
MEDIA RELEASE

Court of Appeal supports new Provincial Court Small Claims Legal Assistance Clinic

This clinic and the Court of Appeal Legal Assistance Clinic help self-represented litigants with the legal process

St. John's, NL, August 5, 2016: The Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador – Court of Appeal is pleased to learn of a new initiative to assist self-represented litigants with small claims cases in the Provincial Court of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Created and run by the Canadian Bar Association, Newfoundland and Labrador branch and the Public Legal Information Association of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Small Claims Legal Assistance Clinic offers walk-in appointments at the Provincial Court in Atlantic Place.

The first clinic took place on July 26, 2016. The launch of the Small Claims Legal Assistance clinic comes shortly after the Court of Appeal debuted the Court of Appeal Legal Assistance Clinic, which assists self-represented litigants with their appeals.

"The Court is delighted to see community legal organizations taking a proactive approach to advance access to justice" said the Chief Justice of Newfoundland and Labrador, Derek Green, "Many litigants pass through the Provincial Court of Newfoundland and Labrador and this clinic will surely be a great resource for them."

The high demand for legal help in the province has meant that the Court of Appeal has recently made its own Legal Assistance Clinic a regular event. The Court of Appeal Legal Assistance Clinic offers free 30 minute appointments with volunteer lawyers who practice in Newfoundland and Labrador.

More information about the Small Claims Clinic is available on the Canadian Bar Association's website: <http://www.nl-cba.org/main/Home/>

As for the Court of Appeal Legal Assistance Clinic, the next clinic will take place on August 11, 2016, from 5:30-8:30. To sign up for an appointment, please email calac@supreme.court.nl.ca