The FREE LEGAL CLINIC

at the Court House in Yarmouth

Yarmouth Justice Centre 164 Main Street Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 1C2

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

For Scheduling (902) 742-0580

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 The Nova Scotia Access to Justice Co-ordinating Committee wishes to thank the volunteer lawyers and their law firms for their enthusiasm and support.

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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

Yarmouth Courthouse 164 Main Street Yarmouth, 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 (Duty Counsel) are available in most courthouses.

Family Law matters (except child protection appeals) going before the Court of Appeal qualify but not those in District Supreme Court (General Division) and Family Court (similar help is already provided by Nova Scotia Legal Aid in the Supreme Court and Family Court).

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.

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HOW TO APPLY

Applications and appointments can be arranged <u>in person</u> at the Yarmouth Justice Centre, Court Administration Office, Main Floor, 164 Main Street, Yarmouth, N.S. through the District Court Administrator, Jean Brown

This can also be done by phone:

902 742-0580

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], except on holidays (check with the court administration office). COMMENCING: Friday, July 6, 2018 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 quality 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.