

# Finding

## Montgomery County Law

### Montgomery County Circuit Court Law Library

8:00am-5:30pm, M-F

**240-777-9120**

[mocolawlibrary@mdcourts.gov](mailto:mocolawlibrary@mdcourts.gov)

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](http://mdcourts.gov/selfhelp)

# Maryland Court System

[mdcourts.gov/courts/about.html](http://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

<http://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:** <http://mdcourts.gov/district/dctcivforms.html>

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

## Circuit Courts

<http://www.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:** <http://courts.state.md.us/courtforms/index.html>

**Family Law Forms:** <http://mdcourts.gov/family/formsindex.html>

**Orphans' Court:** <http://mdcourts.gov/orphanscourt>

**Register of Wills:** [registers.maryland.gov/main/](http://registers.maryland.gov/main/)

## Court of Special Appeals

<http://mdcourts.gov/cosappeals>

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

**Forms:** <http://courts.state.md.us/courtforms/index.html>

### A Guide for Self-Representation:

<http://courts.state.md.us/cosappeals/pdfs/cosaguideself-representation.pdf>

## Court of Appeals

<http://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:** <http://mdcourts.gov/courtforms/finder.html>

**Search Court Records:** <http://courts.state.md.us/courts/courtrecords.html>

## Basic Law Sources

**The People's Law Library of Maryland:** [peopleslaw.org](http://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](http://mdcourts.gov/legalhelp)

**Google Scholar:** [scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com)

*Search Maryland court decisions*

## Montgomery County

**Montgomery County Circuit Court Law Library:**

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/circuitcourt>

*Receive research assistance and access legal resources*

**Montgomery County Laws and Regulations:**

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcg/countycode.html>

# Need a Lawyer?

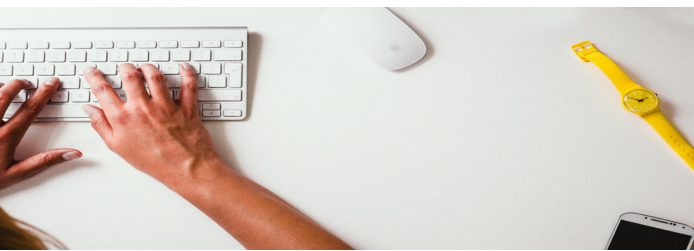
*Life is complicated. Law is complicated. You may need to hire a lawyer.*

## Where to Start

- **Bar Association of Montgomery County Lawyer Referral Service** 27 Jefferson St., Rockville, MD 20850, 301-279-9100 (<http://montbar.org>)
- **Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service** 800-547-6537 (<https://mvlslaw.org/>)
- **People's Law Library "Get Help" page** (<http://peoples-law.org/get-help>)
- **MCCC Law Library's Everyday Law: Finding & Working with a Lawyer** (<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/circuitcourt>)

## 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 (<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/circuitcourt>)
- **Maryland Legal Aid, Montgomery County Office** low-income requirements, 240-777-0373 (<http://www.mdlab.org/>)
- **People's Law Library's Legal Services Directory** (<http://peoples-law.org/directory?county=All&category=All>)
- **People's Law Library's Legal Clinic Calendar** (<http://peoples-law.org/calendar>)
- **MD Volunteer Lawyers Service**, 800-510-0050 (<http://mvlslaw.org/>)



# Get Legal Info

## Non-English Help

- **Court Language Services** (<http://www.mdcourts.gov/courts/courtlanguageservices.html>)
- **People's Law Library of MD's translated pages** (<http://peoples-law.org/non-english-help>)
- **MD Judiciary forms in Spanish** ([www.courts.state.md.us/district/dctcivforms\\_sp.html](http://www.courts.state.md.us/district/dctcivforms_sp.html))
- **MD Legal Aid Spanish brochure** (<http://www.mdlab.org/wp-content/uploads/MLA-WelcomeSpanish.pdf>)



## Legal Research Help

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- *Research assistance, legal resources, notaries, computers, copiers, meeting rooms*
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- Email: [mocolawlibrary@mdcourts.gov](mailto:mocolawlibrary@mdcourts.gov)
- Web: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/CircuitCourt>
- Legal topics videos: [youtube.com/channel/UC55roO7dEcXzVluSjuG5kHw](https://youtube.com/channel/UC55roO7dEcXzVluSjuG5kHw)