



This information sheet provides information and assistance for individuals looking to access legal services in Saskatchewan.

Hiring A Lawyer

When faced with a legal matter, hiring a lawyer can help. Lawyers are trained to navigate the justice system, acting as advocates and advisors. Many lawyers will not charge a fee for an initial short consultation. Lawyers can be located by looking through the Yellow Pages (in print or online) or consulting the Law Society of Saskatchewan website (www.lawsociety.sk.ca) which contains "Useful Links" as well as a member search feature. Access to the internet and law-related resources are available at many public or law libraries throughout Saskatchewan.

Legal Aid

Legal Aid is legal assistance for people who cannot afford to pay for a lawyer from their own resources. If you have a legal matter and are unable to afford legal assistance, begin by determining if you qualify for Legal Aid. In Saskatchewan, those who are eligible can access the services of one of Legal Aid's lawyers located throughout the province. There are limits to what an individual can access through Legal Aid, but Legal Aid covers most criminal and family law matters.

Tel: 1-800-667-3764 | **Fax:** (306) 933-6764 | **E-mail:** central@legalaid.sk.ca | **Web:** www.legalaid.sk.ca

Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan

Public Legal Education Association of Saskatchewan (PLEA) provides free publications (in print and online) on a wide variety of legal topics. It is always helpful to consult these free publications to become familiar with the area of law that most affects you. PLEA publications can also point to resources available in your community.

Tel: (306) 653-1868 (*Saskatoon*) | **Fax:** (306) 653-1869 | **E-mail:** plea@plea.org | **Web:** www.plea.org

Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan

Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan (PBLs) is a registered charity that improves access to justice in Saskatchewan by creating, facilitating, and promoting opportunities for lawyers to provide high-quality pro bono (free) legal services to persons of limited means. Through Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan programs, lawyers volunteer their time and expertise to provide legal services to individuals who are ineligible for Legal Aid but are of limited means and unable to afford legal services. Income testing does apply.

Tel: (306) 569-3098 | **Fax:** (306) 352-2989 | **E-mail:** info@pblsask.ca | **Web:** www.pblsask.ca

PANEL PROGRAMS

www.pblsask.ca/panelprogram.shtml

Pro Bono Law Saskatchewan panel programs assist eligible individuals in Saskatchewan by matching them directly with a lawyer who has agreed to provide full-representation legal services for free.

Child & Youth Panel Program

Tel: 1-800-322-7221 | **Fax:** (306) 933-8406 | **E-mail:** childadvocate@saskcao.ca | **Web:** www.saskcao.ca
Children & Youth who are involved in child welfare proceedings are eligible for independent legal representation through this program.

Seniors Legal Assistance Panel Program

Tel: (306) 569-3098 | **Fax:** (306) 352-2989 | **E-mail:** info@pblsask.ca | **Web:** www.pblsask.ca
Seniors (65+) who require legal assistance and are receiving the Federal Guaranteed Income Supplement are eligible to apply to this program. Not every eligible senior is guaranteed service, however best efforts are made in every case.

Immigration & Refugee Panel Program

Tel: (306) 569-3098 | **Fax:** (306) 352-2989 | **E-mail:** info@pblsask.ca | **Web:** www.pblsask.ca
Individuals involved in the immigration & refugee process who are low-income are eligible to apply to this program. Referrals are available in Regina and Saskatoon. Not everyone eligible is guaranteed service, however, best efforts are made in every case.

Solicitors Panel Program

Tel: (306) 569-3098 | **Fax:** (306) 352-2989 | **E-mail:** info@pblsask.ca | **Web:** www.pblsask.ca
Charitable, non-profit, or community organizations of limited means in need of legal services are eligible to apply to this program. See also: Pro Bono Students Canada Program (www.usask.ca/law/probono).

FREE LEGAL CLINICSwww.pblsask.ca/clinicprogram.shtml

Free legal clinics are located throughout the province of Saskatchewan. Lawyer volunteers provide free legal assistance to individuals who cannot afford a lawyer and do not qualify for Legal Aid. Income testing does apply. Lawyers at the clinics generally do not represent clients in court, but do provide ongoing legal advice to help clients move their legal matter forward. Lawyers may also make referrals for further assistance. Clinic locations are currently Regina, Saskatoon, Swift Current, and Prince Albert. Telephone appointments are available through the Regina Free Legal Clinic for individuals not able to attend one of these locations in person.

