

# Maryland Thurgood Marshall State Law Library

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# Law Library History

- Established in 1827 as the Maryland State Library
- Collection originally had "all branches of knowledge"
- Focus shifted to legal materials over time
- Moved with Court of Appeals to new courthouse in 1903
- Moved to current location in 1972 and became part of Judicial branch in 1978



# Unique items

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



# Unique items

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

# An Abstract of all the penal Statutes which be general, in force and vee, wherein is contayned the effect of all those Statutes which do threaten to the Offendors thereof the loffe of life, member, landes, goods, oz other punishment or forfaiture whatfoeuer. Whereunto is also added in their apt Titles, the effect of fuch other Statutes, wherein there is any thing material and most necessary for eche Subject to knowe. Moreover, the Authoritie and duetie of all Iustices of Peace, Sherifes, Coroners, Eschetors, Maiors, Bailiffes, Customers, Comptrollers of cuftome, Stewards of Leets and libertics, Aulnegers and Burucyors, and what things by the letter of scucrail Statutes in force they may, ought, or are compellable to bo. ¶ Collected by Fardinando Pulcon of Lincolnes June Gentleman, and by him newly corrected and augmented. DEVT. 17.8.8c. If there rife a matter to hard for thee in ludgement, in matters of controversie within thy gates, then shalt thou aryse and come vnto the Priestes, vnto the Leutes, and vnto the Judges, and aske, and they shall shew thee the Sentence of Judgement. Thou shalt not decline from thence, neither to the right hand nor to the left. And that man that will do presumptuously, not hearkening vnto the Priest that standeth before the Lord, or wnto the Ludge, that man shal die, and thou shalt take away suil from Israel. Imprinted at London by Christopher Barker, printer to the Queenes Maiestie, Cum prinilegio ad imprimendum folum.

# Unique items

• Bobbleheads!







The Thurgood Marshall State Law Library serves the needs of Maryland's citizens and government by building and preserving collections of legal information resources, promoting access to these collections, and creating educational opportunities that enhance the understanding of legal information.

Building and Preserving Collections of Legal Information Resources

- Library Collections
- Scanned Collections
- Special Collections Room

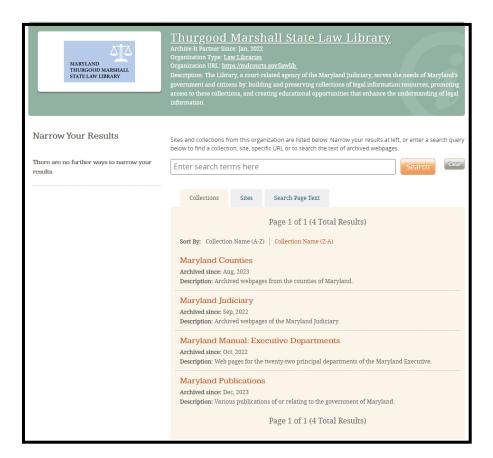
Access to Library Collections and Resources

- Visiting the Library
- Reference Services
- Scanned Collections
- Library Catalog

# **Educational Opportunities**

- · Research Guides and Tools
- · Services for the Judiciary
- · Services for Librarians
- Maryland Public Library Toolkit
- Library Databases

# Online Collections: Scanned Collections Born-Digital Collections Web Archiving



https://archive-it.org/home/MDCourtsLawLibhttps://lipa.access.preservica.com/

https://mdlaw.ptfs.com/knowvation/app/consolidatedSearch/







# Library Services: Using the Library



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For Judiciary

For Librarians

MDEC E-Filing Support

# Visiting the Library

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)

The Thurgood Marshall State Law Library is located in Annapolis, Maryland. The Library is in the first floor of the Courts of Appeals Building, just outside of downtown Annapolis at 361 Rowe Boulevard, just one block south of the Navy Stadium.

# **Hours of Operation**

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
- Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00 am to 9:00 pm
- Saturday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
- The Library's **Special Collections Room** is open to the public by appointment.

