

Options for Independent Legal Advice

Because our mediators do not produce legally binding agreements, it is important that everyone who attends mediation has access to legal advice. We prefer that all clients see a lawyer, if they can, before they start the mediation. Lawyers can provide useful advice and information during a mediation process, and are important when it comes time to review the proposed settlement terms and make them into binding agreements.

If you do not have a lawyer, there are several ways to get legal advice in mediation:

1. Legal Aid Ontario will issue certificates for up to six hours of advice before, during and after the mediation, for all who qualify. Legal Aid Ontario also provides certificates for 10 hours to negotiate and draft a separation agreement, to deal with custody, access, support, and/or property division. Clients in mediation can access either service. To find out if you meet eligibility criteria, visit the LAO website (<http://www.legalaid.on.ca/>). or call 1-800-668-8258 or 416-979-1446. TTY: 1-866-641-8867.
2. All Toronto courts have a **Family Law Information Centre** (FLIC) where you can get information about access to Legal Aid Ontario Advice Lawyers and Duty Counsel. The *Information and Referral Coordinator* (IRC) at each location can help you learn more about this service and whether you qualify.

Ontario Court of Justice: Toronto Centre	311 Jarvis Street, Toronto M5B 2C4	416-326-1694
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Ontario Court of Justice: Toronto North	47 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto M2N 5N1	416-250-6161
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Superior Court of Justice	393 University Avenue - 9 th Floor Family Law Information Centre Toronto M5G 1 E6	416-977-0718
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3. Lawyer Referral Service: The Law Society Referral Service is designed to provide callers with up to 30 minutes of consultation either by phone or in person at no charge. A Legal Information Officer will receive the call and assess the needs of the client and then provide the name of a lawyer or paralegal who best fits the client's stated needs. The service is not designed to provide legal advice or second opinions, and any fees should be discussed with the lawyer or paralegal.
Phone: 416-947-3330 or toll-free 1-800-268-8326. TTY Phone: 416-644-4886
lsrs.lsuc.on.callsrs/
4. Justice Net: A not-for-profit service helping people in need of legal expertise, whose income is too high to access legal aid and too low to afford standard legal fees. Lawyers offer services at a reduced fee.
Phone: 416-479-0552 or toll-free 1-866-919-3219
www.justicenet.ca
5. Legal Information Network of Canada (LI.N.C.): A web service which connects individuals and businesses to relevant legal information, resources, and services. Clients pay a nominal fee for a custom online report with legal information and referrals.
www.canadalegalhelp.com
6. Barbra Schlifer Clinic: This organization, which serves the needs of victims of violence and abuse, can provide access to free legal advice in certain circumstances.
Phone: 416-323-9149
www.schliferclinic

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7. Downtown Legal Services: A community legal clinic operated by the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, which provides legal information, advice, and representation for low-income clients on a variety of family law issues, including custody, access, support and restraining orders.
Phone: 416-934-4536
www.downtownlegalservices.ca
8. Employee Assistance Programs: Many EAPs provide some amount of legal advice. Check with your HR manager to see if your company's plan covers legal services.
9. Law Society of Upper Canada: A directory of all lawyers in Ontario.
Phone: 416-947-3300 or toll-free 1-800- 668-7380
www.lsuc.on.ca
10. Ontario Collaborative Law Federation (OCLF): This site lists all family lawyers in the province who provide collaborative legal services.
www.oclf.ca
11. CLEO: This site provides information about community legal clinics in Ontario.
www.cleo.on.ca
12. Local lawyers who will provide legal advice on mediated agreements: A number of lawyers have agreed to provide legal advice on mediated agreements at a reduced rate. This is not an exhaustive list and we do not endorse any individuals by listing them here.

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13. Where to swear your financial statements: The staff in the FLiC may include a notary public who can have documents sworn. Ask the IRC about this. Some local lawyers will administer the oath for your financial statement at an affordable rate. This is not an exhaustive list and we do not endorse any individuals by listing them here.

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