

## **The FREE LEGAL CLINIC**

at the  
Truro Supreme Court

1 Church Street  
Truro NS B2N 3Z5

Clinics will be held the first and  
third Friday of each month

For Scheduling  
(902) 893-3953

There is more information about the  
Free Legal Clinic on the Courts of Nova  
Scotia website:

[http://courts.ns.ca/Self\\_Reps/NSCA-NSSC\\_Free\\_Legal\\_Clinic.htm](http://courts.ns.ca/Self_Reps/NSCA-NSSC_Free_Legal_Clinic.htm)

The Nova Scotia Access To Justice  
Co-ordinating Committee wishes to  
thank the volunteer lawyers and  
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The Committee notes that the  
Province's legal professionals  
already devote a significant amount  
of their work hours to providing free  
legal services to disadvantaged  
Nova Scotians. Without this  
additional effort, the Free Legal  
Clinic would not exist.

## **Going To Court?**



## **Need Help?**

Get information and advice in  
private, one-hour sessions  
with a practicing lawyer

## **Free Legal Clinic**

Truro Supreme Court  
1 Church Street  
Truro NS

## WHO IT IS FOR?

The Free Legal Clinic is for people who are planning to take their legal problems to court, have already started a legal action, or are already in court but have little or no experience with the court process. The Clinic is not "needs-based". Your income has nothing to do with whether or not you qualify for its services.

## KINDS OF LEGAL ISSUES

The clinic provides information and advice on civil law matters before the Supreme Court or Court of Appeal. It does not deal with matters of criminal law in either Court. Similar services for Criminal matters (Duty Counsel) are available in most courthouses.

Certain Family Law matters dealt with by the District Supreme Courts (Outside HRM and CBRM) may be considered for referral to the clinic.

If you feel your situation may qualify you to get help from the Free Legal Clinic, you should make an appointment as early in the court process as possible.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications and appointments can be arranged in person at the Supreme Court Administration Office, Lower Floor, 1 Church Street, Truro N.S. through the Prothonotary's Office

This can also be done by phone:

(902) 893-3953

Judges, lawyers and others in the Province's justice system are aware of this free service and may refer you to the Clinic early in the court process or at any point during your time in court.

## WHEN IT IS OPEN

The clinic is open the first and third Friday of every month, from Jan-June and Sept. – November except on holidays (check with the court administration office).

Appts. at 9, 10 and 11 a.m.  
(BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)

## THE VOLUNTEER LAWYER CAN/CANNOT

### THE LAWYER CAN:

- Provide you with general information on the Rules of Civil Procedure and Courtroom Etiquette.
- Coach you on how to complete court forms.
- Coach you to be able to identify legal issues.
- Coach you to identify strengths and weaknesses in your case.
- Provide coaching and advice based on the information you provide.

### THE LAWYER SOMETIMES CAN:

- Help you draft court forms or other documents.

### THE LAWYER CANNOT:

- Replicate the quantity or degree of assistance you receive from a lawyer you retain privately.
- Commission or notarize documents for you.
- Assist you with legal problems that are unrelated to services the Free Legal Clinic provides.
- Serve or accept service of court documents for you.
- Predict decisions judges will make.
- Take responsibility for the information in any court forms or documents you prepare.