# Reference Services

The Thurgood Marshall State Law Library prides itself on providing comprehensive legal research assistance. We are committed to the highest level of customer service and are available to answer questions in person, via phone, and by email. Librarians assist both novice and sophisticated researchers in finding, using, and evaluating various legal resources.

## Services

The Library serves a diverse clientele that includes judges, clerks, attorneys, state employees, self-represented litigants, librarians, historians, and students. To support your legal research needs, we provide the following services.

- Document Delivery
- Interlibrary Loan
- MDEC E-Filing Support
- Photocopiers and Microform Readers
- Public Computers and WiFi Access
- Library Tours

# Judiciary Employees

As a Court-Related Agency, the Library strives to ensure that Maryland's judges and other judicial staff members possess the most relevant and current legal information possible. To meet this need, the Library provides several services specifically benefiting Judiciary customers, including:

- Management of Westlaw, the Judiciary's primary online legal research system
- Management of the Judiciary's **LexisNexis Digital Library** collection
- Access via transparent IP authentication on all JIS-networked computers to the HeinOnline, Making of Modern Law, and Index to Legal Periodicals database
- Free scans and photocopies

# Library Services: Using the Library

# MARYLAND THURGOOD MARSHALL STATE LAW LIBRARY

# For Librarians

The Thurgood Marshall State Law Library understands that libraries from all kinds of institutions play a pivotal role in the provision of information services. While most requests can be met at the local level, larger libraries such as the Library may contain the materials to better respond to unique information requests. Our team is well-prepared to help colleagues meet the information needs of their patrons through both informal guidance and convenient services.

Librarians from many institutions may benefit directly from popular Library services:

- Phone and email reference assistance
- Speedy document delivery, including transmission of PDF scans by email and quick payment via MasterCard or Visa
- Interlibrary lending via OCLC
- · Remote Z39.50 access to the Library's catalog
- · Access to Maryland state agency publications in digital format via the library catalog

At the statewide leadership level, the Library's contributions include:

- Participation in the Conference of Maryland Court Librarians, including the creation
  of the Core Collection List for court law libraries and sample management policies
- Active involvement in providing legal reference and research training for public librarians throughout the State, both independently and organizationally through the Law Library Association of Maryland's Legal Research Institute
- Management of the Maryland's Peoples Law Library website
- Attendance as a stakeholder at Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries summit meetings
- Membership by statute in the State Publications Depository and Distribution Program

Nationally, the Library has offered its assistance to the library community:

- Involvement of individual librarians in educational programs and publications of the American Association of Law Libraries
- Institutional membership in the Legal Information Preservation Alliance, including participation in the innovative Legal Information Archive
- Authorship of the Maryland portion of the Pre-Statehood Legal Materials work

# MDEC E-Filing Support

The Library staff has been trained to assist attorneys and self-represented litigants with the new MDEC E-File & Serve system. In coordination with other law libraries throughout the state, Library staff can assist with registering, filing and retrieving documents from MDEC.

Contact a law librarian by email or telephone (410.260.1430) for assistance.

# Library Website: Gateway to Maryland Law

# MARYLAND THURGOOD MARSHALL STATE LAW LIBRARY

# Gateway to Maryland Law

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 |
Regulations | Attorney General Opinions | State Publications | Task Force Reports |
Incorporated by Reference | Law Reviews and Journals

# **Maryland County Codes**

The publishers of the websites on this page make every effort to keep their sites updated in a timely fashion. However, the Library cannot warrant that these sites are current at the present time. Researchers should verify currentness with the website publisher and/or the original institutional author of the material. Also see: City and Municipal Codes available online.

# A | B | C | D | F | G | H | K | M | P | Q | S | T | W

#### Allegany

Website | Current Code Online | Print and Superseded

#### Anne Arundel

Website | Current Code Online | Print and Superseded

#### **Baltimore County**

Website | Current Code Online | Print and Superseded

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# Maryland Code and Rules Sources

## Maryland Code and Court Rules

The Maryland Code is a compilation of the statutes and is generally organized by subject (e.g., Criminal Law Article, Family Law Article). The Supreme Court of Maryland, the highest court, promulgates rules that govern the practice and procedure in state courts. The Code and Rules are available online through multiple sources.

