



The  
**People's Law Library**  
of Maryland



**University of Baltimore  
Community Development Clinic**



# Unique items

- 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

An Abstract of all the  
penal Statutes which be general, in force  
*and vse, wherein is contayned the effect of all*  
those Statutes which do threaten to the Offendors  
thereof the losse of life, member, landes, goods, or  
other punishment or forfaiture  
whatsoever.

Whereunto is also added in their apt Titles, the effect  
of such other Statutes, vvherein there is any thing ma-  
terial and most necessary for eche  
Subject to knowe.

Moreover, the Authoritie and duetic of all Iustices of  
Peace, Sherifes, Coroners, Eschetors, Maiors, Bailiffes, Customers,  
Comptrollers of custome, Stewards of Leets and libert-  
ties, Tynners and Durycors, and what things by the  
letter of severall Statutes in force they may  
ought, or are compellable to do.

¶ Collected by Ferdinando Pulton of Lincolnes Inne Gentleman,  
and by him newly corrected and augmented.

D E V T. 17. 8. &c.

If there rise a matter too hard for thee in Iudgement, in matters of controuersie within thy  
gates, then shalt thou arise and come vnto the Priestes, vnto the Leuites, and vnto the  
Iudges, and aske, and they shall shew thee the Sentence of Iudgement. 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  
vnto the Iudge, that man shall die, and thou shalt take away euil from Israel.



Imprinted at London by Christopher  
Barker, printer to the Queenes Maiestie,

Cum privilegio ad imprimendum solum.



# 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**

Search

<p><b>HOW DO I...?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Evaluate My Situation</li> <li>- Alternatives to Court</li> <li>- Get Help</li> <li>- Legal Research</li> <li>- Start/Respond to a Case</li> <li>- Discovery and Evidence</li> <li>- Prepare for Court</li> <li>- Judgments</li> <li>- Appeals</li> </ul>	<p><b>LEGAL SERVICES DIRECTORY</b></p> <p>Enter your county and the type of service you need. Or <a href="#">CLICK HERE</a> to see all providers in the directory.</p> <p>Keyword <input type="text"/> County <input type="text" value="- Any -"/> Category <input type="text" value="- Any -"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#" style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px 15px;">FIND A SERVICE PROVIDER</a></p>	<p><b>MARYLAND COURT HELP CENTER</b></p> <p>Free legal help with your civil matter. 8:30 am - 8:00 pm, Mon - Fri</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Call or Chat</p>  <p><a href="#">Click Here</a></p> <p>410-260-1392</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>In-Person</p>  </div> </div>
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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...

[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

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

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

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[Allegany County Family Crisis Resource Center](#)

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# 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

BALTIMORE	+
HYATTSVILLE	+
HYATTSVILLE WELCOME CENTER	+
ROCKVILLE	+
SILVER SPRING	+
WHEATON	+

## Website

[CASA de Maryland](#)

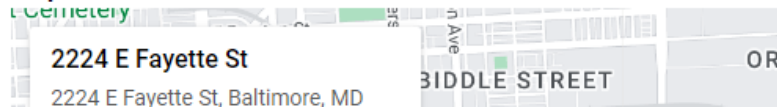
## Phone, Office

410-732-7777

## Address

2224 East Fayette Street  
Baltimore, MD 21231

## Map Location



<https://www.peoples-law.org/org/casa-de-maryland>

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

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**County**  
Montgomery

**Venue**  
TESS Community Action Center

**Clinic Name**  
[Montgomery County Family Law Self-Help Center](#)

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# Legal Clinic Calendar

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](#)

