

Child-first court process

A one-page brief focused on backlog, timing, and the cost of letting childhood be consumed by procedure.

9,418

2019 Q4 BACKLOG

10,004

2025 Q4 BACKLOG

73.1

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What I am telling people in Maine

- Children do not experience time the way institutions do. Delay is not neutral when it stretches across developmental windows.
- The public record shows family backlog remained elevated in 2025, even after improvement from earlier peaks.
- The right response is faster fact development, clearer timelines, and earlier review where restrictions on parent-child time are driving harm.

Primary records behind this brief

- Maine Judicial Branch 2025 Annual Report
- 2023 Maine Judge and Clerk's Office Staff Workload Assessment
- PubMed Central: The intersection of health and legal issues in a family break-up