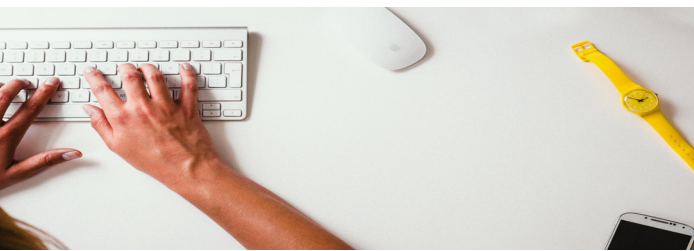# Need a Lawyer?

Life is complicated. Law is complicated. You may need to hire a lawyer.

Where to Start

• **Bar Association of Montgomery County Lawyer Referral Service** 27 Jefferson St., Rockville, MD 20850, 301-279-9100 (www.barmont.org/page/24?)

• **Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service** 800-510-0050 (mvlslaw.org/)

• **People's Law Library "Get Help" page** (peoples-law.org/get-help)

• **MCCC Law Library's Everyday Law: Finding & Working with a Lawyer** (montgomerycountymd.gov/circuitcourt/law-library/self-help.html)

Free Legal Help

• **Montgomery County Circuit Court's Family Law Self-Help Center** walk-in only, low-income requirements, M-F: 8:30-4pm, Tues: 8:30-8pm (montgomerycountymd.gov/circuitcourt/family-law-self-help-center.html)

• **Maryland Legal Aid, Montgomery County Office** low-income requirements, 240-314-0373 (http://www.mdlab.org/)

• **People's Law Library's Legal Services Directory** (peoples-law.org/directory?county=All&category=All)

• **People's Law Library's Legal Clinic Calendar** (peoples-law.org/calendar)

• **MD Volunteer Lawyers Service**, 800-510-0050 (mvlslaw.org/)

Get Legal Info

Non-English Help

• **Court Language Services** (mdcourts.gov/courts/courtlanguageservices.html)

• **People's Law Library of MD's translated pages** (peoples-law.org/non-english-help)

• **MD Judiciary forms in Spanish** (courts.state.md.us/district/dctcivforms_sp.html)

• **MD Legal Aid Spanish brochure** (http://www.mdlab.org/wp-content/uploads/MLA_brochure_welcome_09.2017_press-_SPANISH-2.pdf)

Legal Research Help

Montgomery County Circuit Court Law Library

• *Research assistance, legal resources, notaries, computers, copiers, meeting rooms*

• *8:00am-5:30pm, M-F, call 240.777.9120*

• *Email: mocolawlibrary@mdcourts.gov*

• *Web: montgomerycountymd.gov/circuitcourt/law-library.html*

Finding Montgomery County Law

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50 Maryland Ave, Rockville, MD 20850, Room 3420

Maryland Courts Self-Help Center

Talk to a lawyer about your question

8:30am-8:00pm, M-F

410-260-1392

mdcourts.gov/selfhelp

Maryland Court System

The Maryland court system has four levels: two trial courts and two appellate courts. Each court has the authority to handle different types of cases. Montgomery County has two District Court locations and one Circuit Court.

District Court of Maryland

mdcourts.gov/district

- Small claims (can range from $5,000 to $30,000)
- Domestic violence/peace orders
- Landlord-tenant disputes
- Return of property
- Some criminal cases
- Note: District Court does not conduct jury trials

Montgomery County District Courts:
- 191 East Jefferson St., Rockville, MD 20850, Call 301-563-8800
- 8552 Second Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910, Call 301-563-8500

Forms: mdcourts.gov/district/dctcivforms.html

How to File a Small Claim: courts.state.md.us/district/forms/civil/dccv001br.pdf

Circuit Courts

montgomerycountymd.gov/circuitcourt/

- Jury trials
- Family and domestic violence cases
- Civil cases and larger claims ($5,000 or more)
- Criminal cases
- Cases appealed from District Court, Orphans' Court, and some administrative agencies

Montgomery County Circuit Court:
50 Maryland Ave, Rockville, MD 20850, 240-777-9400

Forms: montgomerycountymd.gov/circuitcourt/forms.html

Family Law Forms: mdcourts.gov/family/forms
Orphans' Court: mdcourts.gov/orphanscourt
Register of Wills: registers.maryland.gov/main/

Court of Special Appeals

mdcourts.gov/cosappeals

Intermediate appellate court that reviews judgments and decrees of the Circuit and Orphans' Courts.

Forms: courts.state.md.us/courtforms/finder

A Guide for Self-Representation: mdcourts.gov/sites/default/files/import/cosappeals/pdfs/cosaguideselfrepresentation.pdf

Court of Appeals

mdcourts.gov/coappeals

Highest court in MD — Reviews selected cases on points of law, legislative redistricting, and removal of certain state officials.

Court Tools

Maryland Form Finder Tool: courts.state.md.us/courtforms/finder
Search Court Records: courts.state.md.us/courts/courtrecords.html

Basic Law Sources

The People's Law Library of Maryland: peoples-law.org
Start researching Maryland law

Maryland State Law Library's Gateway to MD Law: lawlib.state.md.us/researchtools/sourcesmdlaw.html
Find Maryland rules, code, regulations, and cases

Maryland Judiciary's Legal Self-Help Resources & Videos: mdcourts.gov/legalhelp

Google Scholar: scholar.google.com
Search Maryland court decisions

Montgomery County

Montgomery County Circuit Court Law Library:
montgomerycountymd.gov/circuitcourt/law-library.html
Receive research assistance and access legal resources

Montgomery County Laws and Regulations:
montgomerycountymd.gov/mcg/countycode.html