

## 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><b>Disability Rights Maine</b></p> <p>Maine's designated Protection &amp; 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><b>Kim Moody</b>, Exec. Director: (207) 626-2774 <a href="mailto:kim@drme.org">kim@drme.org</a></p>	<p>Augusta 800-452-1948 <a href="mailto:advocate@drme.org">advocate@drme.org</a></p> <p>Falmouth 800-639-3884 <a href="mailto:deafservices@drme.org">deafservices@drme.org</a> <a href="https://drme.org/">https://drme.org/</a></p>		✓		✓	✓				✓			✓
<p><b>Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Inc.</b></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><b>Tom Fritzsche</b>, Exec. Director: (207) 400-3213 <a href="mailto:tfritzsche@ptla.org">tfritzsche@ptla.org</a></p> <p>Find legal help: <a href="http://www.ptla.org/find-legal-help">www.ptla.org/find-legal-help</a></p> <p>Please also visit: <a href="http://www.statesidelegal.org">www.statesidelegal.org</a> (veteran/military website) and <a href="http://www.kidslegal.org">www.kidslegal.org</a></p>	<p><a href="http://www.ptla.org">www.ptla.org</a> <a href="http://www.kidslegal.org">www.kidslegal.org</a></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><b>Phone intake hours:</b> Mon 12 – 2:30 Tues &amp; 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><b>Legal Services for Maine Elders</b></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><b>Jaye Martin</b>, Exec. Director: (207) 621-0087 <a href="mailto:jmartin@mainelse.org">jmartin@mainelse.org</a></p>	<p>Statewide Helpline: 800-750-5353</p> <p>Medicare Part D Appeals Unit (877) 774-7772</p> <p><a href="http://www.mainelse.org">www.mainelse.org</a></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](http://www.mainebar.org/page/AttorneyRequest) • For Maine Legal Help Resources please visit: [www.HelpMELaw.org](http://www.HelpMELaw.org)

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