Where

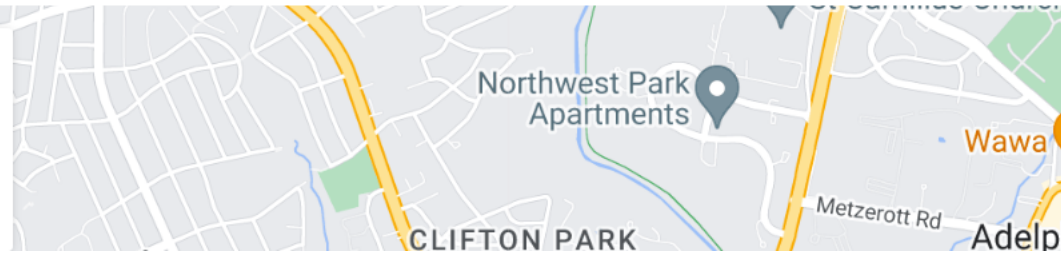
TESS Community Action Center

8703 Flower Ave

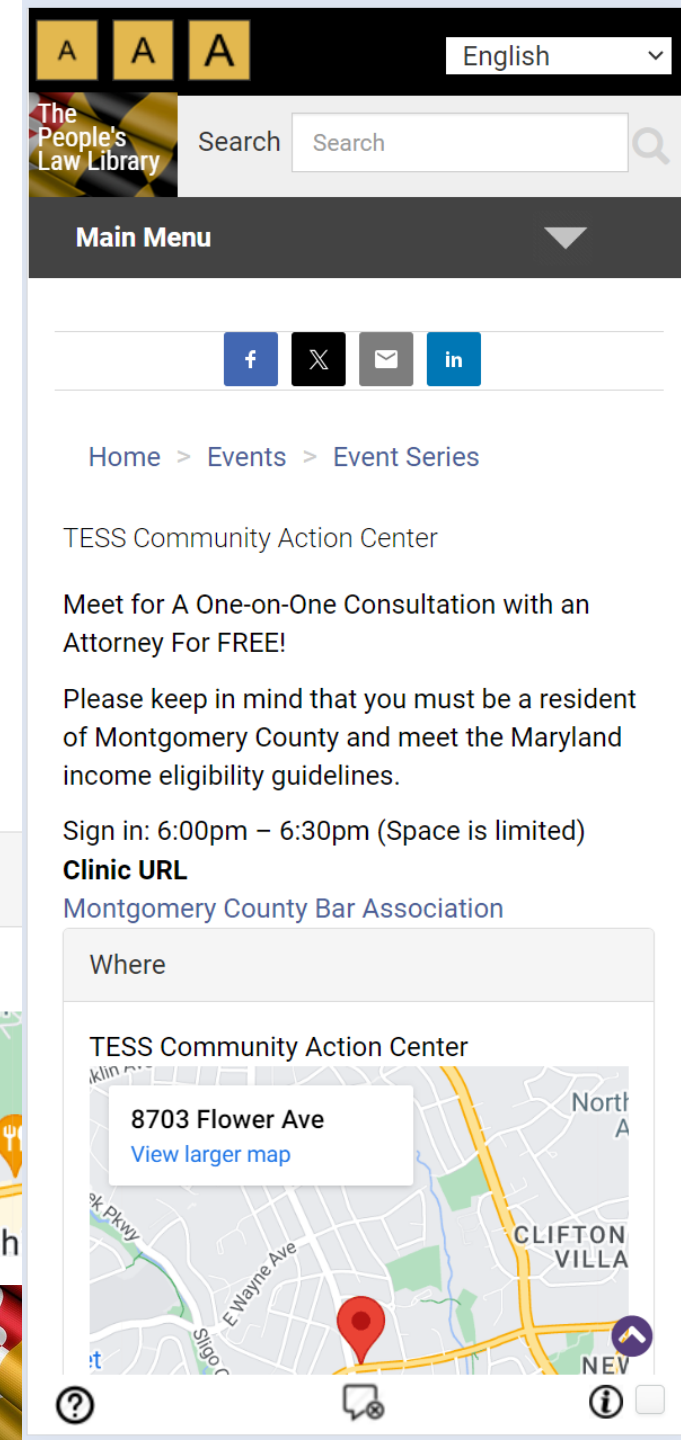
8703 Flower Ave, Silver Spring, MD  
20901



[View larger map](#)



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



The screenshot shows the mobile interface of the People's Law Library website. At the top, there are three yellow 'A' icons and a language dropdown set to 'English'. Below this is the 'The People's Law Library' logo and a search bar. A 'Main Menu' dropdown is visible. Social media icons for Facebook, X, Email, and LinkedIn are present. A 'Quick Exit' button is located below the social media icons. The main content area is titled 'RELATED ARTICLES & OTHER RESOURCES' and lists 'Domestic Violence' with sub-items 'Protective Orders and Peace Orders' and 'Protective Orders'. The 'Protective Orders' section is expanded, showing a list of 'Topics on this page' including '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 #2: Final Protective Order', and 'Domestic Violence - A 6-Part Video Series (from the Maryland Courts)'. The 'Protective Order Generally' section is partially visible at the bottom.

**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**

# Usage

## Top Channels



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

	Page title and screen class <span>▼</span>	<span>+</span>	<span>↓</span> <u>Views</u>	<u>Users</u>
			<b>4,020,875</b> 100% of total	<b>2,324,886</b> 100% of total
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

# Writing guide

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

# 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](http://mdcourts.gov/lawlib)

