

CHILD SUPPORT MODIFICATIONS

The Baltimore County Circuit Court Law Library has several sources which *may* help you learn how to modify your child support options in Maryland. This guide is designed to point you to those sources. However, it is not an exhaustive list of all resources available on this topic. *This guide is not meant as legal advice, and the Law Library is not responsible for the accuracy or usefulness of this information or the utilization thereof.* By law (BOP §10-601, §10-101(h)) the Library staff can only provide access to legal information; the staff must never give legal advice or interpret legal materials. It would be best to consult an attorney for further assistance.

The Law – Read the exact "letter of the law." The following are found in the first aisle of our Maryland law section (around the corner to the right just after you enter the library):

- Annotated Code of Maryland
 - Family Law Article § 10-123 to 10-124 (Earnings withholdings)
 - Family Law Article § 10-204 (Court orders to pay modifications)
 - Family Law Article § 10-308 & 10-348 (Modifications orders from other states)
 - Family Law Article § 10-328 (Plaintiff's need to be in court)
 - Family Law Article § 12-101 to 12-105 (General provisions for modification including costs)
 - Family Law Article § 12-201 to 12-204 (Child support guidelines)
 - Family Law Article § 12-203 (Forms information; see Electronic References below)

The Rules – The Maryland Rules of Procedure (found at the end of the Annotated Code of Maryland and at the Reference Desk) list the procedures that must be followed when performing certain legal actions:

- Maryland Rules of Procedure
 - Rule 9-202 (General pleading information)
 - Rule 9-203 (Financial statement provision)
 - Rule 9-206 (Child Support Guidelines)
 - Rule 9-208 (Referral of matters to masters)

Forms & Commentary – Look at some sample forms and the accompanying commentary from legal publishers.

NOTE: These forms are designed to be samples only. The following books are all shelved behind the Reference Desk:

Child Support Guidelines: Advocacy Within Their Context. MICPEL, 1995, pages 54-64; 101-103. KFM 1304.8 .C53 1995.

Complete QDRO Handbook. David Clayton Carrad, ABA. KF 3512 .C37. . Consult index for sections dealing with Child Support. (NOTE: Shelved in aisle P.)

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Domestic Law in Maryland. David Diggs et al. NBI, 2000 pages 154-172.. KFM 1294 .D53 2000. Provides case law examples. (NOTE: Shelved in Maryland Section.)

Family Practice Update 2002. MICPEL, 2002, pages 8-15. KFM 1297 .T45 2002. Showcases recent case law.

How To Get A Divorce In Maryland. Richard S. Granat. Washington Book Trading Co., 1998, pages 53-65; 106-106. LLP KFM 1300 .G72. (Law for Lay People section).

Marital Settlement Agreement 2000. MICPEL, 2000, page 22. KFM 1300 .Z9 .M3 2000. Contains forms that may be useful.

Maryland Divorce and Separation Law, 7th Ed.. Daniel F. Thomas, ed. MICPEL, 2000, pages 116 to 125. KFM 1299 .M39 2000. Refer to index.

Maryland Domestic Relations Forms. Ann M. Turnbull and Joseph J. Wase. Lexis Nexis Mathew Bender, 2002 (looseleaf), chapter 2. KFM 1294 .A65 .T9.

Maryland Domestic Relations Law. Bernard A. Raum. LCP, 1994 (supplemented), chapter 9. KFM 1294 .R38. (NOTE: This book is shelved in the Maryland law section.) Resource for lawyers.

Maryland Family Law, 3rd Ed. John F. Fader, II and Richard J. Gilbert. Lexis, 2000 (supplemented), chapter 9. KFM 1294 .A9 .F32.

Maryland Practice Forms, 5th ed. MICPEL, 2003, pages 210-214. KFM 1268 .M3 2003.

Modern Child Custody Practice, 2nd ed. Jeff Atkinson. LexisNexisMathewBender, 2000, Chapter 11. KF 505.5 .A98 (Note: Shelved in aisle A.) Resource for lawyers.

Nolo's Little Law Book. Shae Irving. Nolo Press, 1996, pages 78-81. LLP KF 240 .I7 (NOTE: Shelved in Law for Lay People Section.)

Practice Guide to Family Law. Constance Putzel. MICPEL, 1999, pages 243-244. KFM 1294 .P87 1999.

Practice Manual For the Maryland Lawyer. MICPEL, 1998 (supplemented), pages 9-25 to 9-27. KFM 1738 .Z9.M3 1998.

Principles of the Law of Family Dissolution. Lexis Nexis Mathew Bender, 2002, chapter 3. KF 535 .P752 (NOTE: Shelved in aisle A.)

Your Right to Child Custody, Visitation, & Support, 2nd ed. Mary Boland, Sphinx Publishing, 2001, pages 87-142 plus Appendices. LLP KF 547 .Z9 .B65 (NOTE: Shelved in Law for Lay People Section.)

Electronic Resources

- Maryland Domestic Relations Forms – Name Change. Internet resource.
<http://www.courts.state.md.us/family/forms/childsupport.html>
- Westlaw. Library Computer Center.
- LoisLaw. Library Computer Center.

Professional Assistance – Find an attorney. While this Resource Guide can help you find legal information, seeking professional assistance ensures that you accomplish your goals completely and properly. The following resources may be used to seek professional help:

- Word of mouth – The best method of finding professional legal assistance is by asking family, friends, and neighbors.
- Martindale-Hubbel Law Directory – REF KF 190 .M3 & Reference Desk. This multivolume directory lists and grades many lawyers. Lawyers are listed by the city or towns where they practice. The current volumes for Maryland and the District of Columbia are kept at the Reference Desk, while the complete set resides in aisle 4 of the reference section.
- Yellow Pages – Look under “Attorney” in your local Yellow Pages.
- Pro Se Family Law Clinic – The clinic provides assistance in a first come, first serve basis. For current hours and further information, contact the clinic directly at 410-887-3446.