

Advancing Justice:

*Access and Navigate Maryland Legal Information, Court Tools,
and Resources*



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About Us



Lee Sampson is the Head of Web Content and Services at the Thurgood Marshall State Law Library, which he joined in 2017. Lee oversees the People's Law Library, Thurgood Marshall State Law Library website, and other technology projects. As a burgeoning librarian, Lee also provides reference services. Lee's outreach and education initiatives include presentations and trainings on court resources, cybersecurity, and the Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC) system.

Lee is active in the Maryland State Bar Association and Pro Bono Coordinating Council. Lee received his JD from the University of Maryland Carey School of Law and is currently seeking his MLS from the University of Maryland iSchool.



Chi Song is the Web Services Librarian at the Thurgood Marshall State Law Library, which she joined in 2016 as the Discovery Services Librarian. As the Web Service Librarian, Chi develops and updates content for the People's Law Library of Maryland and assists with the Library's technology development efforts. Chi also provides reference and research services to the Library's diverse patron population, including the Judiciary and self-represented litigants. Chi's outreach activities include presentations and trainings on legal research topics, the public-facing components of the Maryland Electronic Courts (MDEC), and Library services and resources.

Chi is active with the Law Library Association of Maryland (LLAM) and currently serves on the Executive Board as the Immediate Past President. Chi received her MLS from the University of Maryland iSchool and her JD from the University of Illinois College of Law.



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Legal Information

Discover general knowledge that is the same for anyone who asks.



Court Information

Find information about a specific case, court, or hearing type.



Court Tools

Identify resources offered by the MD Courts to accomplish specific tasks (e.g., court forms).



Referrals

Connect to organizations that can provide individualized assistance.

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Discover general knowledge that is the same for anyone who asks.



Web Resources

People's Law Library

Thurgood Marshall State Law Library

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Statutes and Court Rules



HOW DO I...?

- Evaluate My Situation
- Alternatives to Court
- Get Help
- Legal Research
- Start/Respond to a Case
- Discovery and Evidence
- Prepare for Court
- Judgments
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LEGAL SERVICES DIRECTORY

Enter your county and the type of service you need. Or [CLICK HERE](#) to see all providers in the directory.

Keyword	County	Category
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="- Any -"/>	<input type="text" value="- Any -"/>

[FIND A SERVICE PROVIDER](#)

MARYLAND COURT HELP CENTER

Call or chat with a lawyer about your civil legal matter, at no cost
8:30 am - 8:00 pm, Mon - Fri



[410-260-1392](#)

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HOW DO I...?

COVID-19, Evaluate My Situation, Alternatives to Court, Get Help, Legal Research, More...

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Bankruptcy, Contracts, Credit: Debts & Loans, Identity Theft, More...

Consumer's Rights, More...

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Find a free upcoming clinic near you

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ASK A MARYLAND LAW LIBRARIAN

Submit a legal information question

People's Law Library



- Instructional articles
 - “How do I...?”
 - 75+
- Topical articles
 - Encyclopedia of substantive law
 - 400+
- Legal Services Directory and Clinic Calendar
- Help Center Live Chat and Ask a Law Librarian

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Child Custody in Maryland

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What's New?



The Library is open for in-person use without prescheduled appointments.

Library visitors must follow the library's COVID-19 health measures. Face masks are

are available on a first-come, first-served basis (15-minute limit if patrons are waiting).

April 7, 2022

Research at Your Fingertips

Welcome to the Thurgood Marshall State Law Library. We are open for visitors without an appointment.

Our public computer stations are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Staff will impose a 15-minute limit if patrons are waiting.

The internet and our databases are accessible via WiFi. If you bring a laptop, time restrictions will not apply.

If you bring a flash drive, you may scan items using our photocopiers at no cost. Otherwise, standard copier and printer fees will apply. (April 4, 2022)

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✉ lawlibrary@mdcourts.gov
☎ 410-260-1430
888-216-8156 (MD toll-free)

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The Thurgood Marshall State Law Library has an extensive collection of primary and secondary sources focusing on Maryland law. Many of these resources are available online, but some require physical presence at the Library to access.

