

Civil Legal Aid Resources Available to Low-Income Mainers (2024)

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) 400-3213 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 Maine Elders</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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Univ. of Maine School of Law - Clinics at Maine Law 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.	Courtney Beer , Co-Director (207) 780-4766 courtney.beer@maine.edu	(207) 780-4370 (877) 780-2522 https://mainelaw.maine.edu/public-service/clac	✓			✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Maine Equal Justice 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.	Robyn Merrill , Exec. Director rmerrill@mejp.org	(207) 626-7058 (866) 626-7059 www.mejp.org		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Volunteer Lawyers Project 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.	Deirdre Smith , Exec. Director: (207) 523-8233 DSmith@vlp.org	www.vlp.org intake@vlp.org Mon pm & Fri am (Southern ME) 1-800-442-4293 (Northern ME) 1-888-956-4276	✓	✓	✓				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project 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.	Sue Roche , Exec. Director: (207) 699-4403 SRoche@ilapmaine.org	Portland & Lewiston Offices: (207) 780-1593 www.ilapmaine.org Intake appointments: https://ilapmaine.org/get-legal-help	✓			✓		✓	✓					✓