



# The People's Law Library of Maryland



University of Baltimore  
Community Development Clinic



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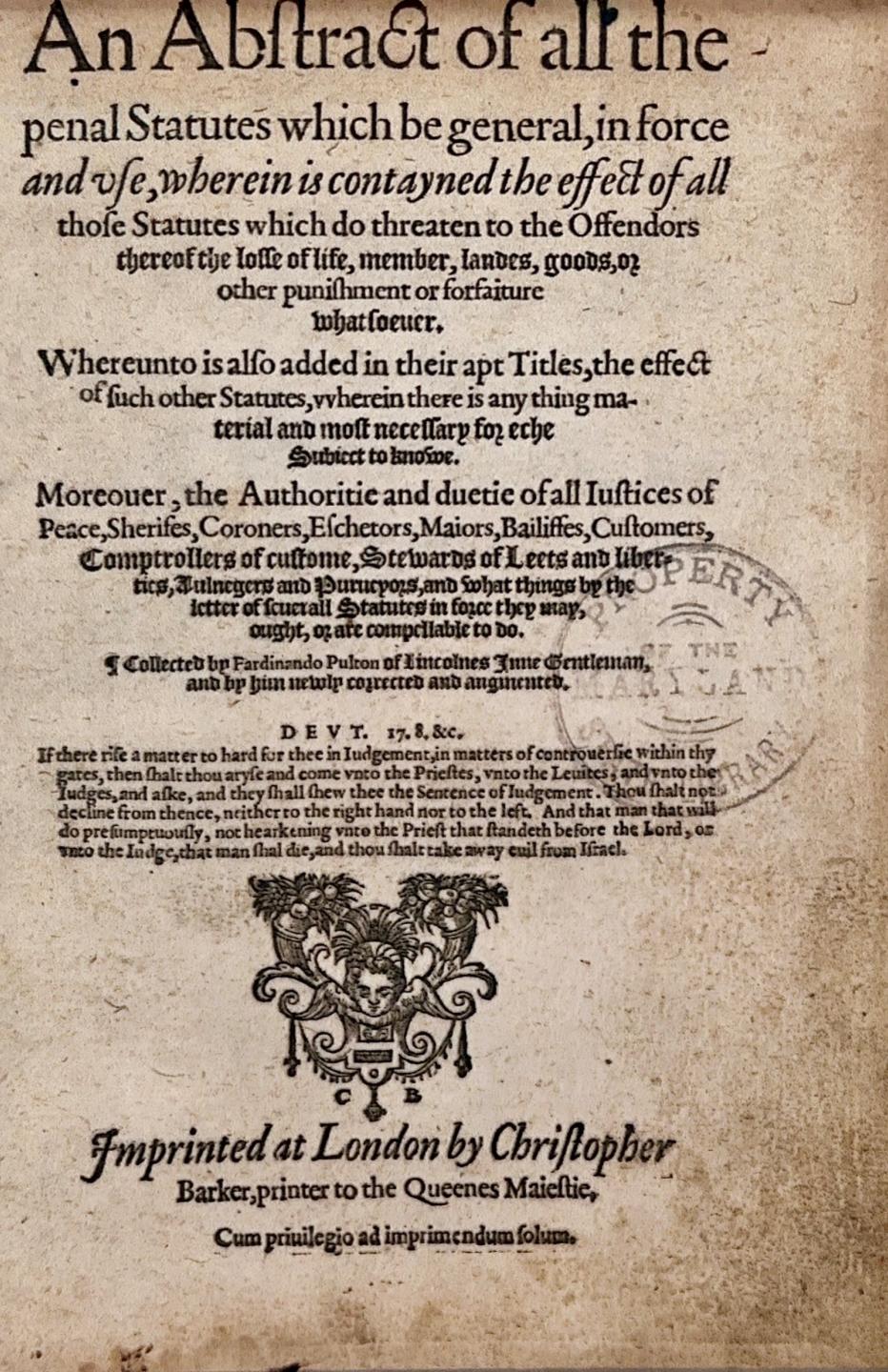
- Audubon's Birds of America
  - 435 hand-colored, life size prints of 497 bird species

<https://www.mdcourts.gov/lawlib/research/special-collections-room/audubon>



# Unique items

- Oldest book: An Abstract of All the Penal Statutes Which Be General, in Force and Use
  - Published in 1579 by Ferdinando Pulton



# Unique items

- Bobbleheads!







# Access to Justice

Universal access to dispute  
resolution or ways to solve  
problems

# Why do we care about access to justice?

- **86% of poor Americans** do not get adequate legal help (Legal Services Corporation)
- **325,000** Marylanders need help with a civil legal problem every year (MD Access to Justice Commission)
- The real figure is probably higher
  - PLL had **730,000+** users from Maryland in 2023

# Expanding A2J



Expanding availability of attorneys



Reduce complexity of litigation



Free or reduced cost advice



Information



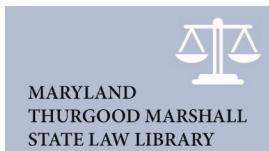
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# Mission

## Information about the law - In your pocket

The purpose of the People's Law Library is to provide self-represented litigants in Maryland state courts information about the law, including summaries of the law, links to primary and secondary legal sources and referrals for legal services.



