

Justice Action Group: Legal Aid Resources Available to Low-Income and Elderly Mainers (February 2019)

This list is an overview of areas of law addressed, NOT a comprehensive list of services. Please contact the provider agencies directly for complete information about the services they provide.
Because of limited resources, none of these agencies is able to meet the demand for services.

Legal Aid Resources (Legislators who wish to discuss these programs may contact the 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, SNAP, etc.)	Native American & Farmworker Issues	Employment Issues	Consumer Law including Bankruptcy	Elder Issues	Other Civil Legal Issues
<p>Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Inc. Free legal services to low-income Mainers whose incomes are at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.</p> <p><i>Nan Heald, Exec. Director: 207/774-4753</i> nheald@ptla.org</p> <p>Find legal help and apply online at: www.ptla.org/triage/me_triage</p> <p>Please also visit: www.statesidelegal.org (veteran/military website) and www.kidslegal.org</p> <p>In 2018, reduced staffing means that only 15-20% of requests can be handled.</p>	<p>www.ptla.org www.kidslegal.org</p> <p>Augusta: 622-4731 Bangor: 942-8241 Lewiston: 784-1558 Portland: 774-8211 Machias: 255-8656 Presque Isle: 764-4349</p> <p>Phone requests: Mon 12 – 2:30 Tues & Thurs 9 – 11:30</p>	√ only domestic violence and sexual assault	√	√	√	√		√	√	√ only federal tax issues/EITC	√ no bankruptcy		√
<p>Legal Services for the Elderly 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><i>Jaye Martin, Exec. Director: 207/621-0087</i> 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	√	√		√		√	√	√	√	√	√
<p>Univ. of Maine School of Law - Cumberland Legal Aid Clinic 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><i>Deirdre Smith, Director: 207/780-4370</i> deirdre.smith@maine.edu</p>	<p>207-780-4370 877-780-2522</p> <p>http://mainelaw.maine.edu/academics/clinics-and-centers/clac</p>	√		√	√					√	√		√
<p>Maine Equal Justice Partners Free legal representation to individuals below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. MEJP 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><i>Robyn Merrill, Exec. Director</i> rmerrill@mejp.org</p>	<p>207/626-7058 866/626-7059</p> <p>www.mejp.org</p>			√	√	√	√ eligibility for public benefit programs	√		√ higher education and training opportunities		√ prescription drug programs	√

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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 Family Law Court House Assistance Projects and full representation in other civil legal matters. <i>Juliet Holmes-Smith, Exec. Director:</i> 207/523-8233 jholmes-smith@vlp.org	1-800-442-4293 www.vlp.org	✓		✓				✓		✓	✓		✓ wills and estates
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>Sue Roche, Exec. Director:</i> 207/780-1593 SRoche@ilapmaine.org	207/780-1593 800/497-8505 www.ilapmaine.org	✓ 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
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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