

# AALL LISP Public Libraries Toolkit: Maine

## **1. Constitution**

An annotated version of the Maine Constitution is published in Volume 1 of the *Maine Revised Statutes Annotated*.

Online version of the Constitution, no annotations (maintained by the Maine Legislature):

<http://legislature.maine.gov/ros/LawsOfMaine/#Const>

## **2. Statutes**

*The Maine Revised Statutes Annotated* is the official version of the statutes and is certified by the Secretary of State.

Online version of the statutes, no annotations (maintained by the Maine Legislature):

<http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/>

## **3. Session laws**

*The Laws of the State of Maine* is the official publication of Maine's session laws.

Online version of Maine's session laws from 1820-present (maintained by the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library):

<http://maine.gov/legis/lawlib/lldl/open.htm>

## **4. Legislation**

In Maine, bills are referred to as LDs (legislative documents).

LawMaker gives a list of the actions taken on a bill (2001-present):

<http://www.mainelegislature.org/LawMakerWeb/advancedsearch.asp>

Bill Tracking & Text Search provides links to full-text bills, amendments, enacted laws, and more and allows you to search by keyword (1985-present):

<http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/>

## **5. Legislative history**

The Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library provides compiled, online legislative histories for all bills introduced from 1987 to the most recently completed Legislature, including full-text bills, amendments, debate, and more:

<http://maine.gov/legis/lawlib/lldl/legishistory.htm>

## **6. Municipal codes**

Some municipalities in Maine have ordinances on their town website. For those that don't, contact the town clerk.

The Maine Municipal Association maintains a list of links to ordinances and charters:  
<https://www.memun.org/Training-Resources/Local-Government/Ordinances-Home-Rule>

## **8. Regulations**

The *Code of Maine Rules* (CMR) is available online:  
<http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/rules/rules.html>

## **9. Jury instructions**

*Maine Jury Instruction Manual* by Hon. Donald G. Alexander (Lexis)

## **10. Forms and sample language**

### Online

Maine Judiciary: [http://www.courts.state.me.us/fees\\_forms/forms/index.shtml](http://www.courts.state.me.us/fees_forms/forms/index.shtml)

Maine Probate Courts: <https://www.maineprobate.net/welcome/probateforms/>

### In print

*Maine Real Estate Law and Practice* by Casper F. Cowan

*Maine Civil Practice* by Charles Harvey

*Maine Commercial Lending Handbook* by Christopher J. Devlin and Mark K. Googins

*Maine Family Law* by Jon D. Levy

*Maine Probate Forms* (Lexis)

*Maine Rules of Court – State* (Thomson Reuters)

## **11. State legal encyclopedia**

Maine does not have a state legal encyclopedia.

## 12. Court Rules

There are two print versions of the Maine state court rules. The official version is published by Tower Publishing. An annotated version is published by Thomson Reuters.

Online version (maintained by the Maine Judicial Branch):

[http://www.courts.state.me.us/rules\\_adminorders/rules/index.shtml](http://www.courts.state.me.us/rules_adminorders/rules/index.shtml)

## 13. State court opinions

Court	Case access
Supreme Judicial Court	<p>Court decisions and orders 1997-present (maintained by the Maine Judicial Branch): <a href="http://www.courts.state.me.us/opinions_orders/supreme/index.shtml">http://www.courts.state.me.us/opinions_orders/supreme/index.shtml</a></p> <p>Unpublished memorandum decisions 1997-present (maintained by Cleaves Law Library) <a href="http://www.cleaves.org/slip.htm">http://www.cleaves.org/slip.htm</a></p> <p><i>Maine Reports</i> (1820-1965)</p> <p><i>Atlantic Reporter / Maine Reporter</i> (1966-present)*</p> <p>* In 1966, the <i>Atlantic Reporter</i> became the official publication of the opinions and decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine. The <i>Maine Reporter</i> (1966-present) includes the Maine cases published in <i>Atlantic Reporter</i> (omitting cases from other states).</p>
Superior Court	<p>2000-present (maintained by University of Maine School of Law Garbrecht Law Library): <a href="http://webapp.usm.maine.edu/SuperiorCourt/">http://webapp.usm.maine.edu/SuperiorCourt/</a></p> <p>1979-present in hardcopy at Garbrecht Law Library. This collection is indexed.</p>

#### **14. State Digest**

The *Maine Digest* contains headnotes for Maine state and federal court decisions reported from 1820-present.