- . Code and Rules from Westlaw (Video Tutorial to Search Rules)
- . Code and Rules from LexisNexis
- . Code from the Maryland General Assembly

Publishers of the three websites linked above manage the timing of their updates. The Library cannot guarantee that material contained on their pages reflects the latest amendments to the Maryland Code. Thus, researchers should verify currency with the website publisher or the original institutional author. These online versions do not contain annotations. Annotated versions of the current and superseded Maryland Code are available at the Library through print and database subscriptions.

# 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. They are also referred to as session laws.

- Access the Archives of Maryland Online to view the session laws from the 1600s to the present.
- The Laws of Maryland are available at the Library in print and through database subscriptions.

# Maryland House and Senate Journals

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

- Access the Archives of Maryland Online to view select House and Senate Journals.
- The Maryland House and Senate Journals are available at the Library in print, microfilm, and through database subscriptions.

# Maryland Case Law Sources

Reported and unreported opinions of the Supreme Court of Maryland (formerly the Court of Appeals) and the Appellate Court of Maryland (formerly the Court of Special Appeals) are available through multiple sources. The Library's collection provides in-person access to print and digital copies of reported opinions. In addition, unreported opinions of the Appellate Court of Maryland are available on microfilm. Contact the Library if you would like assistance locating a reported or unreported opinion.

Below are links to free, online resources to access both reported and unreported opinions.

## Maryland Appellate Court Opinions

#### Maryland Judiciary Website

- Reported opinions of the Supreme Court of Maryland and the Appellate Court of Maryland
  - · Coverage begins in 1995.
  - . Browse opinions by name, date, judge, docket number, citation.
  - · Search opinions (cannot search via official reporter citation).
- Unreported opinions of the Supreme Court of Maryland and the Appellate Court of Maryland
- Full-text begins May 2015. Citation data available back to 1995.
- Browse unreported opinions
- Search unreported opinions

## Maryland Case Law via Google Scholar

- · Maryland appellate opinions from the 1950's.
- Use the "How Cited" for links to cases that have cited the opinion and related
  documents.
- How to use Google Scholar? Research Guide.

## Federal Courts Opinions

#### United States Court Opinions via FDsys

Most Court of Appeals, U.S. District Court, and Bankruptcy Court opinions are available.

- Coverage starts in 2005.
- · Organized by case number and year.
- Search available via Advanced Search by adding United States Court Opinions to Selected Collections.

#### U.S. Supreme Court via Oyez

Comprehensive and searchable opinions of the U.S. Supreme Court are available.

- Many with audio recordings of oral arguments.
- Cases include summary of facts, legal question, and breakdown of the vote.

https://www.mdcourts.gov/lawlib/research/gateway-to-md-law

# Library Website: Research Guides

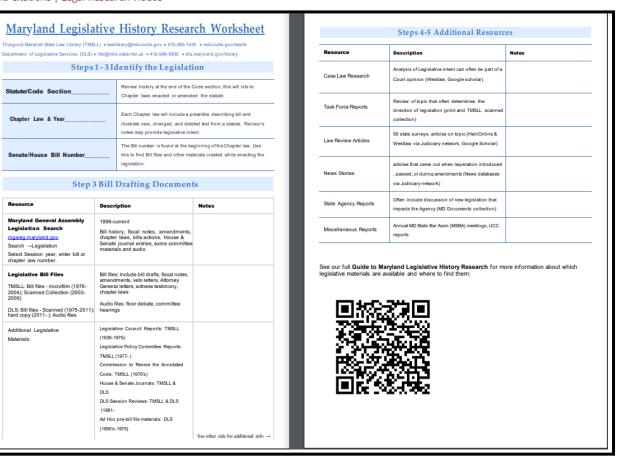
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# Research Guides

Library staff and volunteers have created research guides to assist novice and sophisticated researchers with locating, using, and citing our comprehensive collection of Maryland law sources.

