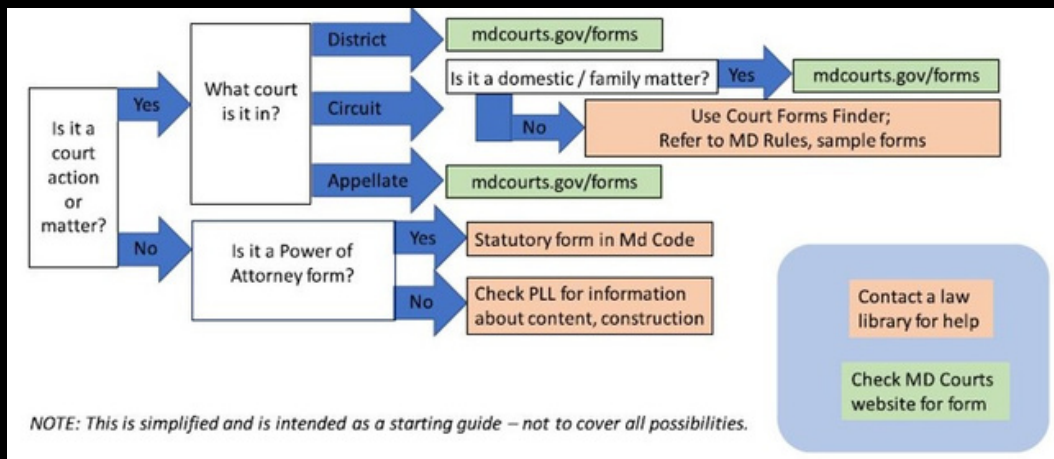
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Help with completing forms

- [Court Help Centers](#)
- [PLL Legal Services Directory](#)
- [PLL Legal Clinic Calendar](#)
- Lawyer in the Library
- General civil clinics
- Family law help centers in Circuit Courts



Checklist for finding Maryland Court Forms



Best Practices

- Rephrase the question
- Gather details (who, what, when, where, other)
- Identify the type of need (info, law text, legal assistance, govt. service forms)
- Identify the broad topic & terms
- Locate descriptive sources (about the law - secondary sources)
- Find applicable law if needed (primary source)
- Find referrals

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