



FREE LEGAL CLINIC IN HALIFAX LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Monday, May 8, 2023

Are you a practising lawyer looking to give back to the community? The Free Legal Clinic at the Halifax Law Courts is looking for volunteers to provide Pro Bono legal advice for self-represented litigants.

This initiative was first launched in Halifax in 2015 to fill a gap in services for people needing assistance with their civil law matters and family law appeals, excluding child protection matters. Nova Scotia Legal Aid provides duty counsel services at most courthouses to help self-represented individuals with criminal and family law matters, but there was nothing available for other types of cases.

Since 2015, this work has expanded to include free legal clinics at the courthouses in Yarmouth, Truro, and Sydney. More information on those clinics is available online at <https://www.courts.ns.ca/resources/public/free-legal-clinics>.

The Halifax clinic offers appointments most Thursdays between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., excluding holidays. Each session lasts one hour. Appointments can be in person on the 2nd Floor at the Law Courts or by telephone.

The next session of the clinic begins on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, and continues until mid-April. Volunteer lawyers are needed for the following dates:

- January 18 & 12
- February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
- March 7, 14, 21 & 28
- April 4 & 11

These clinics provide a valuable service to litigants who may not otherwise have access to a lawyer and are a rewarding experience for volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering during the spring session, please contact hfxfreelegalclinic@novascotia.ca by Friday, Jan. 5, 2024, and indicate which dates you are available and whether you prefer to attend appointments in person or via telephone.

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