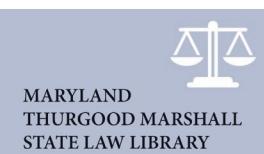
# Goals

- Laws in plain language
- Serve low and moderate income patrons
- Understand rights and remedies
- Discover court process and find alternatives



# Products

- **Instructional articles**
  - “How do I...?”
  - 100+
- **Topical articles**
  - Encyclopedia of substantive law
  - 400+
- **Legal Services Directory** and free **Legal Clinic Calendar**
- **MCHC Attorney Live Chat** and **Ask a Law Librarian**



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Legal Self-Help Information for Marylanders. Hosted by the Thurgood Marshall State Law Library.

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#### 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
- Appeals

#### 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

FIND A SERVICE PROVIDER

#### MARYLAND COURT HELP CENTER

Free legal help with your civil matter.  
8:30 am - 8:00 pm, Mon - Fri

Call or Chat



Click Here  
410-260-1392

In-Person



#### RESEARCH TOPICS

##### HOW DO I...?

Evaluate My Situation, Alternatives to Court, Get Help, Legal Research, Start/Respond to a Case, More...

##### CONSUMER

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

##### CRIMINAL

Expungement, Victim's Rights, More...

##### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Protective Orders and Peace Orders, Legal Options, Non-Legal Support, Safety Issues, More...

##### EDUCATION

Discipline, Enrollment & Registration, More...

##### EMPLOYMENT

#### LEGAL CLINIC CALENDAR

Find a free upcoming clinic near you

UPCOMING EVENTS

#### ASK A MARYLAND LAW LIBRARIAN

Submit a legal information question to the Thurgood Marshall State Law Library

CLICK HERE

# Legal Services Directory

## Legal Services Directory

Keyword	County	Category	FIND A SERVICE
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This is a listing of free and low cost legal service providers in Maryland. We also have a page with [resources](#) for people looking for mediators, self-help centers, fee-based legal assistance, as well as a listing of non-legal social services providers. The Thurgood Marshall State Law Library has a [listing](#) of public law libraries in the state.

Organization Name	Phone	Website	Service County
Allegany County Family Crisis Resource Center	301-759-9246	<a href="http://www.familycrisisresourcecenter.org/">http://www.familycrisisresourcecenter.org/</a>	Allegany, Garrett, Washington
Allegany Law Foundation	(301) 722-3390	<a href="http://www.alleganylaw.com/">http://www.alleganylaw.com/</a>	Allegany
Amara Legal Center	410-257-6492	<a href="https://amaralegal.org/">https://amaralegal.org/</a>	Virginia, Washington D.C.



<https://www.peoples-law.org/directory>



Allegany County Family Crisis Resource Center





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Search Search



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# CASA de Maryland

## Organization Description

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## Program Details

BALTIMORE



HYATTSVILLE



HYATTSVILLE WELCOME CENTER



ROCKVILLE



SILVER SPRING



WHEATON



## Website

[CASA de Maryland](#)

## Phone, Office

410-732-7777

## Address

2224 East Fayette Street  
Baltimore, MD 21231

## Map Location



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TESS Community Action Center	Wed, 01/17/2024 - 6:00 pm to Wed, 07/17/2024 - 8:00 pm	Montgomery
Montgomery County Family Law Self-Help Center	Tue, 02/27/2024 - 8:00 am to Tue, 02/27/2024 - 4:00 pm	Montgomery
Mobile Legal Services	Tue, 02/27/2024 - 8:00 am to Tue, 02/27/2024 - 6:00 pm	
Anne Arundel Family Law Help Center	Tue, 02/27/2024 - 8:30 am to Tue, 02/27/2024 - 4:30 pm	Anne Arundel
La Plata District Court Help Center	Tue, 02/27/2024 - 8:30 am to Tue, 02/27/2024 - 4:30 pm	
Frederick District Court Help Center	Tue, 02/27/2024 - 8:30 am to Tue, 02/27/2024 - 4:30 pm	Frederick