Jury Instructions | Library Collections | Maryland Courts | Maryland State Laws | Maryland State Regulations | Legal Research and Citations | Legal Research Videos

# 3. Maryland Pattern Jury Instructions There are two sets of jury instructions for Maryland. The Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) publishes one set. LexisNexis publishes one set. MSBA: Maryland Civil Pattern Jury Instructions (Fifth Edition, 2017) Maryland Criminal Pattern Jury Instructions (Second Edition, 2012) Research Note: Currentness Both MSBA titles are loose-leaf publications. This means that the pages are contained in a binder. The Library updates the contents of the publication by removing amended pages and replacing them with new pages. The old pages are then discarded. This is a common publication and update format for legal Supplements are not published on a regular schedule. Check the title page or supplement page of the binder to determine the date of the last update. LexisNexis: . Maryland Civil Jury Instructions and Commentary, last updated 1996 · Maryland Criminal Jury Instructions and Commentary Research Note: Currentness Maryland Civil Jury Instructions and Commentary was published by the Michie Company in 1993. There is one update, which was issued in 1996. Maryland Criminal Jury Instructions and Commentary is published annually in two soft-bound volumes.



# Library Website: Databases



# **Databases**

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.

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

Catalog | Legal Research | General Research | Journals and Law Reviews | Legal Forms | Historical Legal Sources | News and History | Maryland

# Library Catalog

Search the Library's Catalog for books, ebooks, journals, ejournals, government publications, task force reports available at the Library.

# 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.

### Law Journal Press

Availability: Library public computers, WiFi, Judiciary Network Selected treatises available from Library's public computers and WiFi.

## LexisNexis Digital Library

Availability: Library public computers, Wi-Fi, with Judiciary Login

Provides eBook access to an extensive collection of legal treatises published by LexisNexis. Content includes Maryland-specific titles, as well as general legal research.

Access is available within the Law Library using the Library code ebooks and the Sign in As Guest option. For Judiciary login, please review About Judiciary Services.

### National Consumer Law Digital Library

Availability: Library public computers and WiFi

National Consumer Law Center treatises the areas of: debtor rights, warranties, consumer litigation, and credit & banking. Includes full-text along with supplemental pleadings, links to primary sources, practice tools.

#### Nolo Books

Availability: Library public computers, WiFi, Judiciary Network Legal Information Source and links from the library catalog.

## VitalLaw (Formerly Cheetah)

Availability: Library public computers, WiFi, Judiciary Network

VitalLaw, formerly Cheetah, is a legal research platform, powered by Wolters Kluwer.

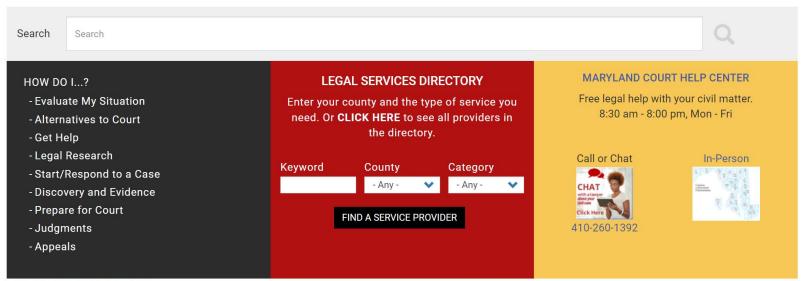
#### West Academic Reference Collection

Availability: Library public computers, WiFi, Judiciary Network

The West Academic Reference Collection provides electronic access to the entire collection of legal reference titles from West Academic's Hornbook®, Concise Hornbook™, and Nutshell® Series.



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# **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...

# 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** 

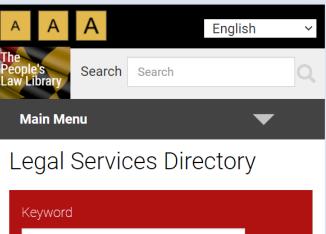
# Legal Services Directory

# Legal Services Directory



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 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 libraries in the state.

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



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FIND A SERVICE PROVIDER	

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 the public law libraries in the state.



# CASA de Maryland

# **Organization Description**

CASA de Maryland (CASA) (English: CASA of Maryland) is a Latino and immigration advocacy and assistance organization based in Maryland.