[Maryland Code](#) | [County and Municipal Codes](#) | [Court Rules](#) | [Case Law](#) |
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Maryland Code and Laws of Maryland

Maryland statutes are passed by the General Assembly, Maryland's legislative body. The Laws of the State of Maryland is a chronological collection of laws passed by the General Assembly.

The Maryland Code is a compilation of the statutes currently in effect and is generally organized by subject (e.g., Criminal Law Article, Family Law Article).

The Maryland House and Senate Journals are records of the proceedings of the Maryland House of Delegates and the Maryland Senate Sessions.

[Explore your options here](#)

County and Municipal Codes

The Library has compiled links to all Maryland county codes, and links to the many available links to city and municipal codes. Note: Baltimore City is listed with the county codes.

- [County Codes \(including Baltimore City\)](#)
 - [City and Municipal Codes](#)
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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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- [Maryland Municipal Codes](#)
- [Maryland Publications](#)
- [Scanned Collections](#)
- [Task Force Reports](#)

Maryland Law Collections



Gateway to Maryland Law (Current)



State Publications (e.g., Task Force Reports)



Law Reviews and Journals



Superseded Laws



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The Thurgood Marshall State Law Library has an extensive collection of legal databases. The databases listed below are available to library patrons free of charge from the library's public access computers. Most are also available throughout the judiciary network, including the [Library's public WiFi connection](#). By using these databases the user agrees to the publisher's terms of use.

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Online Legal Research

Judiciary Staff can visit the [About Judiciary Services page](#) for information about Westlaw Edge, LexisNexis Digital Library, and CALI (Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction) access.

Westlaw Public Access

Access via Library WiFi and public computers.* Limited seats.

Search for primary legal materials. Includes U.S. case law, codes and regulations.

HeinOnline

Availability: Library public computers, WiFi, Judiciary Network

Database of full-image, full-text legal journal articles from the [Law Journal Library](#), [Restatements](#), [Uniform Laws and State Session Laws](#), [Attorney General Opinions](#) and [Statutes and Reporters](#).

KEY RESOURCES

- [Research Guides](#)
- [Guide to Maryland Legislative History](#)
- [Maryland Code Research](#)

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Court of Appeals affirms Report of Special Magistrate; 2022 primary election date remains July 19

For final deadline dates, read the full advisory [here](#).

Judge Geoffrey G. Hengerer named administrative judge for the District Court in Baltimore City

Governor Hogan Names New Chief Judge

Chief Judge Getty issues statement on chief judge appointment

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Talk to a lawyer for free at the Court Help Center

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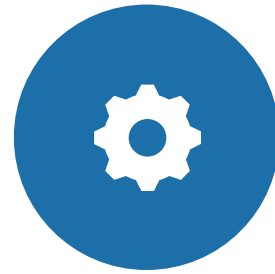
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
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 - Or a search engine search with `site:mdcourts.gov` appended
- Browse main menus

Mdcourts.gov

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Maryland Courts Website – Courts tab


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Maryland Courts Website – Court Help Tab


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- E-Recording for Land Records
- E-filing
- E-filing - Prince George's County
- Estate Search
- Grants
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- Pay a Traffic Ticket
- People's Law Library
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- Remote Hearings and Proceedings
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Legal Information – Maryland Courts Website

Law Topics

What is service of process? Expungement? Rent Escrow? Each video in this series tackles a specific legal subject.



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Court Basics

From filing fees to court interpreters, videos in this series deliver fundamentals on how the court operates.



[Learn More >>](#)

Family

Videos on family matters, including Child Custody, Child Welfare, and Divorce.



[Learn More >>](#)

Guardianship

Considering becoming a guardian? Have you been appointed? This video series has the information you need for success.



[Learn More >>](#)

Get Started

Should you represent yourself? Or should you get a lawyer? These videos help get you on track to self-representation.



