

Service of Process

Service of Process is the way a defendant receives court papers and notice about a court case. The defendant must be served before the court will hear your case. Below are select resources focusing on the topic of Service of Process.

Maryland Code and Court Rules

Process

[MD Code, Courts and Judicial Proceedings, Title 6, Subtitle 3, 6-301-6-313](#)

Service of Process by Constable or Sheriff

[MD Code, Courts and Judicial Proceedings, Title 2, Subtitle 6, 2-605](#)

Commencement of Action and Process (Circuit Court)

[MD Court Rules 2-101-2-132](#)

Commencement of Action and Process (District Court)

[MD Court Rules 3-101-3-132](#)

Federal Resources

Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA)

[United States Code, Title 50, Chapter 50, 3901-4043](#)

Official Website of the SCRA

<https://scra.dmdc.osd.mil/>

Library Resources

American Jurisprudence Pleading and Practice Forms, AMJUR PP PROCESS

Civil Procedure Forms, 2022-2023 ed. / George W. Liebmann (Thomson Reuters, 2022) (KFM 1730 .M3 2022 RESERVE)

Maryland Practice Forms, 6th ed. (MICPEL, 2009) (KFM 1268. M3 2009 RESERVE)

Practice Manual for the Maryland Lawyer, 6th ed. (MSBA, 2023) (KFM 1738. Z9 M32 2023 RESERVE)

West's Maryland Law Encyclopedia, M.L.E. PROCESS

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Information and Articles

Maryland Judiciary Legal Help

[Plaintiff's Guide to Servicemembers Civil Relief Act](#)

[Compliance \(District Court\)](#)

[Service of Process](#) video (including Tip Sheets for District and Circuit Courts)

People's Law Library of Maryland

[Frequently Asked Questions About "Service of Process" in Maryland](#)

[Military Divorce: Enforcing State Court Awards under USFSPA](#)

[Service and Certificates of Service](#)

[Servicemembers Civil Relief Act](#)

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Maryland Volunteer Legal Service

[Service of Process for Pro Se Litigants](#)

Forms

Maryland Judiciary CC-DR-55:

[Affidavit of Service \(Hand Delivery/Private Process\)](#)

CC-DR-56:

[Affidavit of Service \(Certified Mail Restricted Delivery – Receipt Requested\)](#)

CC-DR-70:

[Motion for Alternate Service and Affidavit](#)



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