

Maryland Court System

mdcourts.gov/courts/about.html



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 1-800-944-1341
- 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, 240-777-9415

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: mdcourts.gov/courtforms/finder.html

Search Court Records: courts.state.md.us/courts/courtrecords.html

Basic Law Sources

The People's Law Library of Maryland: peopleslaw.org

Start researching Maryland law

Maryland State Law Library's Gateway to MD Law: <http://www.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