



Halifax Law Courts Free Legal Clinic



Going to Court? Need Help?

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

The Free Legal Clinic is for people who are planning to take their legal problems to court or have already started a legal action, but have little or no experience with the court process.

The Clinic is open to anyone, regardless of income.

To make an appointment:

902-424-6840

HFXfreelegalclinic@courts.ns.ca

Eligible Legal Issues

The Free Legal Clinic is available for people representing themselves on civil law matters in the Supreme Court and family law matters in the Court of Appeal, excluding child protection. Nova Scotia Legal Aid provides duty counsel services at most courthouses to help self-represented individuals with criminal and family law matters.

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 are available at the Court Administration office of the Halifax Law Courts at 1815 Upper Water Street and online at www.courts.ns.ca.

To make an appointment or for more information, call the Free Legal Clinic at 902-424-6840 or email HFXfreelegalclinic@courts.ns.ca.

Operating Hours

The clinic is open most Thursday mornings, except on holidays. The private one-hour sessions are held between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. **(by appointment only)**.

What Your Volunteer Lawyer Can Do

The Lawyer Can:

- Provide general information on Civil Procedure Rules and courtroom etiquette, advice and coaching on how to complete court forms, identify legal issues, and identify strengths and weaknesses in your case

The Lawyer Sometimes Can:

- Help you draft court forms or other documents

The Lawyer Cannot:

- Replicate the kind of assistance you receive from a private lawyer
- Commission or notarize documents
- Assist with legal problems that are ineligible under the Free Legal Clinic
- Serve or accept service of court documents
- Predict decisions judges will make
- Take responsibility for information in court forms or documents you prepare