

JAG Resource List: Legal Aid Resources Available to Low-Income and Elderly Mainers

PLEASE NOTE: This list is an overview of areas of law addressed; NOT a comprehensive list of services. Please contact the provider agencies for complete information on the services they provide.

Legal Aid Resource (Legislators who wish to discuss the programs may contact the Program Directors listed below)	Constituent Contact Information	Family Law & Domestic Violence	Tenant Issues	Real Property including Housing & Foreclosure	Children & Youth Issues	Health-care	Immigration & Citizenship Issues	Benefits Programs (TANF, Food-stamps, etc. . .)	Native American & Farm-worker Issues	Employment Issues	Consumer Law including Bankruptcy	Elder Issues	Other Civil Legal Issues
Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Inc.: Free legal services to low-income Mainers whose incomes are at or below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines. <i>Nan Heald, Exec. Director: 774-4753</i>	207.774.4753: www.ptla.org ; www.helpmelaw.org www.kidslegal.org Augusta: 622-4731 Bangor: 942-8241 Lewiston: 784-1558 Portland: 774-8211 Machias: 255-8656 Presque Isle: 764-4349	√	√	√	√	√		√	√	√	√		√
Legal Services for the Elderly: Free legal services available to <u>all</u> socially and/or economically needy Mainers over the age of 60 when their basic human needs are at stake. <i>Jaye Martin, Exec. Director: 621-0087</i>	Statewide Helpline: 800.750.5353 www.mainelse.org	√ - Domestic Violence	√	√		√		√			√	√	√
Univ. of ME School of Law - Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic: Free legal representation to low-income individuals. Clients are represented by third year law students who are specially licensed by the courts to practice under faculty supervision. <i>Deirdre Smith, Director: 780-4370</i>	207-780-4370 877-780-2522 http://mainelaw.maine.edu/programs-centers/clac.jsp	√	√	√	√					√	√		√
Maine Equal Justice Partners: Free legal representation to individuals below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. Maine Equal Justice Partners represents those in economic need in class action lawsuits, in front of governmental agencies and through advocacy at the administrative and legislative levels. <i>Sara Gagne-Holmes, Exec. Director: 626-7058</i>	207.626.7058 866.626.7059 www.mejp.org					√		√		√ - re: Higher education and training opportunities		√ - re: prescription Drug programs	√
Volunteer Lawyers Project: Free legal services to low-income Mainers whose incomes are at or below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines through the coordination of pro bono services by Maine lawyers, including the Family Law Helpline, Court House Assistance Projects and full representation. <i>Juliet Holmes-Smith, Director: 400-3270</i>	207.774-4348 800.442.4293 www.vlp.org	√	√	√				√		√	√		√

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Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project: Free or low-fee legal information, advice, and representation regarding immigration law and related matters for low-income Maine residents. ILAP provides direct legal assistance and also focuses on education, outreach, and systemic advocacy. <i>Beth Stickney, Exec. Director: 780-1593</i>	207.780.1593 800-497-8505 www.ilapmaine.org	√ - for non-citizen domestic violence victims					√	√ - immigrant eligibility issues					
Disability Rights Center: Strategic advocacy, legal intervention, training and education and public policy reform to enhance and promote the equality, self-determination, independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion of people with disabilities. <i>Kim Moody, Exec. Director: 626-2774</i>	207- 626-2774 800-452-1948 www.drcme.org		√	√	√	√		√		√			√
Maine Center on Deafness: A nonprofit organization that provides information and referral services to D/deaf and Hard-of-Hearing individuals, their families, and any interested individuals or organizations.	207-797-7656 800-639-3884 www.mcdmaine.org		√			√		√					
Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence: Pro-bono civil legal representation and advice to victims in matters arising from domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or dating violence such as protection orders, custody, and divorce.	Aroostook: 764-2977 York: 490-3227 Penobscot: 945-5102 Cumberland: 647-3596 Kennebec/Somerset: 474-8860 Waldo, Knox, Lincoln: 594-2128 Hancock/Washington: 667-0176	√											
Penquis Law Project: A public interest family law practice that provides free civil legal services to low and moderate income individuals and families who would otherwise be without representation. Specifically, individuals who have experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. <i>Tamar Perfit Mathieu, 973-3671</i>	207- 973-3671 800-215-4942 www.penquis.org Serving Penobscot, Piscataquis and Knox counties.	√											
York County Community Action: Para-legal assistance to low-income York County individuals attempting to represent themselves in family law matters.	Contact: Helen, (207) 283-2402 x 30	√											

