

## **Access to Court Records**

Court records are generally open to the public, with several exceptions. Court records include:

- Documents
- Information
- Exhibits
- Other things that the court maintains in connection with a case
- Information found online on Maryland Case Search

Additional types of records that are generally available immediately upon request include:

- Land records
- Deeds
- Other notice records

Please note that there are occasions, including but not limited to when there are technical problems, when requests are made for multiple or bulk records, or when files are in active use or archived storage, that specific documents may not be immediately available.

MdLandRec.net provides online access to Maryland land record documents. This service is provided by the Judiciary and the Maryland State Archives.

Plats.net is a digital image reference system for Land Survey, Subdivision, and Condominium Plats. It preserves and makes accessible all plats filed with the Land Office and the Circuit Courts of Maryland. This service is provided by the Judiciary and the Maryland State Archives.

The following records are not open to the public without a court order or a special provision of the law:

- Adoption
- Guardianship terminating parental rights
- Juvenile delinquency
- Child in need of assistance cases (CINA)
- Certain marriage license information
- Emergency mental health evaluations
- Income tax returns
- Financial statements filed in a case about spousal or child support
- Reports filed by a physician concerning the medical condition of an alleged disabled adult
- Reports filed by a guardian concerning the property of an alleged disabled adult

### **Bottom line:**

**We are happy to help you in any way we can! You can make your requests in person or through the mail. We charge a \$.50 per page fee. We are unable to process requests over the phone. Many records are immediately available. Land Records and Plats are available online.**