

Court of Appeal Legal Assistance Clinic

Welcome to the Court of Appeal Legal Assistance Clinic!

This Clinic offers free appointments with volunteer lawyers, who can assist you with your appeal matter. Available appointment times are listed below. Please make an appointment by sending an email to calac@appeal.court.nl.ca or by calling (709) 729-0066. In your email please provide your contact information. You will then be provided with the next available appointment time. If there is a particular time that you are not able to accept, please inform us of that time in your email. As well, please provide the area of law to which your matter relates (such as, criminal law, contract law, family law) and, if possible, give a brief description of the legal issue in your case in **no more than one paragraph**. Court staff will view the information before you see the volunteer lawyer. Please do not write anything that you do not want seen by Court staff.

What is it?

This Clinic lets you sign up for a free 30-minute appointment with a volunteer lawyer who can offer you free legal advice about your appeal matter.

Who qualifies?

Anyone who has received a decision or judgment which they wish appeal to the Court of Appeal.

Where is it?

The Clinic is located at the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador, 309 Duckworth Street, St. John's.

How can a Clinic lawyer help me?

A lawyer CAN:

- Provide you with general information about the Court and its process
- Provide you with brief legal advice about your case based on the information that you provide
- Coach you on how to fill out forms, prepare Court materials, and make arguments
- Advise you about next steps

A lawyer CANNOT:

- Provide the same in-depth assistance you would receive from a lawyer who has been retained to handle your whole case
- File and serve your documents
- Guarantee any outcome in Court
- Negotiate with the other side
- Hold any money in trust for you

Can a free lawyer represent me on my appeal?

The Clinic lawyers volunteer to provide you with summary advice and assistance. No lawyers can agree in advance to provide you with free representation for your case. However, depending on the assessment of your case and individual circumstances, efforts may be made to connect you to a lawyer who may provide you with further assistance.

What should I bring to my appointment?

Please bring any relevant documents including the court decision and any documents entered in evidence at the trial or hearing. If yours is a contract matter and you have a written contract, bring the contract.

What if I need to cancel my appointment?

If you cannot attend your scheduled appointment, please cancel it by sending an email to calac@appeal.court.nl.ca.

Clinic dates and times are provided on the website.

Sample sign-up email:

I would like to sign up for an appointment with the Court of Appeal Legal Assistance Clinic.

Name:

Phone number:

Email:

You will be assigned the first available appointment time. If there is a time when you would not be available, please provide that information here:

Area of Law: (Such as Family Law, Criminal Law, Contract, etc.):

Name of other party or parties (list all):

Issues in my case (avoid taking more than the space provided):