[Learn More >>](#)

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Your Collection

Check your library website and catalog to see what legal materials you already have

Explora Public Libraries

Supports student research. Search results include articles, essays, and primary source documents.

Explora Secondary Schools

Offers the most complete collection of full-text reference resources available for middle schools.

Gale Courses

High-quality, free courses and career training programs entirely over the Internet.

Gale Encyclopedia of American Law

14-volume encyclopedia, published in 2011, with entries on legal topics as well as cases, important statutes and documents, legal terms and concepts, and notable persons. Part of the Gale Virtual Reference Library.

Gale Virtual Reference Library

Full-text reference books on topics including business, history, law, literature, philosophy, psychology, religion, science, travel, and more. Fully searchable and browsable.

Legal Forms

General forms as well as forms specific to Maryland. From Gale.

Legal Information Reference Center

Legal Information Reference Center is designed to provide the general public access to a variety of legal information including consumer legal reference books and thousands of legal forms.

Opposing Viewpoints

Articles, overviews, editorials, statistics, and primary sources on controversial social issues.

Peterson's Test and Career Prep

Practice SAT, ACT, AP, TOEFL, GRE, LSAT, GED, SSAT, NCLEX, civil service, career, military exams and many more, with both interactive and eBook formats. Search for colleges and graduate programs by your own criteria.

LEGAL INFORMATION

STATE AND LOCAL RESOURCES

Anne Arundel County Budget Office



Anne Arundel County's Budget Office website focuses on operating and capital budgets, long term goals, and Spending Affordability Committee reports.

[View Resource](#)

Anne Arundel County Inspection, Permit, & License Information



Information necessary for obtaining inspections, permits, and licenses in Anne Arundel County, with requirements by project type.

[View Resource](#)

CASH Campaign of Maryland



Provides classes, information and resources to help with financial, housing, and meal help for individuals, families, and small businesses in Maryland.

[View Resource](#)

[View More](#)

NATIONAL RESOURCES

American FactFinder (U.S. Census)



U.S. Census site featuring facts about American communities.

[View Resource](#)

American Rhetoric



Indexes a database of full text sources, audio and visual versions of public speeches, sermons, legal proceedings, interviews, and other recorded media events.

[View Resource](#)

Avalon Project (Yale Law School)



Historical documents in law, history, diplomacy, and government from Yale University.

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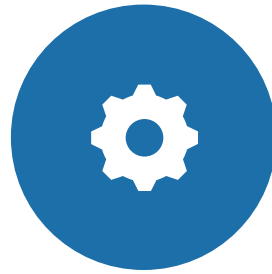
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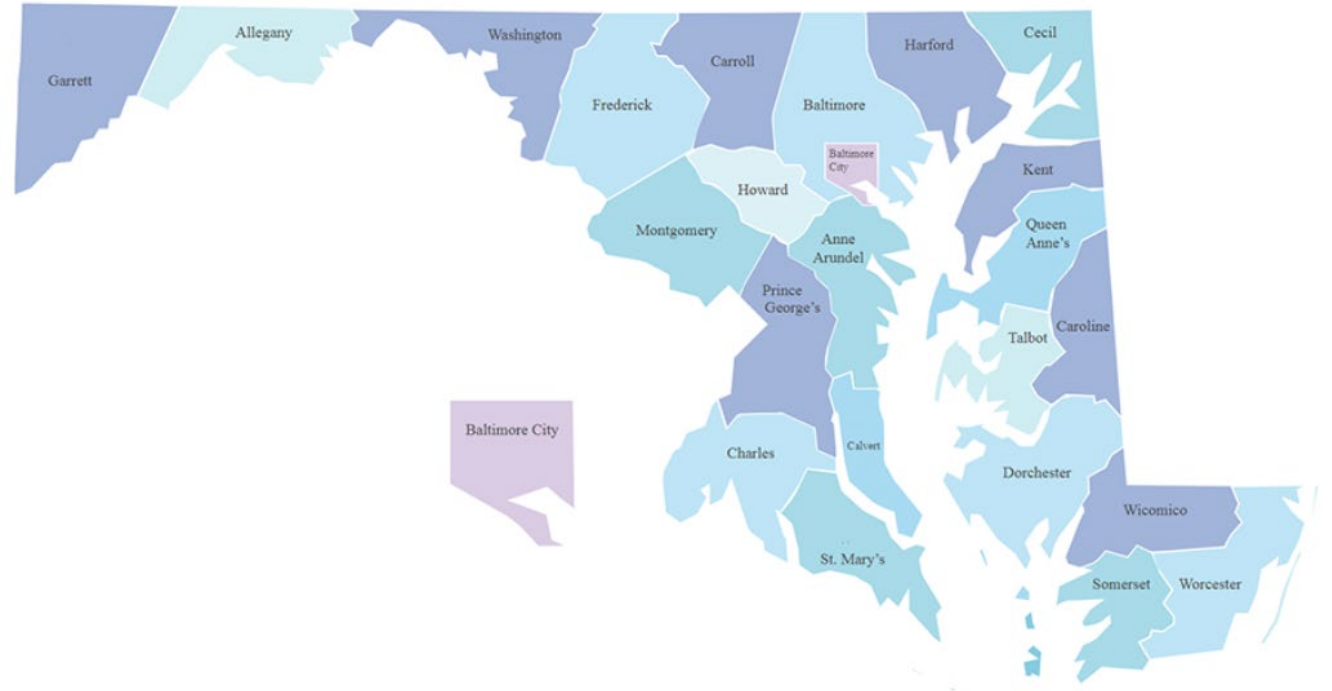
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<https://www.mdcourts.gov/courtsdirectory>

