

LEGAL RESOURCES

2013 YWCA Legal Training
In Manitoba

Community Legal Education Association (CLEA)

- Charitable organization that provides legal information to Manitobans;
- Develops programs and resources;
- Excellent FAQ's answer page of questions ranging from residency, tenancy, wills, criminal to family law
<http://www.communitylegal.mb.ca/resources/law-faqs/>
- If question not posted, call 204-943-2305.

CLEA (con't) Law Phone-In and Lawyer Referral Program

- Provides general legal info over the phone;
- Up to half hour interview without charge;
- Office hours Mon-Fri 9am-4pm;
- Callers outside Winnipeg TF 1-800-262-8800 and leave a msg including contact info and reason of call which will be returned in order of rotation.

Legal Help Centre

- Can direct you to appropriate community resources;
- If family income <\$50,000 can access drop-in clinic services;
- Staffed by volunteer law students who are overseen by lawyers;
- Call for hours- 204-258-3096
- <http://legalhelpcentre.ca/who-we-are>

University of Manitoba Law Centre

- If charged with summary conviction criminal offence with no real chance of jail time;
- And you financially qualify for legal aid;
- But legal aid will not represent you;
- Contact UofM Law Centre, Ph 204-985-5206

Faculty of Law - 101 Robson Hall

University of Manitoba

Winnipeg MB R3T 2N2

Phone: 985-5206 Fax: 474-7580

Family Law Access Centre (FLAC)

- Assist with legal services with respect to family law matters;
- Middle-income families (above Legal Aid threshold but within FLAC guidelines);
- Family Size Gross
Income 1 \$35,000 2 \$45,000
000 3 \$50,000 4 \$54,000
5 \$57,000 6 or more \$60,000
- <http://www.lawsociety.mb.ca/for-the-public/family-law-access-centre>

Legal Aid

- Does not deal with civil matters;
- Family issues (divorce, custody, support), child protection, criminal, poverty law issues, PILC;
- Either free, partial pay-back or full pay-back;
- Financial situation and type of legal case is basis of determining qualifications.

http://www.legalaid.mb.ca/pdf/brochure_EN_v5_2012.pdf

Legal Aid- Office Locations

Thompson Community Law Centre (Thompson) 3 Station Road,
Thompson MB R8N 0N3 Phone: 204-677-1211 Fax: 204-677-
1220 TF: 1-800-665-0656

Westman Community Law Centre (Brandon) 236 - 11th Street,
Brandon MB R7A 4J6 Phone: 204-729-3484 Fax: 204-726-1732
TF: 1-800-876-7326

If you are in a women's shelter, a mental health facility or a hospital, you may phone the nearest Legal Aid Manitoba office to arrange to take your application.

Public Interest Law Centre (PILC)

- Test cases for public interest groups and low-income individuals;
- Focus on Consumer, poverty, environmental, Aboriginal and *Charter of Rights* challenges;
- Contact PILC, TF Ph 1-800-261-2960

PILC- 300-287 Broadway

Winnipeg MB R3C 0R9

Phone: 204-985-8540 Fax: 204-985-8544

PILC- Poverty Law Unit

- Eligible cases of merit with likelihood of success;
- Income security and housing issues (includes decision appeals of social assistance, CPP disability, Workers Compensation, and the Personal Injury Protection Plan under MPI, & Residential Tenancies Branch)
- Contact PILC- Poverty Law Unit, TF Ph 1-800-261-2960

PILC-Poverty Law Unit- 300-287 Broadway

Winnipeg MB R3C 0R9

Phone: 204-985-8540 Fax: 204-985-8544

Client Responsibilities

- Provide lawyer with current contact info;
- Non-legal inquiries (court appearances) do not have to be directed to the lawyer;
- Provide your lawyer with as much information as possible, as well as bring any supporting documentation to your appt;
- When your lawyer tells you to be at court, you must attend.

Provided from Legal Aid MB <http://www.legalaid.mb.ca>

You can find more tips and advice of lawyer and client responsibilities available on their site.

Lawyer Responsibilities

- Provide competent legal information and advice;
- Keep the client appraised of the case progress;
- Represent client's interests in court and during negotiations;
- Maintain client confidentiality;
- Maintain communication with client (ie return your phone call by the end of the next working day).