

LEGAL INFORMATION IN NOVA SCOTIA

WHERE TO GET LEGAL INFORMATION:

Court Administration Offices in Justice Centres across the province can provide you with legal information regarding court procedures and processes. Staff cannot provide legal advice. Brochures, information guides and forms are available. For the location nearest you, please see the phone numbers for the Justice Centres on the back of this sheet. Information is also available on the Internet at www.courts.ns.ca and at www.gov.ns.ca/just/courtservices.htm

Legal Information Society of Nova Scotia (LISNS) has a legal information line to get general information, a Lawyer Referral Service, a speakers' bureau, pamphlets and booklets, Dial-a-law and a community outreach program. The offices are located at 5523 B Young Street, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3K 1Z7.

Telephone: (902) 454-2198 (office)

Facsimile: (902) 455-3105

E-Mail: lisns@attcanada.ca

Web Site: www.legalinfo.org

Dial-a-Law: (902) 420-1888

Legal Information Line and Lawyer Referral Line: (902) 455-3135 or (Toll Free 1-800-665-9779)

Other Information Sources may be available through the Public Libraries and other community agencies.

HOW TO FIND A LAWYER:

LISNS - offers a Lawyer Referral Service. See numbers listed above.

Yellow Pages - Lawyers and firms are listed in the Yellow Pages. In addition, a guide to lawyer by area of practise is included in the yellow pages.

THE LEGAL PROFESSION:

The Nova Scotia Barrister's Society is responsible for governing the legal profession in the Province. The Society's website, www.nsbs.ns.ca also provides links to a significant number of legal resources for the public. Any complaints about a lawyer should be addressed to the Executive Director, The Nova Scotia Barrister's Society, 1645 Granville St., Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 1X3. **Telephone:** (902) 422-1491.

IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD A LAWYER:

The Nova Scotia Legal Aid Commission may grant legal aid to a person on Social Assistance or in an equivalent financial position where there is merit in providing legal assistance in certain areas of family and criminal law. Services are normally always provided to young persons for offences under the Young Offenders Act and other criminal legislation. Financial eligibility for Legal Aid is based mainly on gross monthly household income. Please refer to your telephone directory for the Nova Scotia Legal Aid Office nearest you.

Dalhousie Legal Aid is a community-based legal aid clinic which provides free legal services to individuals with incomes below the national poverty line. More information can be obtained by contacting the Dalhousie Legal Aid Service. Legal advice is not given over the phone; however, personal appointments can be arranged at offices in Halifax, Dartmouth and Spryfield.

Telephone: (902) 423-8105

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