

Civil Legal Aid Resources Available to Low-Income Mainers (2023)

Legal Aid Resources

(If you wish to discuss these programs, you may contact the Directors listed below)

Contact Information

		Family Law & Domestic Violence	Tenant Issues	Real Property / Housing & Foreclosure	Children & Youth Issues	Health Care	Immigration & Citizenship	Benefits Programs (TANF, SNAP, etc.)	Indigenous People & Farmworkers	Employment	Consumer Law including Bankruptcy	Elder Issues	Other Civil Legal Issues
<p>Disability Rights Maine</p> <p>Maine's designated Protection & Advocacy agency for people with disabilities. Free legal representation to individuals whose rights have been violated or who have been discriminated against based on their disability.</p> <p>Kim Moody, Exec. Director: (207) 626-2774 kim@drme.org</p>	<p>Augusta 800-452-1948 advocate@drme.org</p> <p>Falmouth 800-639-3884 deafservices@drme.org https://drme.org/</p>		✓		✓	✓				✓			✓
<p>Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Inc.</p> <p>Free legal services to low-income Mainers. Applicants are screened on case specific eligibility factors, including income, as determined by funding sources.</p> <p>Tom Fritzsche, Exec. Director: (207) 774-4753 tfritzsche@ptla.org</p> <p>Find legal help: www.ptla.org/find-legal-help</p> <p>Please also visit: www.statesidelegal.org (veteran/military website) and www.kidslegal.org</p>	<p>www.ptla.org www.kidslegal.org</p> <p>Augusta: (207) 622-4731 Bangor: (207) 942-8241 Lewiston: (207) 784-1558 Portland: (207) 774-8211 Machias: (207) 255-8656 Presque Isle: (207) 764-4349</p> <p>Phone intake hours: Mon 12 – 2:30 Tues & Thurs 9 – 11:30</p> <p>More info can be found online.</p>	Priority given to cases involving domestic violence or sexual assault	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	only farmworker cases or federal tax/EITC issues	✓		✓
<p>Legal Services for the Elderly</p> <p>Free legal services available to socially and/or economically needy Mainers 60 years of age or older when their basic human needs are at stake and Medicare problems or questions answered for all ages.</p> <p>Jaye Martin, Exec. Director: (207) 621-0087 jmartin@mainelse.org</p>	<p>Statewide Helpline: 800-750-5353</p> <p>Medicare Part D Appeals Unit (877) 774-7772</p> <p>www.mainelse.org</p>	domestic violence	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

Maine State Bar Association, Lawyer Referral Service: Individuals who do not qualify financially or otherwise for legal aid services from any of the providers on this list may contact 1-800-860-1460 or use the Client Referral Request Form found at: www.mainebar.org/page/AttorneyRequest • For Maine Legal Help Resources please visit: www.HelpMELaw.org

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<p>Univ. of Maine School of Law - Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic</p> <p>Free legal representation to low-income individuals. Clients are represented by law students who are specially licensed by the courts to practice under faculty supervision.</p> <p>Christopher Northrop, Co-Director (207) 780-4358 christopher.northrop@maine.edu</p>	<p>(207) 780-4370 (877) 780-2522</p> <p>https://mainelaw.maine.edu/public-service/clac</p>	✓			✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
<p>Maine Equal Justice</p> <p>Free legal representation to individuals below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. MEJ also represents those in economic need in class action lawsuits, in front of governmental agencies and through advocacy at the administrative and legislative levels.</p> <p>Robyn Merrill, Exec. Director rmerrill@mejp.org</p>	<p>(207) 626-7058 (866) 626-7059</p> <p>www.mejp.org</p>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		higher education & training, unemployment insurance	✓	prescription drug programs	✓	
<p>Volunteer Lawyers Project</p> <p>Free legal services to low-income Mainers (incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines) through coordination of pro bono services of Maine lawyers, including limited representation clinic programs and full representation in civil legal matters.</p> <p>Elizabeth Stout, Exec. Director: (207) 523-8233 estout@vlp.org</p>	<p>www.vlp.org intake@vlp.org</p> <p>Mon pm & Fri am (Southern ME) 1-800-442-4293 (Northern ME) 1-888-956-4276</p>	✓	✓	If PTLA has conflict				SSDI appeals		✓	✓	✓	✓	
<p>Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project</p> <p>Free legal information, advice, and representation on immigration law matters for low-income Maine residents (incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines). ILAP advances justice and equity for immigrants and their families through direct legal services, community education, and systemic advocacy.</p> <p>Sue Roche, Exec. Director: (207) 699-4403 SRoche@ilapmaine.org</p>	<p>Portland & Lewiston Offices: (207) 780-1593</p> <p>www.ilapmaine.org</p> <p>Intake appointments: https://ilapmaine.org/get-legal-help</p>	gaining legal status for non-citizen domestic violence victims			Gaining legal status for abused/neglected non-citizen youth		✓	immigrant eligibility issues					prove legal status for drivers license	