Case Search

 **Maryland Judiciary Case Search Criteria** 

Update

Case Search will only return results that exactly match the name entered in the text fields. For a partial name search, at least the first character of the last name must be entered, followed by a % symbol. For instructions on partial name searches, see [Case Search - Frequently Asked Questions](#) for additional information.

Search for [Circuit Court Judgments and Liens](#)

Search Criteria

Select Court Type. (Default is Trial)
 Trial Appellate

Select the appropriate radio button to search cases by Person or Company. (Default is Person)
 Company Person

Name Last First Middle

Party Type

Case Type All Case Types Civil Criminal Traffic Civil Citation


Court System Both Circuit and District Courts Circuit Court Only District Court Only

County

Filing Date
Format: MM/DD/YYYY
Range (from/to) to Exact Date:

Search By Case Number

Court (Select County for Circuit Court.)



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Estate Search

Estate Number: Last Name: Exact Match
on Last Name

County: First Name: Middle:
Name:


Estate Status: Filing Date (Format: MM/DD/YYYY)

Estate Type: Range (from-to): -
Exact Date:

Party Type: Decedent

<http://registers.maryland.gov/main/search.html>

Land Records



Anne Arundel County
Scott A. Poyer
Courthouse
8 Church Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401
Phone: 410-222-1425
www.courts.state.md.us/courtsdirectory/annearundel

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Search Anne Arundel County Land Record Indices

ALERT: DISCLAIMER: Please note that effective January 14, 2013, Anne Arundel County will begin indexing additional names, including borrowers/owners on instruments where the information is available:

- » Instruments
- » Individual Search
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- » Individual Soundex
- » SDAT
- » Active Indices
- » Retired Indices
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Jump to new volume

Clerk Book * Page *

NOTE: Search returns single page.

Instrument Search by Book/Page

Jul. 1, 1967-Apr. 27, 2022 (verified through Apr. 19, 2022)

* **Required fields**

Book No.: * Starting Page: AS:

Date Range: All dates

Sort By: Date Ascending

NOTE: Enter first page of instrument for a successful result. Search returns full instrument.

