

# WHERE DO I START? RESEARCHING A LEGAL QUESTION

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Summaries of Maine law on 40+ topics.  
A good starting point for researching  
frequently asked legal questions.

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## Statutes

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Legislature. They address many subjects. You  
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## Court Rules

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  
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