# **Program Details**



## Website

CASA de Maryland

# Phone, Office

410-732-7777

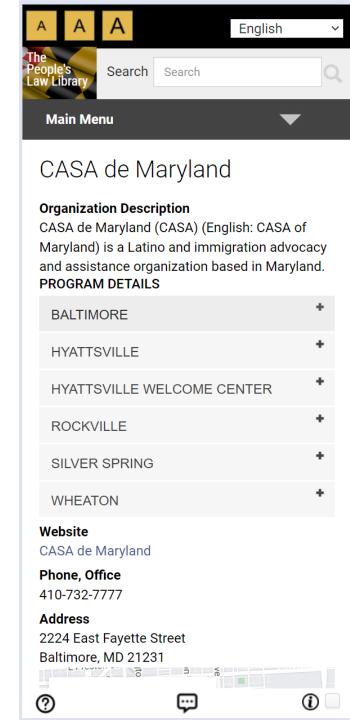
## **Address**

2224 East Fayette Street

Baltimore, MD 21231

# Map Location



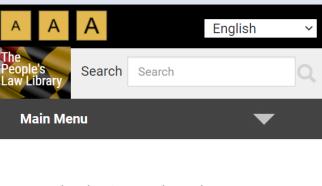


# Legal Clinic Calendar

https://www.peoples-law.org/calendar

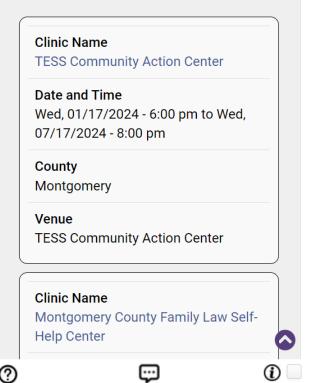


Clinic Name	Date and Time	County
TESS Community Action Center	Wed, 01/17/2024 - 6:00 pm to Wed, 07/17/2024 - 8:00 pm	Montgomery
Montgomery County Family Law Self-Help Center	Tue, 02/27/2024 - 8:00 am to Tue, 02/27/2024 - 4:00 pm	Montgomery
Mobile Legal Services	Tue, 02/27/2024 - 8:00 am to Tue, 02/27/2024 - 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 Arunde
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



# Legal Clinic Calendar





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**TESS Community Action Center** 

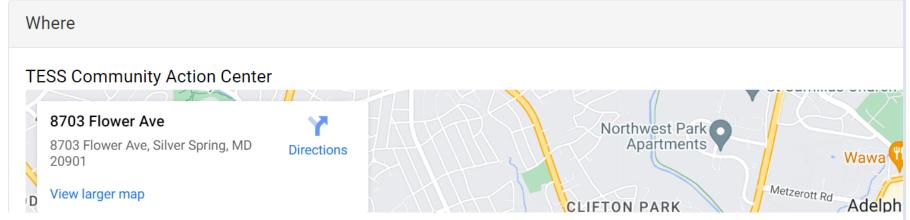
Meet for A One-on-One Consultation with an Attorney For FREE!

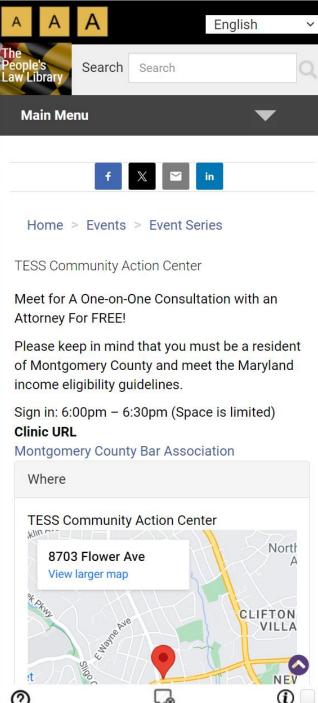
Please keep in mind that you must be a resident of Montgomery County and meet the Maryland income eligibility guidelines.