<https://mdlandrec.net/main/>

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Disclaimer: The information on this website is intended to give you information concerning jury service. We make every effort to provide you with information

Jury Service | A Message from the Judiciary

[See news stories on what the courts have done to protect your health and safety.](#)

COVID-19 Update as of April 4, 2022

Between December 29, 2021, through March 6, 2022, all criminal and civil jury trials in the circuit courts throughout the State of Maryland were suspended due to the COVID-19 Emergency. **Effective March 7, 2022, all criminal and civil jury trials in the circuit courts will resume and courts will be fully operational.** For further information, view the [Final Administrative Order on Jury Trials and Grand Juries During the COVID-19 Emergency](#) and view the [Lifting the COVID-19 Health Emergency as to the Maryland Judiciary](#).

Please check with your [local court](#) for any questions about COVID-19 processes and precautions in place before coming to court.

Trial by jury is a foundation of our system of justice and is one of the reasons that our justice system is the finest in the world. While trial by jury is a right guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Maryland Declaration of Rights, serving on a jury is both a responsibility of being a citizen and an opportunity to serve the community. No special training, skills or legal knowledge are necessary to be a juror. All that is required is that you be willing to keep an open mind, to pay attention, and to make a decision based on the law and evidence that is presented. On behalf of the Maryland Judiciary, thank you for your jury service.

Watch the Jury Service Orientation Video

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



New technology and social media:
[Guidelines for jurors](#)

ADA Compliance:
The Judiciary is committed to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act. [More...](#)

Scam Alert:
We Don't ask for Your Social Security Number: No Judiciary employee will ever ask you for your Social Security Number. [More...](#)

Did Your Summons Come From the U.S. District Court?

If you have been summoned for jury duty by the U.S. District Court, this means you have been called to jury service in the federal court in Maryland. [More...](#)

Court Tools

Identify MD Courts resources to accomplish specific tasks (e.g., court forms).

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Fee Waivers

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Interpreter

Remote Hearings

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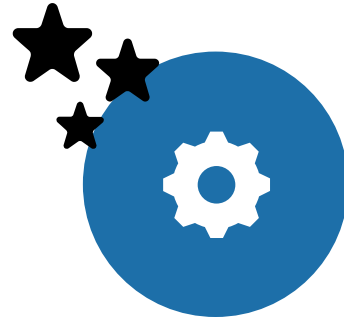
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Court Forms

What do I need to know about court forms?

Maryland's courts have hundreds of forms available. These court forms allow you to file and respond to court cases. Use the links below to find forms and to get help completing your forms.

Court Forms Search

Already know the forms you need?

The Maryland Judiciary offers three ways to search for court forms. Go directly to a specific forms index.

All Maryland Court Forms >>
(a searchable index of all court forms)

District Court Forms >>
(civil, expungement, landlord/tenant, protective orders, etc.)

Juvenile & Family Law Forms >>
(child custody, child support, divorce, guardianship, etc.)

Court Forms Tools

Need help finding the right forms?



Use the **Court Forms Finder** to help identify, select and print forms.

This tool guides you through a series of questions to help identify which forms you need.



Maryland Court Help
GUIDE & FILE easy court forms

This free program uses your interview answers to complete court forms by guiding you through a series of simple questions.

Other Information

Need help with other court forms?

Land Records Information

Statewide Uniform Subpoena
For registered users on the AIS portal. Self-represented litigants **MUST** obtain the paper form from the appropriate court. Attorneys can still obtain the paper form from the appropriate court.

Foreign Subpoena
Written Undertaking for foreign subpoena form- required pursuant to Rules 2-422.1 and 2.510.1

Waiver of filing fees

<https://www.mdcourts.gov/forms>

Filing Fee Waivers

New Cases | Appeals



Can't Afford Court Filing Fees?



Can't Afford Appellate Costs?

<https://www.mdcourts.gov/legalhelp/filingfeewaivers>



Maryland Court Help

Free. Online. In Person. By Phone.

Accommodations

What is a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA?)

A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities of an individual. Examples of disabilities include:

- Communication impairments
- Mobility impairments
- Speech and hearing impairments
- Vision impairments
- Learning or cognitive impairments

Who may request an accommodation?

A person with a disability who has business in a Maryland court. This includes litigants, lawyers, defendants, witnesses, potential jurors, and other members of the public using court services.