REGINA**Regina Free Legal Clinic**

Tel: (306) 757-4711 | **Fax:** (306) 757-4712 | **Address:** 2240 13th Avenue, Regina, SK S4P 3M7
Hours: Saturdays 9am-12pm (appointment required)

The Regina Free Legal Clinic operates Saturdays from 9am-12pm at the Salvation Army Correctional and Justice Services Office (side entrance) in downtown Regina. Lawyers provide assistance in all areas of the law during hour long appointments. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by telephoning (306) 757-4711 during normal business hours.

SASKATOON**Legal Advice Clinic @ CLASSIC**

Tel: (306) 657-6100 | **Fax:** (306) 384-0520 | **Address:** 602 20th Street West, Saskatoon, SK S7M 0X7
Hours: Tuesday & Thursday afternoons and evenings (appointment required)

The Legal Advice Clinic operates Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings and is coordinated by Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner City (CLASSIC) and is located at White Buffalo Youth Lodge in Saskatoon. Lawyers provide assistance in Criminal, Family and Civil Law during half hour appointments. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by telephoning (306) 657-6100 during normal business hours.

Walk-In Advocacy Clinic @ CLASSIC

Tel: (306) 657-6100 | **Fax:** (306) 384-0520 | **Address:** 602 20th Street West, Saskatoon, SK S7M 0X7
Hours: Mondays & Wednesdays 1pm-5pm (walk-in, full-representation available)

The Walk-In Advocacy Clinic is operated by Community Legal Assistance Services for Saskatoon Inner City (CLASSIC) every Monday and Wednesday between 1pm-5pm at White Buffalo Youth Lodge in Saskatoon. This clinic is run by law students under the supervision of a staff lawyer. Appointments are not required and walk-ins are welcome. Advocacy services are provided in areas that include, but are not limited to: Landlord-Tenant, Social Assistance, Small Claims Court, Estates, Immigration & Refugee, Indian Residential School Settlement, SGI, Employment, Employment Insurance, Worker's Compensation, Canada Pension Plan, Human Rights, and Correctional Services Disciplinary and Parole Hearings.

PRINCE ALBERT**Prince Albert Free Legal Clinic**

Tel: (306) 764-3431 | **Fax:** (306) 763-3205 | **Address:** 1409 1st Avenue East, Prince Albert, SK S6V 2B2
Hours: Wednesdays 1pm-4pm (appointment required)

The Prince Albert Free Legal Clinic operates Wednesdays from 1pm-4pm at the Prince Albert Indian Metis Friendship Centre in downtown Prince Albert. Lawyers provide assistance in all areas of the law during hour long appointments. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by telephoning (306) 764-3431 during normal business hours.

SWIFT CURRENT**Swift Current Free Legal Clinic**

Tel: (306) 778-0515 | **Fax:** (306) 778-3771 | **Address:** 780 1st Avenue NW, Swift Current, SK S9H 4M7
Hours: Wednesdays 3pm-6pm (appointment required)

The Swift Current Free Legal Clinic operates Wednesdays from 3pm-6pm at the Salvation Army building in downtown Swift Current. Lawyers provide assistance in all areas of the law during hour long appointments. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by telephoning (306) 778-0515 during normal business hours.

Self-Help

The following resources are available to help individuals better understand their rights and the justice system. A lawyer should be consulted for legal advice.

Courts of Saskatchewan

This website is a portal to the three courts of Saskatchewan: Provincial Court, Court of Queen's Bench and Court of Appeal. This site provides court schedules, information on the judicial system and information on proceedings before the courts.

Web: www.sasklawcourts.ca

Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice & Justice Canada

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Justice and Canadian Department of Justice websites provide information on branches and programs and services offered provincially and federally and access to publications, forms, and legislation.

Web: www.justice.gov.sk.ca | www.justice.gc.ca

Freelaw (Saskatchewan)

Freelaw provides free online access to current Government of Saskatchewan legislation including Acts and Regulations. Paper copies of legislation are available for a fee. The site also provides access to the Rules of Court and legislated forms.

Web: www.qp.gov.sk.ca

Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII)

CanLII provides free access to Canadian full-text court decisions available on the internet.

Web: www.canlii.org

Family Law Information & Support Variation Centre

This program provides resources and information to the public in the areas of child support and family law.

Tel: 1-888-218-2822 | **Fax:** (306) 787-0107 | **E-mail:** svp@justice.gov.sk.ca

Address: 323 - 3085 Albert Street, Regina, SK S4S 0B1

Web: www.justice.gov.sk.ca/Family-Law-Information

Law Society of Saskatchewan Libraries

Law Society Libraries in Saskatchewan provide a full range of resources and services to support legal research.

Tel: 1-877-989-4999 | **Fax:** (306) 569-0155 | **E-mail:** reference@lawsociety.sk.ca

Web: www.lawsociety.sk.ca (Library Services)