

Prince George's County Circuit Court Law Library

FY23 was the first fiscal year that the Circuit Court for Prince George's County Law Library was fully open and operational for in-person patrons since the COVID-19 pandemic. The Law Library recorded approximately 13,000 in-person visits with over 3,500 service inquiries along with approximately 450 remote service requests.



Operations:

With the implementation of MDEC in Prince George's County in FY23, the Law Library became a focal point for access to the Maryland Judiciary Record Search for all patrons. Attorneys and self-represented litigants also use the Law Library computers to create, scan, and upload documents to MDEC.

The Law Library provided dedicated access to Zoom for patrons who do not have access to the internet or compatible electronic devices for court hearings.

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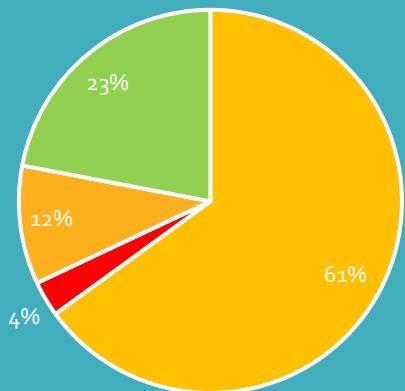
Prince George's County Circuit Court Law Library provides legal information and information services to Judges and attorneys, state and local employees, and self-represented litigants who reside or practice in Prince George's County, Maryland.

Court and Community Outreach

- Law Library staff conducted outreach to new and established attorneys and placed regular announcements in the Prince George's County Bar Association's monthly newsletter.
- The Law Library increased its collection of legal resources for non-attorneys by adding to its online catalog links to electronic versions of Nolo publications that are provided by the Maryland Thurgood Marshall State Law Library.
- The Law Library, in cooperation with the Circuit Court's Family Division, in FY23 provided Magistrates with *Fader's Maryland Family Law* and other legal resources.
- Law Library staff served as a presenter for the Law on the Frontlines: Legal Reference for Public Libraries training program for public librarians.
- Law Library staff hosted librarians from the Montgomery County Circuit Court Law Library and the Prince George's County Detention Center for professional development and growth.
- The Law Library continued its annual National Library Week book drive this year with the courthouse community donating more than 350 children's and young adult to benefit the YMCA of Prince George's County.
- Staff attended several professional conferences this year including the American Association of Law Libraries annual conference, the Maryland Futures conference sponsored by the Maryland State Library Agency, the Maryland Library Association annual conference and the Maryland Court Help Provider conference.

“We appreciate all that you do to keep the Court up to date.” – Cassandra Wills, EAA to The Honorable Tiffany H. Anderson

TRANSACTION TYPE

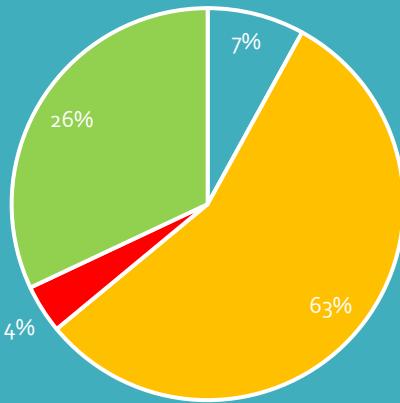


65% OF TRANSACTIONS
INVOLVE REFERENCE &
REFERRALS

■ Reference ■ Referral ■ Directional ■ Technical Assistance

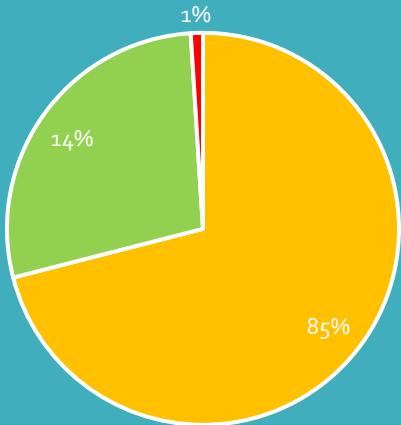
TOPIC

63% OF QUESTIONS
INVOLVE CIVIL ACTIONS



■ Civil Domestic ■ Civil Non-Domestic ■ Criminal ■ Non-Topic/Other

DURATION



85% OF TRANSACTIONS TAKE
5 MINUTES OR LESS

■ Short (0-5 minutes) ■ Medium (5-30 minutes) ■ Long (30+ minutes)

Library Databases

- Westlaw
- Lexis
- SASI-CALC
- Support Alimony Calculator
- Prince George's County Code
- National Consumer Law Center Digital Library

The screenshot shows the Prince George's County Circuit Court Law Library website. At the top left is the Prince George's County logo. At the top right is the text "Circuit Court Law Library". Below the logo is a section titled "Available at the Law Library" featuring the "WESTLAW" logo. To the right of this is a list of legal research databases: Statutes, Cases, Treatises, Trial Court Documents, Forms, Shepardizing or Keyciting, and And more! Below the "WESTLAW" logo is the text: "On any computer, click on the Westlaw shortcut on the desktop". To the right of the database list is a section titled "Available only on the Attorney Computer" featuring the "Lexis Advance" and "LexisNexis" logos.

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