COURT SERVICES

- Court Help Centers
- Jury Information

RESOURCES

- ADA Request Procedure-Public
- Grievance Procedure (English/Espanol)
- ADA Coordinators-Full List
- Accessibility and ADA FAQs
- People's Law Library
- Instructions - Visual Accessibility Features in Zoom
- Instructions - Audio Accessibility Features in Zoom

WHICH COURT?

All Maryland Courts

WHICH FORMS?

<https://www.mdcourts.gov/legalhelp/accommodations>

- Request for

Language Services

For the Public

Request an interpreter or learn how the court supports language needs

Español | Français | русский
| 한국어 | 中文



[Learn More >>](#)

Court Interpreters

Resources for court interpreters



[Learn More >>](#)

Apply to Become a Court Interpreter

Information on how to apply for the court interpreter program



Toolkit for Judges and Court Staff

CourtNet (Intranet)

Tools and resources to help judges and court staff assist persons with limited English proficiency



<https://www.mdcourts.gov/courts/courtlanguageservices>

Remote Hearing Toolkit

What Are Remote Hearings? | How Do I Request a Remote Hearing?
How Do I use Zoom? | What Happens at a Zoom Hearing?



Court Tools - eFiling

- <https://www.mdcourts.gov/mdec/efilingpublic>

Instructions:
E-filing Registration

Instructions:
Using the Public Kiosk

Instructions:
Registration to View
Documents Online

E-file Here

View Documents Here

Referrals

Connect to organizations that can provide individualized assistance.

Thurgood
Marshall State
Law Library

MD Court
Help Center

District Court
Help Center

Legal Services
Organizations

Clinics

Thurgood Marshall State Law Library

- In-person, telephone, and email assistance
- Ask a Law Librarian
- Extended hours
 - M, W, F: 8 am – 4:30 pm
 - T, Th: 8 am - 9 pm
 - S: 9 am – 4 pm
- MDEC e-filing support



MARYLAND
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STATE LAW LIBRARY


Resources for Librarians

Maryland Public Library Toolkit

The Maryland toolkit is designed for public library reference staff as a reference guide to Maryland primary and secondary legal resources, with emphasis on resources available online. For legal information needs beyond the resources in this toolkit, contact a Maryland law librarian for further assistance (see 2. [Public Law Libraries](#), below). To supplement and expand upon the resources here, see the Library's [Law on the Frontlines: Legal Reference for Public Libraries](#).

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8. **State Constitution**
9. **State Legislative Law**
10. **Local Law**
11. **State Judicial Law** (Courts), including forms information



Law on the Frontlines: Legal Reference for Public Libraries

Making Law More Accessible

**ACCESS TO QUALITY
LEGAL INFORMATION =
ACCESS TO JUSTICE**

Only **20%** of Marylanders receive the civil legal aid they need. Public Libraries can play an important role in increasing access to justice by providing their patrons access to quality and trustworthy legal information.

TRAINING IN LEGAL REFERENCE

Through an institutional partnership, the Thurgood Marshall State Library, the Maryland Access to Justice Commission, and the Conference of Maryland Court Law Library Directors have developed a standardized state-wide curriculum for legal reference. In collaboration with the Maryland State Library since 2017, the curriculum is offered to public library systems to enable and empower public library staff across Maryland to provide quality legal reference in their local communities, ensuring that the law is accessible to every Marylander who needs it.

For each completed training, a Certificate of Completion indicating Contact hours will be provided.

Sessions address:

- The role of public libraries in advancing Access to Justice
- Best Practices for legal reference interviews
- Legal resources in a variety of subjects
- Basics on the structure of law
- Recognizing the difference between information and advice
- Where to refer forward

SPRING 2022 WEB EVENTS

All sessions 9:30am – 10:30am

[March 1, 2022 - Basics I: Legal Reference Best Practices](#)

[March 8, 2022 - Basics II: Foundations of Law for Public Library Reference](#)

[March 24, 2022 – Landlord and Tenant](#)

[April 5, 2022 - Family Law](#)

[April 19, 2022 - Consumer Law](#)


[April 26, 2022 - Public Benefits](#)

[May 17, 2022 - Life & Health Planning](#)

Find more information [HERE](#).