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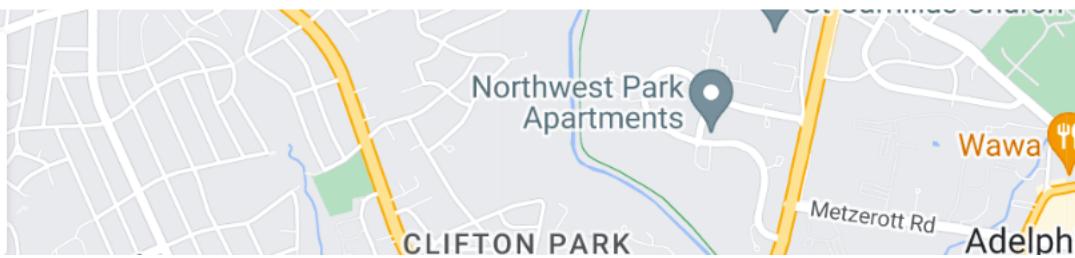
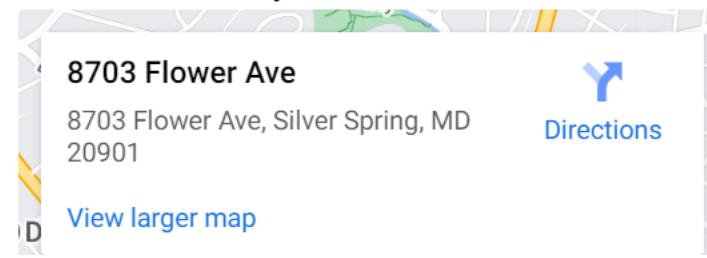
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### Clinic URL

[Montgomery County Bar Association](#)

### Where

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[Home](#) > [Events](#) > [Event Series](#)

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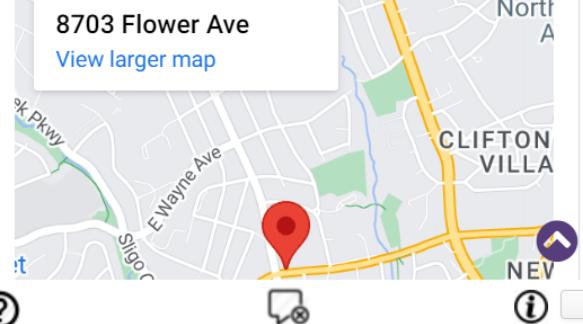
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RELATED ARTICLES & OTHER RESOURCES

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## Protective Orders

### Topics on this page

- Protective Order Generally
- Step #1: Interim Protective Order - Obtaining immediate protection when the courts are closed
- Step #2: Temporary Protective Order - Obtaining immediate protection during business hours
- Step #3: Final Protective Order - Obtaining long-term protection
- Domestic Violence - A 6-Part Video Series (from the Maryland Courts)

### 6: Temporary Protective Order Hearing.

You must attend a Temporary Protective Order hearing to extend the length and scope of protection contained in the Interim Protective Order. If the other side has not received a copy (i.e. been served), the Court will issue a Temporary Protective Order and serve the abuser with notice of the final hearing.

[Read the Law: Md. Code, Family Law \("Fam. Law"\) § 4-504 and 4-504.1](#)

### Protective Order Generally

In Maryland, you can obtain an order of

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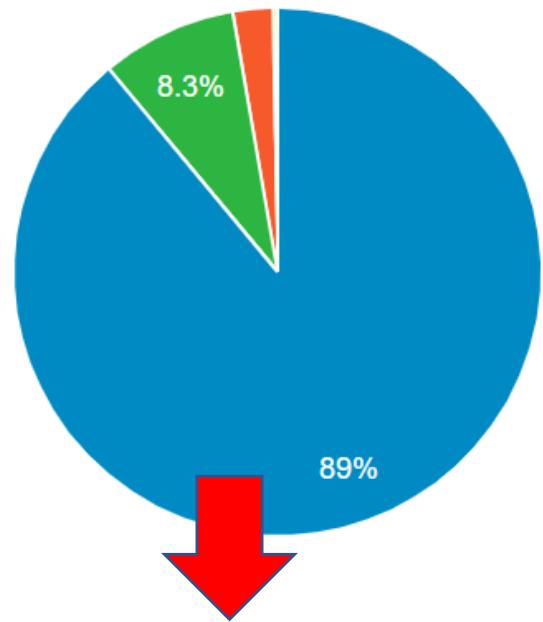
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https://www.peoples-law.org/protective-orders

# Usage

Top Channels



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- Social
- (Other)

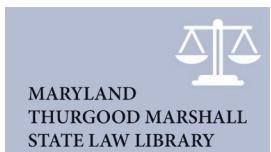
- PLL
  - 2 million users
- Texas
  - ~5 million users



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3 Search Results   The Maryland People's Law Library		88,548	38,203
4 Child Custody in Maryland   The Maryland People's Law Library		85,645	55,467
5 Calculating Child Support   The Maryland People's Law Library		66,617	49,116
6 Forming a Limited Liability Company (LLC) in the State of Maryland   The Maryland People's Law Library		57,536	38,062
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10 How Will Divorce or Separation Affect My Immigration Status?   The Maryland People's Law Library		41,852	36,861

# Writing guide

- <https://www.peoples-law.org/writing-guide>



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- Research questions by phone, email, or in person
- Extended hours
  - T, Th: 8:00 am - 9:00 pm
  - S: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
- [mdcourts.gov/lawlib](http://mdcourts.gov/lawlib)

