



FREE LEGAL CLINIC IN HALIFAX LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Monday, April 10, 2017 (Halifax, NS) – Are you a lawyer or law student in the Halifax area looking to give back to the community and help improve access to justice? The Free Legal Clinic at the Halifax Law Courts wants you!

An initiative of Nova Scotia's Access to Justice Coordinating Committee, the Free Legal Clinic provides support and free legal advice to people in the Halifax area who are representing themselves in court but have limited or no experience navigating the justice system.

The project offers private one-hour sessions with a volunteer practicing lawyer and a law student, available by appointment. Only those people with certain types of cases appearing in the Nova Scotia Supreme Court or the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal are eligible for this service.

The clinic is open most Thursdays until 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed for the following dates:

- May 25
- June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
- July 6, 13, 20 & 27
- August 10, 17 & 24

This is the third year for the Free Legal Clinic in Halifax. It began as a five-week pilot project in early 2015. Since then, the clinic has provided hundreds of hours of assistance to self-represented litigants and a similar service launched in Sydney last month.

These clinics are made possible thanks to the generosity of practising and aspiring lawyers. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Meaghan Gillis in the Executive Office of the Nova Scotia Judiciary, at 902-424-3690 or by email at Meaghan.Gillis@courts.ns.ca.

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