We'll be at [MLA/DLA!](#) - topics TBA.

Questions?
Contact Joan.Bellistri@mdcourts.gov



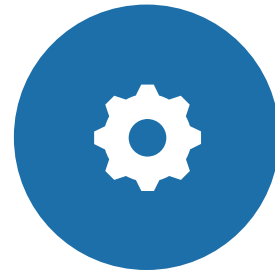
Maryland Courts Website



LEGAL
INFORMATION



COURT INFO



COURT TOOLS



COURT HELP

MD Court Help Center

Can help with

- Landlord and Tenant Matters
- Family Law Matters
- Small and Large Claims
- Expungement and Shielding of Records
- Consumer Matters
- Return of Property
- Domestic Violence/Peace Orders
- Foreclosure

MARYLAND COURT HELP CENTER

Call or chat with a lawyer about your civil
legal matter, at no cost.

8:30 am - 8:00 pm, Mon - Fri



410-260-1392

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Cannot help

- Anyone represented by a lawyer
- Relatives or agents of the person with the legal problem
- Businesses
- Estates
- Legal matters outside the court system

District Court Help Centers

Locations

Baltimore City
Catonsville
Cambridge (Fridays only)
Frederick
Glen Burnie
Hagerstown (Mondays only)
Rockville
Salisbury
Upper Marlboro

Walk-in assistance for

- Landlord/Tenant
- Small and Large Claims
- Consumer matters
- Return of Property
- Domestic Violence/Peace Orders
- Expungement

Legal Service Organizations

- Direct services
- Brief advice/clinics
- Information or referral
- Free or low-cost



**FAIR HOUSING
ACTION CENTER
OF MARYLAND**

The People's Law Library English

Search

Legal Services Directory

Keyword

County
- Any -

Category
- Any

FIND A SERVICE PROVIDER

Community Legal Services of Prince George's County

240-391-6370

<https://www.clspgc.org/>

Service County
Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's

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The People's Law Library English

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Community Legal Services of Prince George's County

Organization Description
Community Legal Services (CLS) of Prince George's County has a mission to provide education, advice, and/or representation to low-income litigants in civil legal matters in Prince George's County, Maryland. The legal services are provided by lawyers of Prince George's County and professional staff. CLS provides brief legal advice, free or reduced fee legal representation, and legal education. CLS provides assistance in matters involving: divorce, custody, child support, visitation, domestic violence, guardianship, unpaid wages, foreclosure, bankruptcy and other non-fee generating cases.

Program Details

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Website
[Community Legal Services of Prince George's County](https://www.clspgc.org/)

Phone, Office
240-391-6370

Address
P.O. Box 374
Riverdale, MD 20737

Is this legal advice?
This site offers legal information, not legal advice. We make every effort to ensure the accuracy of the information and to clearly explain your options. However we do not provide legal advice, the application of the law to your individual

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Legal Help Clinics

- SRL can speak with a volunteer attorney about their situation, at no cost
- Statewide
- Sponsored by a legal service organization, bar association, or public library



The People's Law Library English

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Legal Clinic Calendar

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Date and Time
Wed, 04/06/2022 - 11:00 am to Wed, 04/06/2022 - 2:00 pm

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Baltimore

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The People's Law Library English

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Lawyer on the Bus

One-on-One Civil Legal Advice
FREE help for financially eligible clients

- Bankruptcy
- Child Custody & Support
- Debt Collection
- Expungements
- Foreclosure
- Government Benefits
- Landlord/Tenant
- Veterans' Benefits
- Wage Claims

First come, first served. No appointment necessary. Attendees must wear masks and practice social distancing.

Clinic URL
Maryland Legal Aid

Where

Set the Captives Free Outreach Center

6901 Security Blvd
[View larger map](#)

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