

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – LEGAL ASSISTANCE CLINICS**

Since 2016, several pro bono legal clinics have been established, including the Small Claims Legal Assistance Clinic, Court of Appeal Legal Assistance Clinic, Access Law Clinics, as well as clinics at HMP, Choices for Youth and Gathering Place, among others.

Combined to date the clinics have **assisted 430 participants, supported by 110 volunteer lawyers, articling students and law students, totaling 360 hours of pro bono legal service to the community.** Thank you to all the volunteers who have generously given of their time to participate in these valuable initiatives.

Currently, the **Small Claims** and **Court of Appeal Legal Assistance Clinics** are looking for volunteers, please see details below.

### **Small Claims Legal Assistance Clinic**

Held one evening a month at the Supreme Court – General Division, St. John’s, the intention of the clinic is to offer summary legal advice, on a pro bono basis, to self-represented litigants starting, or with an ongoing, Small Claims Court matter.

The clinic volunteer is assigned a maximum of six, twenty-five minute, appointments where they can provide basic summary legal advice and suggestions for next steps. Volunteers are not expected to appear in court or complete any legal documents.

We hope that members of the Bar and articling students (with permission from their principals) will consider volunteering for this initiative. **To sign up to volunteer, or for more information, please contact the Canadian Bar Association – Newfoundland and Labrador Branch at [cba-nl@cba.org](mailto:cba-nl@cba.org).**

### **Court of Appeal Legal Assistance Clinic**

The Court of Appeal Legal Assistance Clinic offers free legal assistance to people who do not have a lawyer and are seeking legal advice about their appeal. The clinic is held one evening a month at the Supreme Court – General Division, St. John’s. Volunteer lawyers are expected to meet with not more than four clients per clinic for a period of 30 minutes each to provide summary legal advice and assistance. All clients are required to complete a clinic waiver and intake form prior to their appointment. Volunteer lawyers are not expected to appear in Court or continue to assist clinic participants beyond the initial appointment.

**The Court is seeking to expand the list of volunteer lawyers and asks members of the Bar to consider participating in this initiative. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Clinic Organizer by email at [CALAC@appeal.court.nl.ca](mailto:CALAC@appeal.court.nl.ca).**