

WELCOME TO THE THURGOOD MARSHALL LAW LIBRARY

What the library staff can and cannot do to help you:

We can	direct you to a self-help center where you can receive assistance in representing yourself.	We cannot	talk to an attorney for you or tell you whether or not you should bring your case to court.
We can	provide you with the contact information of a local lawyer referral service, or other service where you can get legal help.	We cannot	interpret laws or court documents, read them over the phone, or tell you what you “should” do, or what the “right” thing to do is.
We can	give you information about law libraries and online resources.	We cannot	tell you what words to use in your papers or other legal documents.
We can	show you where to find court rules and books or online materials about court procedures.	We cannot	give you an opinion about what will happen if you bring your case to court.
We can	show you where to look for the law, court forms and instructions.	We cannot	tell you which laws or court forms are relevant to proceed with your claim, or complete forms for you.
We can	show you how to make copies or how to access some online legal information.	We cannot	conduct research for you.
		We cannot	proofread documents for you.

Since library staff will not know the answers to all questions about court rules, procedures and practices, and because we do not want to give you incorrect information, we will not answer questions if we do not know the correct answer or if the answer could be considered legal advice. For additional information, or for local lawyer referral, please contact a self-help center or other legal services program:

JustAdvice Clinic

Get brief, low-cost legal advice

phone: 410-547-6537

e-mail: JustAdvice@law.umaryland.edu

website: <http://justadviceclinic.org/>

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS)

Eligible clients get legal help for civil cases

phone: 410-547-6537

website: www.mvlslaw.org/apply-for-services

Maryland Courts on Legal Self-Help

Find court forms and self-help videos at:

<http://mdcourts.gov/legalhelp/>

Maryland District Court Self-Help Center

phone: 410-260-1392

People’s Law Library of Maryland

Find legal information: <http://www.peoples-law.org/>

Get help: <http://www.peoples-law.org/gethelp>