

A Guide to Hamilton's Legal Aid Services

Legal Aid Office-Certificates

Individuals apply for legal aid certificates by calling 1-800-668-8258 (and then pressing "0"). They must be legally and financially eligible. The Area Office is located at 110 King Street West, Suite 780 and can be reached at 905-528-0134,

Areas of Law

- Criminal (offences likely to result in jail time)
- Family (custody, access, support, CAS matters)
- Immigration & Refugee (refugee IRB hearing, sponsorship & deportation appeals, detention reviews)
- Mental Health and Capacity Hearings/Appeals Prison Law matters.

Hamilton Community Legal Clinic Clinique juridique communautaire de Hamilton

The three clinics in Hamilton amalgamated April 1, 2010 under the new name and moved into a brand new location in June, 2011. Individuals can get basic information and advice on the phone or in person. For representation individuals must be financially eligible. The Clinic also does public legal education, community development and law reform work in its areas of practice. The Executive Director is Hugh Tye and the Director of Legal Services is Michael Ollier.

Main Office: 100 Main Street East, 2nd Floor, Suite 203. 905-527-4572.
www.hamiltonjustice.ca

Satellite Office (French only): 460 Main Street East, Centre de sante communautaire Hamilton/Niagara. 905-528-0163, extension 3253.

Clinic Areas of Law

- Tenant rights
- Ontario Works
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Canada Pension
- Employment Insurance
- Workers' Compensation
- Criminal Injuries

Advice Lawyers: Women's Issues

Members of the private bar are available to women to provide basic legal advice, assistance and review documents at various locations on Monday evenings. (Call 905-528-0134 for location).

Family Law Information Centre (FLIC)

Located at Family Court, 55 Main Street West, this is a drop-in centre with service on a first-come, first-serve basis. Services include family legal advice, court forms and brochures, information about mediation and local resources. Open: Monday to Friday, 9-12:30 and 1:30-4; 905-645-2554

Getting Help in the Courtroom-Duty Counsel

Duty counsel lawyers provide free legal assistance to persons who do not have a lawyer. Look for the duty counsel office.

Criminal: John Sopinka Courthouse, 45 Main Street East; 8:45-4:30 M-F; 905-645-5252 x 3616

Family: Superior Court of Justice (Family Court), 55 Main Street West; 8:30-4:30 M-F; 905-645-6276 (*day of hearing only*).

Tenant Duty Counsel: Landlord Tenant Board, 119 King Street West, 6th Floor, at 9 am and at 1 pm Tuesday and Thursday only.