#### **15. State legal periodicals**

The *Maine Law Review* is published semiannually by the students of the University of Maine School of Law: <http://digitalcommons.minelaw.maine.edu/mlr/>

The *Maine Bar Journal* is published quarterly by the Maine State Bar Association: <http://www.mainebar.org/page/MaineBarJournal> (most recent issue only)

The *Maine Lawyers Review* is a semimonthly independent publication which contains legal news and Maine court decision summaries.

#### **16. State AALL Chapter**

Law Librarians of New England: <http://llne.org/>

#### **17. Federal Depository Libraries in Maine**

Maine State Law & Legislative Reference Library Capitol & State Streets, Augusta, ME (207) 287-1600 <a href="http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlibrary">http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlibrary</a>	Portland Public Library 5 Monument Square, Portland, ME (207) 871-1700x725 <a href="http://www.portlandlibrary.com/research/govinfo.htm">http://www.portlandlibrary.com/research/govinfo.htm</a>
University of Maine Orono Raymond H. Fogler Library 1 Library Circle, Orono, ME (207) 581-1673 <a href="http://libguides.library.umaine.edu/friendly.php?s=GovernmentDocuments">http://libguides.library.umaine.edu/friendly.php?s=GovernmentDocuments</a>	University of Maine Presque Isle Library 181 Main Street, Presque Isle, ME (207) 764-9595 <a href="http://www.umpi.edu/library/find-books/">http://www.umpi.edu/library/find-books/</a>
Maine Maritime Academy Nutting Memorial Library Battle Avenue, Castine, ME (207) 326-2263 <a href="http://mainemaritime.edu/nutting-memorial-library/">http://mainemaritime.edu/nutting-memorial-library/</a>	Bates College George & Helen Ladd Library 48 Campus Avenue, Lewiston, ME (207) 786-6271 <a href="http://libguides.bates.edu/c.php?g=319886">http://libguides.bates.edu/c.php?g=319886</a>

<p>Bowdoin College Library 5 College Street, Brunswick, ME (207) 725-3227 <a href="https://library.bowdoin.edu/collections/government-documents/index.shtml">https://library.bowdoin.edu/collections/government-documents/index.shtml</a></p>	<p>Colby College Miller Library 5100 Mayflower Hill, Waterville ME (207) 859-5100 <a href="http://libguides.colby.edu/go-us">http://libguides.colby.edu/go-us</a></p>
<p>University of Maine School of Law Garbrecht Law Library 246 Deering Avenue, Portland, ME (207) 780-4351 <a href="http://mainelaw.maine.edu/library/collections/depository-collections/">http://mainelaw.maine.edu/library/collections/depository-collections/</a></p>	<p>Bangor Public Library 145 Harlow Street, Bangor, ME (207) 947-8336 <a href="https://www.bpl.lib.me.us/">https://www.bpl.lib.me.us/</a></p>

## **18. Bar Associations**

Maine State Bar Association:

<http://www.mainebar.org>

York Bar Association:

<http://www.yorkbarassociation.com>

Knox County Bar Association:

<http://www.knoxbar.net>

Cumberland Bar Association:

<http://cumberlandbar.org>

Maine Association of Criminal  
Defense Lawyers:

<http://www.mainemacdl.org>

Maine Trial Lawyers Association:

<https://www.mtla.org/index.cfm>

## **19. Legal Aid Resources in Maine**

Legal Aid Resources in Maine (maintained by the Maine Judicial Branch):

[http://www.courts.state.me.us/citizen\\_help/lawyers\\_legal\\_help.html](http://www.courts.state.me.us/citizen_help/lawyers_legal_help.html)

## **20. Pathfinders and research guides**

Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library, Research Assistance:

<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlibrary/research-assistance/9424>

University of Maine School of Law Garbrecht Law Library LawGuides:

<http://lawguides.maine.maine.edu/>

Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Topic Library:

<http://ptla.org/topics>