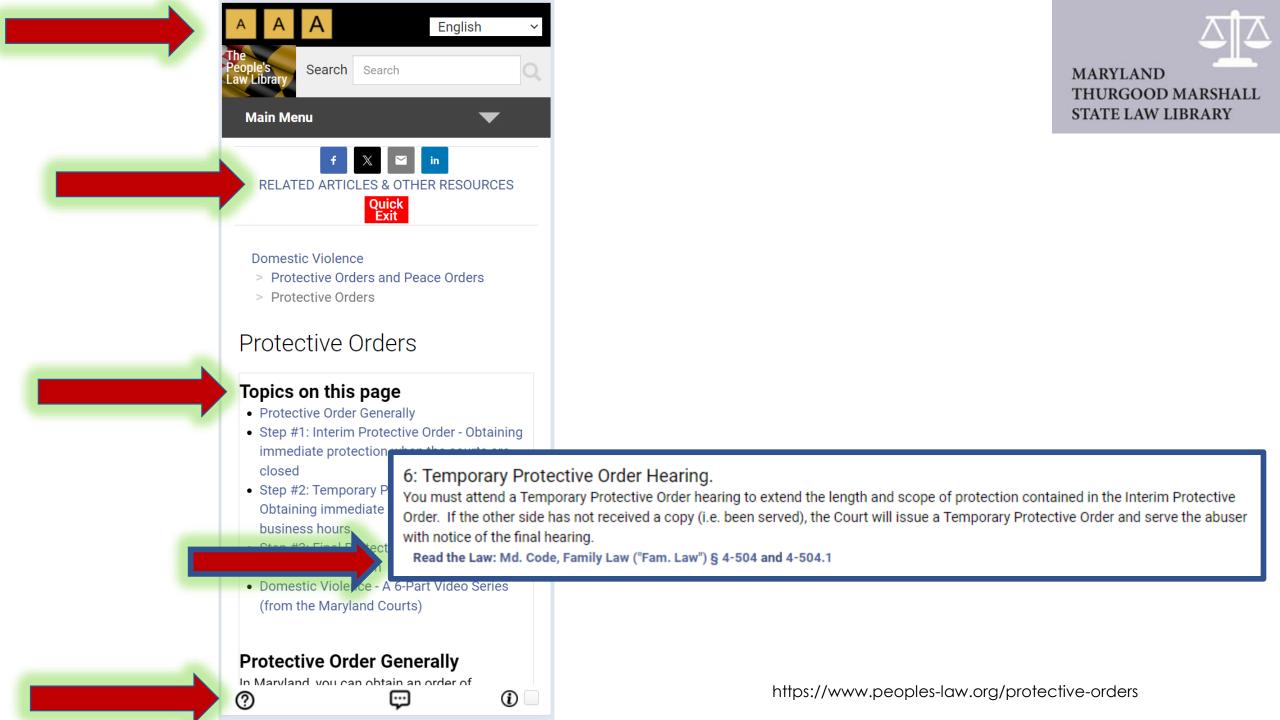
Sign in: 6:00pm - 6:30pm (Space is limited)

**Clinic URL** 

Montgomery County Bar Association







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1	Recreational Cannabis Use and Possession in Maryland   The Maryland People's Law Library	179,238	145,000	
2	Homepage   The Maryland People's Law Library	152,729	82,423	
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	
7	Legal Services Directory   The Maryland People's Law Library	49,914	22,489	
8	Misplaced or Lost Driver's License   The Maryland People's Law Library	49,643	38,844	
9	Drivers Licenses & Teens   The Maryland People's Law Library	47,471	38,751	
10	How Will Divorce or Separation Affect My Immigration Status?   The Maryland People's Law Library	41,852	36,861	



# Law on the Frontlines

- Legal reference training for public librarians
- 7+ years
- 1,200+ participants
- Winner of the William L. Marbury Outstanding Advocate Award from the Maryland Legal Services Corporation



# Education

- Annual legislative history trainings for new law clerks
- Database Mini webinars
  - Deep dive into a database
  - 270 Judiciary participants
- Judicial College

# Thurgood Marshall State Law Library

- 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

