

# **Legal Resources for Non-Lawyers**

## **Divorce and Domestic Relations**

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Portland, ME 04102

Tel: (207) 780-4350

Web Site: <http://mainelaw.maine.edu/library1.htm>

## ***COMPREHENSIVE COURT LAW LIBRARY***

### **Cleaves Law Library**

142 Federal Street

Portland, ME 04101

Tel: (207) 773-9712

Web Site: <http://www.cleaves.org/>

### **Penobscot County Law Library**

Penobscot County Courthouse

97 Hammond Street

Bangor, ME 04401

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## **Maine Revised Statutes Annotated (M.R.S.A.)**

In paper: Titles 1 to 39-A.  
Can be borrowed or copied

Note: For Maine Family Law see Title 19-A M.R.S.A.

## **Maine State Regulations**

In paper: "Code of Maine Rules".  
Can be copied  
Note: For "Child Support Tables" see Volume 17, Chapter 351

## **Maine Supreme Judicial Court Opinions**

In paper: Maine Reports Vol. 1, 1820 to Vol.161, 1965 and  
Atlantic Reporter 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Series Vol, 1 AT, 1885 to present.  
Can be loaned or copied.  
The Law Library can also email copies of cases free of charge.

## **Maine Rules of Court**

In paper:  
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### **Maine Revised Statutes:** (From the Maine State Legislature)

Address: <http://janus.state.me.us/legis/statutes/>  
These can be searched by words and title and section.  
Can be printed or downloaded.

### **Maine State Regulations or Rules:** (From the Maine Secretary of State's Office)

Address: <http://www.state.me.us/sos/cec/rcn/apa/depts>  
Can be printed or downloaded

### **Maine Supreme Judicial Court Opinions**

Address: <http://www.courts.state.me.us/opinions/index.html>  
Opinions available from January 1997 to present arranged by date  
Can be printed or downloaded  
Other useful court information located at the State of Maine Judicial Branch homepage  
Address: <http://www.courts.state.me.us/index.html>

### **Maine Rules of Court , Forms and Fees**

Available at the Maine Judicial website:  
Address: [http://www.courts.state.me.us/rules\\_forms\\_fees/index.html](http://www.courts.state.me.us/rules_forms_fees/index.html)

# *Other Internet & Legal Sources on Divorce*

## **Help Me Law:**

[http://www.helpmelaw.org/Library/index\\_html](http://www.helpmelaw.org/Library/index_html)

Select "Family Law"

## **Lawyer Referral & Information Service:**

[http://www.mainebar.org/public\\_iris.asp](http://www.mainebar.org/public_iris.asp)

Call: 1-800-860-1460

## **Pine Tree Legal Assistance:**

<http://www.ptla.org/index.html>

Select "Legal Help" then "Family Law"

<http://www.ptla.org/ptlasite/familyindex.htm>

## **Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project**

<http://www.vlp.org/ContactUs>

Call : 1-800-442-4293 or 774-4348

## **Online Sources for Divorce and Domestic Relations Law**

### Maine Online Resources

## **Maine Revised Statutes Annotated**

Title 19-A Maine Revised Statutes Annotated: Domestic Relations

<http://janus.state.me.us/legis/statutes/19/title19ch13sec0.html>

## **State of Maine Judicial Branch**

<http://www.courts.state.me.us>

Court Rules & Forms, Family Law Division Information



[http://www.helpmelaw.org/HML/Library/index\\_html](http://www.helpmelaw.org/HML/Library/index_html)

Maine Divorce Source

<http://www.divorcesource.com/ME/index.shtml>



## **Pine Tree Legal Assistance: Family Law**

<http://www.ptla.org/ptlasite/cliented/familyindex.htm>

### **General Online Resources**

## **Better Divorce**

<http://www.betterdivorce.com/statehome/maine.shtml>

## **Divorce Net**

<http://www.divorcenet.com/me/me.html>

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