# WHERE DO I START? RESEARCHING A LEGAL QUESTION

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## What Is Maine's Law On?

Summaries of Maine law on 40+ topics.

A good starting point for researching frequently asked legal questions.

### **Books & Guides**

Someone might have already answered your question!

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## Statutes

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Court rules explain in detail the procedures you must follow for your case to be considered by the Courts. Maine's court rules are available online. Contact the Law Library for resources that can help you understand them.





## Find a Lawyer

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